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Fairmont, West Virginia, 1917-1939.

West Virginia University

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

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DENNIS MARTIN WILLIS

LUCIUS MOODY BRISTOL

Nov. 2, 1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I write to enquire if it will not be possible for you to be present at our Third State Conference of Charities and Correction to be held in Fairmont, Dec. 3-5. We all very much want you to give us an address Monday evening on "America's Part in the War", or some such subject that will stir the patriotism of the people as you are so well qualified to do. We expect to have Amos W. Butler of Indiana for that evening, also the Governor, but we would like you on hand for an address which can be expanded should either of the others fail. We will bear your expenses of course.

The program is to center around the recent report of the Russell Sage Foundation to the Executive State Council of Defense, and as this Council is actively back of our Conference, and several of the Bureaus or Boards are to be represented, we have every reason to expect a splendid session.

Mr. Lakin has come out definitely for a Board of Charities, and we expect the outcome of the Conference will be the appointment of an Advisory Board of Public Welfare to consider the various social problems and conditions aggravated by war conditions.

Hoping you can be with us at Fairmont and assist us in this critical and most opportune time, I am,

Very truly yours,

L. M. Bristol

Take 11 o'clock (P.M. Central Time) train from
Union Depot, which arrives in Pittsburg at 5 A. M. Take *monongahela*
train out of Pittsburg at 8:30 A. M., which arrives in Fairmont
at 12:35 A. M.



November 7, 1917.

Prof. Lucius Moody Bristol,
West Virginia University,
Morgantown,
W. Va.

My dear Professor Bristol:

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation to address the Third State Conference of Charities and Corrections. You know of my deep interest in the work, and can realize how much I would love to be with you. Unfortunately the press of my duties upon me here, is so great, that I find it absolutely impossible to break away. Perhaps at some of the coming Conferences, I shall be able to be of service to you.

Let me assure you again of my deep interest in the work which you are so splendidly doing and of my best wishes for its success.

With kindest personal regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,

AMSPC

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Cleveland. April 29th, 1926

Simon B. Goodman

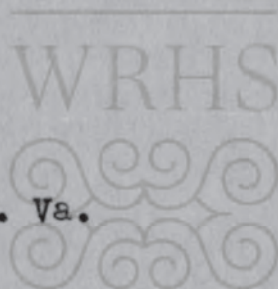
Fairmount, W. Va.

Regret exceedingly my inability to accept your

kind invitation.

Regards.

A. H. Silver



Fairmount, W. Va. *

4/29/26

Rabbi Silver:

Fairmont Elk extends invitation to deliver
Flag Day oration June 14th. Please advise.

WRHS



Simon B. Goodman,
Fairmont, W. Va.



TEMPLE BETH EL

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Box 572
November 18.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Congregation Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

It is with the deepest of pride that I am writing to you. The Religious Works Council of the University of West Virginia, composed of the spiritual advisers and the student representatives of the sectarian groups on the campus, this year is sponsoring three student Convocations--each to be addressed by an outstanding leader of each of the three faiths. It is the sincere hope voiced by the Council that you deem worthy of your acceptance this invitation that I am extending in its name. The true and tested message you proclaim is especially needed by a groping generation of men and women lost in an unstable world.

Although we have set aside Sunday evening as the day for the Convocations, we will be pleased to arrange the day to the convenience of the speaker. And although we would like to have you speak at the Convocation to be held either on Sunday evening January 9 or January 16, we would appreciate your selecting the day and the date if the one chosen by us is not satisfactory.

TEMPLE BETH EL

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

I know that your time is extremely valuable. And the Religious Works Council could hardly compensate you for the sacrifices you will make to be with the students. Nonetheless, we brave asking you whether you would consider coming for expenses only?

A word to identify myself! I am occupying the pulpit of Fairmont, West Virginia and at the same time I am the part-time director of the Jewish Student Foundation at the University of West Virginia. The Foundation was established last year by the State Bnai Brith and the State Sisterhood and is being conducted along the Hillel pattern.

I hope you will consider this invitation in a favorable light. The good that will emerge from your visit I am sure you ~~you~~ will recognize.

With keen appreciation

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Betham Klausner

November 26, 1937

Rabbi Bertram Klausner,
Temple Beth El,
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Klausner:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of November 18th and the invitation which you extend to me. I wish you would write me a little more about the nature of these Convocations. Are they being sponsored by the University? What attendance do you expect? A trip to W. Va. would mean at least from two to three days away from Cleveland. I would not feel justified in doing it unless the attendance of University students and faculty is such as to warrant it.

I cannot, of course, come to you on a Sunday evening. As you know, I occupy my own pulpit on Sunday and there are numerous other congregational functions on that day which would keep me here. Which mid-week evening would best be suited for your purposes?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

TEMPLE BETH EL

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Box 572
Dec. 8, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am in full sympathy and agreement with you in hesitating to accept our invitation to address the students and faculty of the University of West Virginia unless the attendance warrants it. Yours is a life crowded with great activity and it's right that you discriminate against those invitations that are of lesser importance.

I know you will consider our invitation a real opportunity for service providing a goodly number is in attendance. Otherwise we would be committing an injustice taking you away from important matters that require your attention. Therefore, I am asking you to bear with me until I can contact the President of the University, the faculty and the spiritual advisers to adopt measures that will make such a Convocation a success. I trust this procedure is satisfactory to you.

Within six weeks I shall write you of results. At that time we shall be in a better position to discuss the date and the day of your appearance.

With keen appreciation, I am

Respectfully yours,

Betham Klausner

TEMPLE BETH EL

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

January 6, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

There was great enthusiasm manifested amongst the members of the Religious Work Council, the spiritual advisers and members of the faculty when they learned that you were considering our invitation to address a student Convocation at the University of West Virginia. Each group is looking forward with great anticipation to the day when it will have the opportunity of sharing your wisdom. Every effort is being made to have everybody reap the benefits of your message. In fact, the general community hopes that it, too, will be welcome.

Would it be possible for you to be with us on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening of either the first or second week in February? I am purposely setting down this wide range of dates so that you can select the one most suited to your convenience. Should your schedule be crowded for February, then it is our earnest hope that you will find time for us in March.

Again I want to express my appreciation for your kindness. With my sincerest wishes for a New Year of fulfillment, I am

Respectfully yours,

Bertam Klausner

January 12, 1938

Rabbi Bertram Klausner,
Temple Beth El,
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Klausner:

I am very appreciative of your kind letter of January 6 and I should very much like to come to the University of West Virginia. Unfortunately my plans for the remainder of the season have undergone a radical readjustment in view of the fact that I have accepted the national chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal for 1938. This will impose numerous obligations upon me, particularly traveling extensively in behalf of the Campaign. I am therefore not only not accepting other engagements, but I am trying to cancel some of those I have already made.

I am sure that you will understand. I hope that at some future time I be able to be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

FAIRMONT STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

JOSEPH ROSIER
PRESIDENT

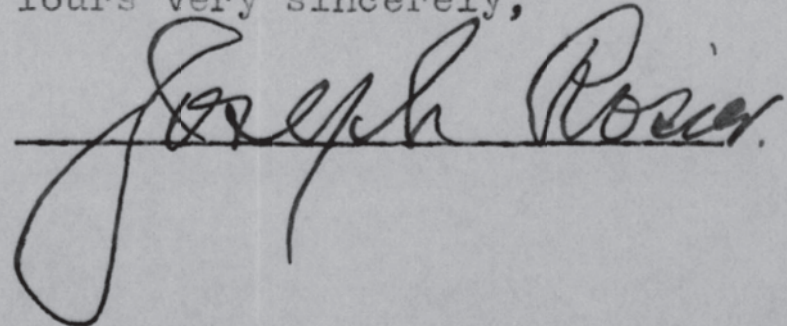
March 9, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am the man who spoke to you following your address at the banquet of the Elementary School Principals at the Statler-Hotel last week about coming to our college for a commencement address. Our commencement exercises will be held on Monday, June 5, 1939, at 10:00 A. M. We have a broadcasting station in Fairmont and our program is broadcast which makes it necessary to run on schedule. We would have either thirty-five or forty minutes for the address. You can leave Cleveland Sunday afternoon and reach here that night. You could also get back on Monday evening. We are not able to pay a large fee but I can offer you \$100.00 for your services. The theme which you used at the banquet would be quite satisfactory for our commencement. However, I would leave the selection of the topic to you. We would be delighted to have you and I hope you can accept.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph Rosier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J". A horizontal line is drawn across the signature.

JR:B

March 14, 1939

Dr. Joseph Rosier, President
Fairmont State Teachers College
Fairmont, West Virginia

My dear Dr. Rosier:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to deliver the Commencement Address at the exercises of the Fairmont State Teachers College on June 5th. It would have given me great pleasure to accept. Unfortunately I have an engagement of long standing here in Cleveland on that day. Please keep me in mind for some future occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NORA C. MURRY, D. D. S.

~~230 Adams Street~~

Fairmont, W. Va.

Phone Fairmont 386

803 Benoni Ave.

Dec 2 - 1940
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Rev. Dear Sir:

The Fairmont Business
and Professional Women's Club
would like to have you for
their Guest Speaker at their
Annual Friendship Dinner
on Tuesday, Feb 11, 1941.

At this time, we are hostess
club to the other twenty-one
Women's civic clubs.

We have only \$100.00 to spend
for our speaker, and that must
include their expenses. We
are anxious to know if you
would come to us at that
time, and for the sum that
we can pay? A sum,

Very sincerely yours,
Nora C. Murry

December 4, 1940

Dr. Nora C. Murry
803 Benoni Ave.
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Dr. Murry:

It would have given me great pleasure to avail myself of your kind invitation to address your annual Friendship Dinner on February 11, 1941. Unfortunately I have an important Temple engagement on that day which necessitates my remaining in the city.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK