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Geneva, Ohio.

February 25, 1924.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

This letter may come to you as a surprise. I am trying in my little church to work out here the principle of good-will as well as to lead my people to have a more liberal and truly ^{spiritual} conception of religion. Last week one of my men heard you address the Clothiers' convention. I, myself, have been following with appreciation some accounts in the papers of your work in Cleveland.

Would you be willing to come to Geneva on a Sunday evening to address my flock. Geneva is on the N.Y.C. R.R. Train #44 leaves at 4 p.m.- arriving here at 5:00 . The returning train leaves here at 8:50 p.m., arriving at the East 105th St. station at about ten o'clock.

This invitation is seconded by the chairman of the program committee of the Men's Club of the church, under whose auspices this particular Sunday evening service is to be held . I could not promise you a very large congregation, possibly 150-175. I do not know if your Sunday duties permit you to consider additional meetings . Our open dates are March 16 or April 6. The Men's Club arranges for this religious service once each year, though both men and women attend.

Naturally the matter of finances~~s~~ may make a difference . If you can consider coming will you be frank in stating what you would expect.

If you could not consider coming on Sunday would you be able to come on a Monday evening for the Men's Club supper and social hour on the third Monday of each month. I do not know whether the men have this program arranged for March 17th.

I trust that you will be frank to accept or decline as you think best.
It would be a privilege on our part if you could come.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Candy



February 28th, 1924.

Mr. J. F. Candy,
Geneva, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Candy,

Permit me to thank you very much for your kind letter of February 25th and for the invitation which you extend to me. I wish I were in a position to avail myself of your kindness. Unfortunately, I am overburdened with lecture engagements this season and I cannot in justice to myself accept any more. I have been away from Cleveland at the rate of two and three days a week and I have been really overtaxing myself. Perhaps next season I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

"A man should be able to worship God at each daily task. There is nothing like one hour in His church on Sunday to help do it."



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EAGLE STREET

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Miss Edith Husted, Kobe College, Japan, is the Women's Guild
Missionary

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1924

"Keep your Sundays for the Great Things of the Soul"

Order of Morning Worship---10:00

PRELUDE—"Traumerei" Schumann

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION—Followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison

HYMN—866

RESPONSIVE READING—6—Followed by the Gloria Patri

SCRIPTURE READING—Gal. 5:14-25

ANTHEM—"Teach Me to Pray" Dressler

PRAYER—With Choral Response

ANTHEM—"O Taste and See" Lansing

OFFERTOIRE—"Berceuse" Barnby

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SERMON—"My Mother is My Eyes"

HYMN—870

SERMON—Mr. John W. Barkley, Cleveland

HYMN—869

SILENT DEVOTION—Followed by the Benediction and
Choral Amen

(Congregation seated during prayer and benediction)

POSTLUDE—"Postlude in G" Read

PRAY

WORK

GIVE



Calendar

Today

- 11:20 a. m.—Church School. All are needed.
3:00 p. m.—Pilgrim Legion for all children in Grade School.
Leader, Neva Marshall.
3:00 p. m.—Community Forum, community house. Address
by Mr. Dana on "Morals and Music"
6:30 p. m.—Y. P. C. A. Leader, Alfred Coffin.
Topic—"What Did Jesus Show Us About God"

Monday

- 3:00 p. m.—Devotional Meeting for all women of the church.
A study of Mark 2. At the home of Miss Cleveland.

Thursday

- 7:30 p. m.—Midweek Service, beginning a study of "Making
Christianity Christian." The topics are—"What is
Christianity?" "What is it to be a Christian?" "How
Do We Become Christian?" "What is the Bible?"
"The Question of Authority?" "Is Christianity Ulti-
mate?"
8:15 p. m.—Choir Rehearsal

Notes

Next Sunday is Communion. May we not have every
one possible present. The offering is for the Discretionary
Fund.

The Sunday evening services planned to date are:
March 28—Y. P. C. A.—Oberlin Deputation.
March 30—Church School—Parent-Teacher night.
April 13—Church Choir. Musical service.

Church Organizations and Leaders

DEACONS—A. J. Ford, W. H. Cozad, J. B. Buckley, G. W. Webster.
TRUSTEES—A. F. Hartman, Chairman; A. A. Searle, Secretary; W. H. King, J. B. Fuller, Fred Anderson.
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TREASURER—G. W. Webster. Benevolence Treas., William Gallt.
CLERK—Mrs. J. B. Smith.
CHURCH SCHOOL—A. F. Hartman, Superintendent; R. C. Patterson, Assistant Supt.; R. T. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer.
CRADLE ROLL—Mrs. J. B. Smith, Superintendent.
BEGINNERS-PRIMARY DEPARTMENT—Mrs. J. F. Candy, Supt.
HOME DEPARTMENT—Women's Class
THE PILGRIM LEGION—Jean, Hyslop, President.
THE OPHEILO CLASS—Lucille Watrous, President.
THE JUNIOR GUILD—Marcella Kissman, President.
THE Y. P. C. A.—Mary Coffin, President.
YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS—Mrs. C. J. Ford, President.
THE WOMEN'S GUILD—Mrs. Victor Chaffee, President.
THE MEN'S CLUB—V. T. Bogue, President.
THE CHOIR—Mr. J. W. Goodrich, Leader; Mrs. A. F. Hartman, Organist.
USHERS—J. B. Buckley, R. T. Kelley.
SEXTON—Benjamin Stocking, 33 Chestnut St.

Stated Announcements

Mrs. W. D. Harte receives subscriptions for the Congregationalist; Miss Mary Webster, for Missionary Herald and American Missionary; the Pastor, for The Ohio Congregational News.

This church is supported by voluntary contributions. See the financial secretary about pledges or subscriptions. We need the co-operation of all. Current expense Budget, \$4,000. Benevolence, \$2,000.

Please inform the pastor of illness. He will be glad to know where a pastoral call will be appreciated.

This calendar is published by the Church and Church School. Notices should be sent or mailed to the Pastor by Thursday night.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Reception of New Members, and Infant Baptism are observed on the first Sunday in January and every second month thereafter.

February 27, 1934.

Mr. Joseph Golomb,
Geneva,
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Golomb:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation. I wish I were free to come both because the cause interests me and because my contacts with the Jewish farming community of Geneva have always been most pleasant.

Unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements in and outside of Cleveland for the next few months that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more. You probably know of the great amount of time and energy which I have been called upon to devote to the German-Jewish situation. It has been a great drain upon me and my refusal to accept your invitation is therefore not due to any reluctance on my part to come to you. Perhaps at some future time when I shall have a little more leisure I may be able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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4-13-34.

My dear Rabbi Silver, -

The Jewish farmers in the Geneva district have fallen upon evil way. Several years of poor crops and falling prices are responsible. -

Some of the members of the colony are in such desperate straits that the others have been compelled to extend aid. To that end a "G'mithes Chesed" has been organized, and a few hundred dollars were contributed to the cause. This fund, however, has been well nigh exhausted. -

Mr. Golomb came to see me today. He had with him your letter of last February, wherein you indicated that you might be able to come to Geneva later in the year to deliver an address. Mr. Golomb believes that he can arrange a meeting in the High School at Geneva (which accommodates 1500) and that the Free Loan organization can sell enough tickets to realize a tidy sum.

Of course, the "Exile" will be especially in-
vited - not only in Geneva, but in Perry,
Ashtabula, Painesville, and Conneaut. -

That you will attract a real audience
I have no doubt. - Besides, I feel sure
that even the non-Jews are sufficiently
interested in the German situation to be
anxious to hear you discuss the subject, and
thus you would be getting two birds with one stone. -

I promised Mr. Salomons to try my
best to persuade you to come. You may fix
your own time (evening better, I course),
and I promise that Helen and I
will go with you. -

Sincerely yours

Alfred S. Benes

April 24, 1934.

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch,
Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Al:

I wish I could help the Jewish farmers of Geneva out by granting their request for a lecture. Nothing would give me greater pleasure. But I am a tired man. I have been continually on my job for twelve months now, not having taken any vacation last summer. The strain of work upon me this year has been terrific and there is more than a month's intensive work ahead of me. Confirmation, Graduation Exercises, Annual Meeting, etc. I have also taken on some engagements to address national conferences which take place in May and June, such as the General Conference of the Religious Society and Friends (Quakers), the National Conference of Congregational Churches, etc. I must therefore in self-defense not commit myself to any more engagements. I have been refusing them at the rate of three and four a day. Perhaps early next Fall when I am a bit rested, I will be able to give the Geneva farmers an afternoon and evening. In the meantime if any funds are needed to assist them, please let me know and I shall be glad to make a contribution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HART B. MORRISON

PHONE 4656

50 SOUTH BROADWAY

GENEVA, OHIO

January 15th, 1945

Rabbi Silver
The Heights Synagogue
3130 Mayfield
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

The Study Club to which I belong has given me the topic 'the Jewish faith'. There is very little in our library on this matter. Of course, any religion requires years of study.

However, will you be kind enough to send me any pamphlets you have available or refer me to other subject matter. I must have this before the first of February and will be very grateful for any information you may be able to send me.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely,

Margaret Morrison
(Mrs.) Margaret Morrison

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January 31, 1945

Mrs. Margaret Morrison
%Hart B. Morrison
50 South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Morrison:

I am enclosing herewith a pamphlet which
may meet your needs. Should you want some additional
information, please write to me again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK