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Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts), 1923-1942.

Harvard Univ.

16 Wallingford Rd.,

Brighton, Mass.,

June 8, 1923.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
55th and Central Streets,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

With the assistance of the  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,--  
which of course includes the payment  
of the travelling expenses of visiting  
rabbis,--a series of Friday evening  
services is to be held at Harvard next  
year in the hope of developing among  
the Jewish students--while they are  
students-- a sense of the meaning and  
purpose of life and the meaning and  
purpose  
of their religion.

If you should be East next year,  
we would appreciate it very much indeed  
if you could arrange to be with us on  
a Friday evening and conduct services



for us. Would it be possible for you to send us a set of alternative dates, if you are planning an Eastern trip, in order that we may be able to arrange our schedule with some definiteness?

Very truly yours,

*Arthur W. Marget*



June 14th, 1922.

Mr. Arthur W. Marget,  
16 Wallingford Rd.,  
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Marget,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 8th and for the kind invitation which you extend to me to conduct Services for the student congregation of Harvard. I cannot at this writing definitely accept the invitation or give you a definite date. I plan to be in Boston on Sunday, April 6th. If not otherwise detained in Cleveland I shall try to get to Boston in time for your Friday evening service. However I cannot know definitely until very near the date mentioned.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

56 Egmont St.,  
Brookline, Mass.,  
March 6, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple, Cleveland,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You were kind enough to say, when we wrote last summer to ascertain the possibilities in the matter of your coming to address the Harvard Congregation, that you would try to get to Boston on April 4,--the Friday evening preceding the date set for your address at Ford Hall.

We have been hoping, through the year, that you would find it possible to be with us on that date. If it is not still too early for you to know definitely, may we have a word from you concerning the matter? You can be assured that your coming would give us immense satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur W. Marget*

*Harvard College*

JEWISH STUDENTS' CONGREGATION OF

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

August 9th, 1924.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Unfortunately for the past two years we have been unable to have you with us to conduct one of our Friday evening services. We are now drawing up our list of speakers for the coming school year and again hope to have you among them. If you intend to be in the east during the coming year, will you let us know so that we may arrange a possible date with you?

The Department of Synagog and School Extension, you know, pays the expenses of any visiting rabbi within a radius of three hundred miles from Boston. If you expect to be within the above area, perhaps you will find it not too inconvenient to be with us for one of our services.

Each year we have had queries from many men as to why we have not had you speak to us. We should be grateful to you if your presence could this year replace our former explanations.

Sincerely yours,

*Julian H. Cohn*  
President.

(Summer address)

923 E. 60th St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

August Fifteenth  
1924

Mr. Julian H. Cohn,  
923 East 60th Street,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Cohn,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 9th. I plan to be in Boston the early part of the winter and I shall make a special effort to meet this year with the Jewish Students' Congregation of Harvard.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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KABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE 105 AND ANSEL RD CLEVELAND OHIO

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL BE IN BOSTON DECEMBER TENTH  
COULD YOU POSSIBLY STAY OVER TO SPEAK TO THE HARVARD  
CONGREGATION ON DECEMBER TWELFTH YOUR PRESENCE WILL  
CERTAINLY STIMULATE JUDAISM IN HARVARD PLEASE ANSWER AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO NINETEEN CENTRE STREET CAMBRIDGE

SAMUEL GLUECK

1128A NOV 29



Collect Day Letter

December 1st, 1924 - Noon

Samuel Glueck  
19 Centre Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

✓ Sorry cannot stay over Friday. If you can  
arrange meeting for Wednesday afternoon will be glad to  
attend.

A. H. Silver.

Harvard Univ.

12/4/24

A.H. Silver

Harvard Student Congregation unable to hold meeting on  
Wednesday afternoon, but Menorah Society has arranged meeting  
for Wednesday, December 10th at 4 o'clock.  
Kindly wire whether suitable to you.

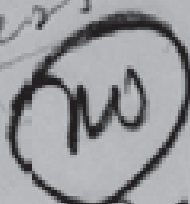
Julian H. Cohen,  
52 Appleby Court  
Cambridge, Mass.

will be with you on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>



Address

335 Harvard St., #  
Cambridge, Mass.  
January 1, 1927



My dear Rabbi Silver;

During your visit to Boston this coming spring, would it be at all possible for you to arrange to appear before the Jewish students of Harvard under the auspices of our students' Zionist society? Your talk to us in 1925 was a rare treat and an inspiration for everyone lucky enough to be present.

If you can spare us part of another afternoon in the course of your Boston trip, our appreciation will be boundless.

Yours respectfully,

Frank Freed,

335A Harvard St.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

# The Temple

EAST 108TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES - CEDAR 132-133

Cleveland

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D., RABBI

SOLOMON BLUM

DIRECTOR OF TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

January Thirty-first  
1927

HARRY A. LEVY

EXECUTIVE SECT.

*See letter to Rabbi  
Meyer  
re same group*

Mr. Frank Freed,  
335 A Harvard Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Freed,

I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to avail myself of your kind invitation to address the Jewish Students of Harvard at the time of my visit to Boston in April. My schedule for the short period that I shall be in the East is completely filled. Perhaps another season may offer an opportunity for me to be with you again.

With kindest regards and wishing you all success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 20, 1934.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to invite you to preach in the University Chapel at Harvard at some time during the academic year 1934-34.

Rabbi Levi has been one of our preachers for the last two or three years and we are very anxious to extend our acquaintance among the rabbis of liberal Judaism.

The engagement supposes a Sunday morning service at 11.00 o'clock, allowing for a sermon of about half an hour.

We hope that the Sunday preacher will stay with us through as much of the week following as possible to conduct the daily morning Chapel at 8.45. We realize that this means a rather heavy charge on the time of busy men, but only by a few days residence of that sort can a man get the feeling of the religious life of the University, and by staying on after Sunday he puts us doubly in his debt.

The honorarium for the Sunday service is \$50.00 and for each of the daily services \$10. The University pays traveling expenses as well, and the visiting preacher is the guest of the University in the Preacher's Room at Lowell House.

I should like to suggest February 10 and as much of the week thereafter as you can give to us.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. L. Sperry.

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

30 Elmworth Ave.

Cambridge, Mass.

March 21, 1934.

Dear Rachel Silver,

The Harvard Chapter of Anarcha has learned that you will be in Boston in the middle of April. We should feel it a great honor if you could speak before us on a subject of Jewish interest at that time.

You may be assured of a large audience, for not only is the Harvard Chapter the largest and most active one in New England, but we could on this occasion hold a joint meeting, which would include the Chapters of Radcliffe, Boston University, Smith and Wellesley. We have had several very successful meetings of this kind in the past.

We sincerely hope that you will respond favorably to this request.

Very truly yours,

Robert Alberg, Secretary,

March 23, 1934.

Mr. Robert Alberg, Secretary,  
Harvard Chapter of Avukah,  
30 Ellsworth Ave.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Alberg:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation to address the Harvard Chapter of Avukah. I should gladly have availed myself of the opportunity but I have been compelled to cancel my engagement with Ford Hall due to pressure of work. Perhaps at some future time when I am in the vicinity of Boston I shall be able to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX



March 29, 1934.

Dr. W. L. Sperry,  
Memorial Church,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to preach in the University Chapel at Harvard on February 10th and to stay over for as much of the week as possible to conduct the daily morning Chapel. I shall be very pleased to come to you on February 10th, although at the present writing, I cannot say how many days I can remain over. My work at The Temple is very heavy and it may not be possible for me to stay over for more than a day. If my calendar is free that week, I shall of course, be happy to stay over for an additional day or two. Please let me know whether this arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 13, 1934.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your very kind note. I am very happy to hear that you will preach for us at the University on February 19. We will let the matter of daily prayers following the Sunday wait until your calendar is a little more completed.. If as the time draws on you find that you can give us a day or so we will be very grateful. Meanwhile the important thing is to be assured of your Sunday with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Sperry".

W. L. Sperry.

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

14 Alton Court,  
Brookline, Mass.,  
September 14, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St., at Ansel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I learned from a Harvard manual that you are scheduled to preach at the Chapel during the coming academic year.

The Harvard Menorah Society would be greatly honored to have you as its guest speaker at a Greater Boston Intercollegiate Menorah meeting.

As I plan to send printed programs of the year's activities to all Jewish students before school begins, I would appreciate very much having you write us at your earliest convenience, stating a possible subject and the probable time of your visit.

Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Eliot D. Canter*, President,  
The Harvard Menorah Society.



September 17, 1934.

Mr. Eliot D. Canter, President,  
The Harvard Menorah Society,  
14 Alton Court,  
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Canter:

I appreciate your invitation to address the Harvard Menorah Society during my visit to Harvard. I regret that I shall not be able to accept it. I shall be in and near Boston for two days, Sunday and Monday, and I have already scheduled four addresses.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 4, 1934

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with pleasure to your coming to the Harvard Church on February 10.

When we last corresponded you said that you might be able to give us two or three days of morning prayers at the beginning of the week. There is a fifteen minute service at 8:45 each morning, and in so far as possible we like to have our Sunday preacher spend at least part of the week with us. Most of our preachers are able to do this.

I am writing thus early because I am leaving for the Pacific Coast the first of January and shall not get back until just in time for your service on February 10. I must therefore make advance provision for the morning prayers of that week.

I hope you will give us what time you can, and am planning to ask Rabbi Levi to complete so much of the week as you are not able to take in order that both the Sunday and daily prayers of that week may bring us the joys of Liberal Judaism.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "William Brewster", written over the "Sincerely yours," text.

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

December 10, 1934.

Dr. William Sperry,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 4th. I am looking forward with real pleasure to my forthcoming visit to the Harvard Memorial Church on February 10th. I am sorry that I will not be able to be with your group for morning prayers more than one day, Monday morning. I must be in Springfield, Mass. Monday night and must leave for home after my address before the Springfield City Club.

Would you tell me something more about the fifteen minute service and what would be expected of me?

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BX

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 13, 1934

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind note of December 10. I am delighted that you can spend at least one morning with us - Monday, the 11th - for daily prayers. I am enclosing order of that service. It is a fifteen minute service at 8:45, allowing opportunity for a five or six minute address. I shall be on the ground myself and if you prefer not to take the whole service I will take so much of it as you may care to delegate to me.

Now that I am writing you, may I send you full details regarding the Sunday service. I do so because I am getting off at the beginning of the new year for a five weeks trip to the Pacific Coast and shall not arrive home until the 9th of February, the same date when I assume you will be arriving.

The preacher at the University while in residence is the guest of the University at Lowell House. Come into the South Station in Boston and take the subway there for Harvard Square, which is about a ten minute run. A taxi will be waiting at the subway exit and it is not more than a couple of minutes to Lowell House. Then ask the janitor to show you to the preacher's room. There is a little suite of sitting room, bed room and bath at your disposal.

Your meals, unless otherwise arranged for by friends, are taken in the Lowell House dining room and you sign the slip presented to you "The Memorial Church", with your name underneath.

I enclose the Order of Sunday service. When I am here I usually take the first half of the service, that is through the Old Testament Lesson. The preacher of the day begins with the ~~Old~~ New Testament Lesson and concludes the service.

If you are willing to do this I should be happy to have you take the Second Lesson and the prayer as well as the sermon. If you prefer to read the Old Testament Lesson I will read the New Testament Lesson, but when Rabbi Levi has been here in the past I have read the Old Testament Lesson and he has read the New Testament Lesson. This has always seemed to me a rather gracious arrangement of the two lessons.



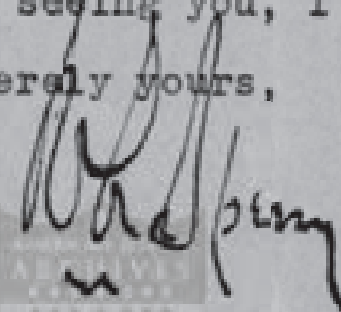
The morning service allows for a sermon of from twenty-five to thirty minutes in length, the whole service takes just about an hour and we like to get through by twelve o'clock.

I shall not trouble to write you again before going West, but shall look you up either on the evening of the 9th or the morning of February 10.

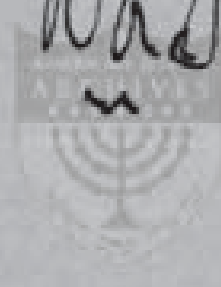
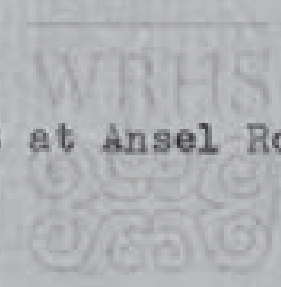
Should any unforeseen misadventure make it impossible for you to come - since we all have to be ready for influenza or the like - will you kindly address me at this office. Mail will be cared for here and there will be someone to make arrangements for a substitute if necessary. I hope, however, that nothing of the sort may interfere with your visit.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A.H. Silver', written over a faint circular stamp.

Rabbi A.H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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*Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

February 2, 1935

MR. ARTHUR D. HOLZMAN  
91 SALSBURY ROAD  
BROOKLINE, MASS.

YOU INVITE ME TO ADDRESS AVUKAH AT HARVARD. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AVUKAH WAS HELD IN CLEVELAND LAST MONTH. WHY WAS NO INVITATION EXTENDED TO ME TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE IN MY OWN CITY? PLEASE CONSULT OFFICERS OF YOUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

A. H. SILVER

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 4, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In Dean Sperry's absence may I  
remind you that you are scheduled to conduct  
the service at The Memorial Church on  
February 10, 1935. You have also agreed  
to take morning prayers in Appleton Chapel  
on February 11, 1935. The preacher's room  
in Lowell House will be in readiness for you  
on your arrival.

Sincerely yours,

*Isabel F. Kidder*

Secretary

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

*"Some Observations for Day"*

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Feb. 4, 1935

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To Arthur D. Holzman

Street and No. 91 Salisbury Rd.

Place Brookline, Mass.

REGRET CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION UNLESS <sup>I HAVE</sup> EXPLANATION FROM NATIONAL OFFICERS

A H SILVER

Sender's address  
for reference

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IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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number



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BY THE SENDER OF THIS  
MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE  
IT TO THE MESSENGER  
OR TELEPHONE IT TO

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# WESTERN UNION

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

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ARTHUR D HOLZMAN.

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# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 30, 1935

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was pleasant to have you with us this year, and if you are willing to come back another year I hope you can do so. I will be quite frank and say that I am proposing to ask a number of different Rabbis from liberal Judaism over a period of years in order that we may come in touch with representatives of your position and in order that you may in turn see us. But we want you another year, anyway.

Could you come to us on June 7, 1936 and give us two or three days thereafter of morning prayers? You know the conditions, and I hope that your visit here was pleasant enough so that you may be inclined to repeat it if your schedule allows.

Sincerely yours,

*Sperry*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 5, 1935.

Dr. William L. Sperry.  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 30, and for your invitation to preach at the Memorial Church on June 7, 1936. While that is a long way off and much can happen between now and then, I shall make every effort to come and to spend two or three days thereafter conducting morning prayers. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and the opportunity which it afforded me to meet you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 12, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that you will come  
to us again next year, and am accordingly  
confirming on my schedule your appointment  
with us for Sunday, June 7, 1936, and for  
two or three days of daily prayers thereafter.

You gave us a real lift when you were  
here this year and it will be good to see you  
again.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Abba Hillel Silver".

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

[1935]

11 Fayette Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The New England Council of Avukah is now making plans for the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Avukah. We are planning to hold a large intercollegiate meeting in the middle or end of May, either at Harvard or in Boston.

We should like to have you with us as our guest speaker.

Will you please inform me whether you will be able to accept our invitation for either May 15, May 20 or May 22 or any other date in May which is convenient for you? Will you please state what your expenses will be?

With Zion's greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Israel J. Kazis*

ISRAEL J. KAZIS, Chairman  
New England Council of Avukah



May 14, 1935.

Mr. Israel J. Kasis, Chairman,  
New England Council of Avukah,  
11 Fayette Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Kasis:

I regret very much that it will be  
impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to  
attend the tenth anniversary celebration of Avukah.

With all good wishes, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 19, 1936

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are preaching for us on Sunday June 7,  
and we are looking forward to your coming with interest.  
It will be good to see you back again.

I had originally suggested two or three days  
of prayers thereafter, but I hesitate to press this  
matter. Since I first wrote you the University year  
has been shoved back a week, and June 8 to 13 inclusive,  
are the final days of the examination period. Commencement  
comes the following week.

If you have other appointments in Boston, the  
first of the week, or if your own inclination is to stay for  
two or three days we should be delighted to have you linger  
on as our guest, but I have to warn you that daily services  
have practically run out by that time of year, and there is  
a mere handful of men for those last five or six mornings.  
We go through the form of maintaining the service to the  
last day of the academic year, but by the end of the  
examination time the great majority of students have already  
left Cambridge, and our congregation, which is never large,  
is scaled down accordingly.

If, therefore, you feel that your time can be  
used to better advantage somewhere else, I am on the ground  
and can care for the service that week. I usually do it  
because I have not the nerve to ask any other man to do it  
under the conditions. However, if you would enjoy two or  
three days of rest and quiet here by all means do linger on.

Sincerely yours,

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

*W. L. Sperry*  
W.

May 25, 1936

Dr. W. L. Sperry,  
Memorial Church,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 19. I am rather pleased to learn that you will not require my services for more than the one day, June 7, as I shall be quite busy the remainder of the week.

I am looking forward with pleasure to revisiting Harvard University and being with you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ANS:BK



# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 1, 1936

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with great pleasure to your being with us next Sunday. Cleveland will be well represented here for a fortnight as Harold Phillips preached here yesterday. This was the first time he had ever been at Harvard and we were as happy at having him as he seems to have been at being with us.

I think you made your way to the preacher's room in Lowell House when you were last here. The Subway from the South Station to Harvard Square, and two or three minutes walk to Lowell House. The key to the preacher's room will be waiting for you in the porter's lodge when you arrive. You will always find something to eat in the Lowell House dining room, and checks there should be signed with your name and The Memorial Church.

Happily for myself I am to be here next Sunday and I will take part of the service. If you would like to read the New Testament Lesson I should be glad to have you do so, but if you prefer to read the Old Testament Lesson I will read the lesson from the New Testament. We can settle this Sunday morning.

I will give you a ring Saturday night to make certain that you are here and comfortably settled in. It may be a little late in the evening before I call because I am seeing my wife off on a Cunarder in East Boston at 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

I do not need to tell you how much it means to us from many points of view to have you here in this church for one of the Sunday services of our academic year.

Sincerely yours,

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

## Order of Worship

SUNDAYS AT 11 A.M.

**Hymn, "Old Hundredth,"** *Unannounced, the Congregation standing*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.  
  
For why, the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**Sentences from Scripture**

**Invocation, and The Lord's Prayer**

*in which the Congregation joins*

**Cant**

*The Congregation, standing, joins*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world and the people with his truth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God,

Be honor and glory through Jesus Christ: forever and ever. AMEN.

**Responsive Reading**

*The Congregation standing*

**Antbem**

**Lesson from the Old Testament**

**Antbem**

**Lesson from the New Testament**

**Responses for Minister and Choir**

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

CHOIR: And with thy spirit.

MINISTER: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

CHOIR: And grant us thy salvation.

MINISTER: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

CHOIR: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

**Sermon**

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

**Benediction**



*The Congregation standing*

*The Congregation standing*

GREAT STONES,  
HEADINGTON,  
OXFORD.

May 16-37

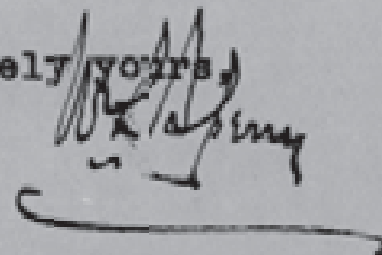
Dear Rabbi Silver;

I am off on sabbatical leave from Harvard for a half year, and struggling at this distance to make up my preacher's list at Harvard for 37-38.

Can you and will you come to us for Sunday, October 24, 1937? I hope this is possible. We shall be glad to see you.

The invitation carries with it the hope that you could spend perhaps three days taking morning prayers through Wednesday morning. I know that this is a busy time of year, yet we are very anxious that our Sunday preachers should give us this added help, if possible.

Sincerely yours,



June 1, 1937

Dr. W. L. Sperry,  
Great Stones,  
Headington,  
Oxford, England.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

I was happy to receive your letter of May 6th and to learn that you are about to enjoy a sabbatical half-year. I hope that you will enjoy it as much as I enjoyed my sabbatical year in 1933.

I appreciate deeply your invitation to preach again at Harvard. You suggest the date of October 24, 1937. I begin my Sunday Morning Services in October and, if possible, I should not like to be out of my pulpit that month. Have you any other Sundays free, say the 14th or 21st of November or any Sunday in December?

With all good wishes for a very pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK



*cabhd June 29.*  
*Accepted*

GREAT STONES,  
HEADINGTON,  
OXFORD.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

16 June 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your kind note of June 1st.

I see your difficulty about October 24th, 1937. On the other hand, I am in some difficulty at this end. I have had to make out a hypothetical programme for the year, and then suggest to each man a date. The trouble is that it is impossible to offer a man any one of half-a-dozen Sundays, allowing for a month back and forth for letters, and ever get the schedule complete on that basis.

I am sorry to say that the schedule for the coming year is in such shape that at the moment I do not see another Sunday which I can offer you. If you feel that you ought not to be away from your own pulpit during October, I should regretfully accept the fact and simply put your name in reserve for the following academic year. If, however, you feel that the cause deserves it, I do hope you will come to us on the date suggested.

I do not wish to urge you, and plainly the claim of the Temple comes first. On the other hand, we do want to make a place once each year for a spokesman for liberal Judaism, and the times being as they are I feel that it is a gesture

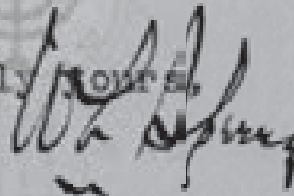
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worth while making at Harvard, both for our sakes and for yours.

Would it be too much to ask you, after thinking the matter over, to send me a deferred cable - a matter of a dollar, for which I will reimburse you - saying whether you can come on October 24th? If not, I shall have to invite someone else for that service. There would remain the bare possibility that there might be a date later in the year which I could suggest. I cannot promise it at the moment, although I should attempt it. In any case, we hope you will have us in mind for 1938-39.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



*not acknowledged*

GREAT STONES,  
HEADINGTON,  
OXFORD.

2 July 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your cable which arrived a day or so ago.

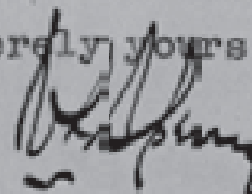
It is very generous of you to concede to my necessities and to accept the appointment for Sunday, October 24th. I greatly appreciate your generosity. I am glad, however, that you agree with me in principle that in the present state of this unhappy world's affairs it is worth our keeping these channels of communication open.

Will you be able to give us two or three days of Morning Prayers thereafter? I realise that this is asking a good deal at your busiest season of the year, but it may be that you will welcome two or three days of comparative quiet in Cambridge before plunging into the year's work. If so, we shall be only too happy to have you. Perhaps you will drop me a line on this matter, to this address. I shall be here until September.

The important thing, however, is to have the Sunday settled, and I thank you for accommodating yourself to my situation.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



LOWELL HOUSE  
50 HOLYOKE STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

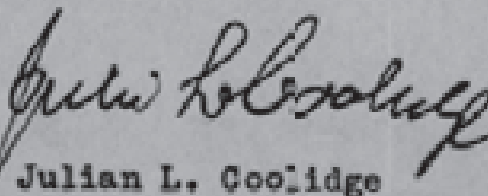
29 September, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I see by the Harvard Memorial Church schedule that you are coming here for some days beginning October twenty-fourth. As that presumably means residence in the preacher's suite in Lowell House, I wish to send you a word of welcome, for, although I have no responsibility for the preacher's suite, I am chief of the Trouble Bureau of Lowell House and hope you will not hesitate to call upon me if I can do anything to make your stay more agreeable. You doubtless know that you are free to take any meals you please in our hall and to treat the Tutors' Common Room as your club room. In particular, on Monday, the twenty-fifth, at six-thirty, the House tutors and their guests meet in this Common Room and dine together. The visiting preacher is often kind enough to join us on these occasions, and I hope very much that you will be so good as to continue the tradition.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Julian L. Coolidge



# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 11, 1937

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is our hope at The Memorial Church that the various visiting preachers to the University should have every opportunity to become acquainted with a number of students, and to express whatever is on their minds at the time of their visit with us.

For those who desire such, I am planning to invite a group of students to meet with them for tea during the latter part of some afternoon. Students are constantly asking me how they might get in touch with certain of our visiting preachers, during the latter's few days at the University.

I am writing this letter with Dean Sperry's permission, but please do not feel compelled to reserve any of your time for this purpose. Any decision you make should be purely optional. The Dean wishes to grant you the utmost liberty while you are at Harvard.

In case your schedule allows for a couple of free hours late some afternoon (with the exception of Wednesday), would you notify me of the date a few days before your departure for Cambridge.

The Dean will write you later about the services of worship. We are looking forward to your visit with us.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant at the Memorial Church

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



October 13, 1937

Dr. Arthur P. Colbourn,  
The Memorial Church,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Colbourn:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 11. I had hoped to be able to stay at Harvard for a few days. I find, however, that I shall have to leave Monday evening in time to keep an engagement with the American Unitarian Association in Buffalo on Tuesday. My only free afternoon would therefore be Monday. I shall be very pleased to set aside late Monday afternoon for the students.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to my visit, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 18, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with pleasure to your visit to us next Sunday. I appreciate the sacrifice which both you and your congregation made that you might be here so early in the autumn. You are familiar with our ways and means. Will you, on your arrival, make your way to what is, I hope, the now familiar preacher's room at Lowell House. If, by any chance, you could get here by Saturday noon you would be in time to see what ought to be a good football game. If you can do this let me know and I will try to get you a ticket.

Happily for myself I shall be on the ground next Sunday morning and will take as much or as little of the service as you wish. Usually I carry the service through the Old Testament Lesson and ask the visiting preacher to pick it up with the New Testament Lesson and continue through to the end. You might prefer to read the Old Testament Lesson yourself. On the otherhand it would be a gracious interchange if I were to read the First Lesson and you were to take the Second Lesson. This is at your discretion.

We are also counting on you for three days of morning prayers Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple, West 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 20, 1937

Dean Willard L. Sperry,  
The Memorial Church,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 18. I hope to arrive in Cambridge on Saturday in time for the football game. If you can get me a ticket, I should appreciate it very much.

I note that you are counting on me for three days of morning prayers. I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to stay over beyond Monday. I am scheduled to address the American Unitarian Association in Buffalo on Tuesday evening.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 22, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here is the ticket for the game on Saturday afternoon. I do hope you can use it. I am sorry to say that I cannot be with you and shall have to trust you to make your way just across the river to the Harvard stadium. The golden rule is "follow the crowd".

I will try to look in on you or give you a ring sometime during the evening Saturday to see that all is well.

I am sorry you cannot stay for prayers Tuesday and Wednesday, but quite understand.

Sincerely yours,

*W. L. Sperry*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Lowell House



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 28, 1937

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take a moment or two of your time to thank you for being with us at tea last Monday afternoon. It was pleasant to have the opportunity for the few extra minutes with you.

Since your visit with us, several students have requested that I extend their thanks and good wishes. Those at the tea greatly appreciated your willingness and frankness in answering their questions. On the whole, those attending Morning Prayers compose a rather alert group, and they like nothing better than to have the chance to clarify some of the questions which are altogether too vague in their minds at the present time.

Permit me to join the students in extending their thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant at the Memorial Church

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 8, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your book on Messianic Speculation in Israel. It is good of you to let me have it, and I doubly appreciate it because it is an "author's copy", and because of the hours we have had together here in the Church and by the fireside. It is of the greatest interest to me to have the story which you are telling in precisely this form. If one is brought up a Christian one is so apt to conclude that with the coming of Christ the Messianic hope was fulfilled, but you know as well as I do that among New Testament scholars in our camp there is the greatest uncertainty as to the nature of Jesus' self-consciousness, and indeed a good deal of doubt as to whether he ever actually formally identified himself with the Messiahship. It may be possible that he thought he was the "future Messiah", who would in fullness of time be vindicated by God.

Meanwhile, I am glad to have the continuing consecutive record as you tell it, and I shall read the book with the greatest interest.

What about a Sunday next year? You will come back to us won't you? I am about ready to propose a date, and will suggest two or three if you will encourage me to do so. What season of the year would be best for you?

I hope very much you got no ill-effects from your bath in the Harvard stadium. I should be sorry to think we laid you open to a bad cold at the beginning of a heavy year's work

Sincerely yours,

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

November 18, 1937

Dean W. L. Sperry,  
The Memorial Church,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 8. I had such a perfectly delightful time at Harvard last month and enjoyed the opportunity of being with you so greatly that I shall be very happy to return to you again next season. Would a Sunday in January or February fit in with your schedule? I could set aside any Sunday in those two months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 23, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very grateful for your kind note saying that you will come to us for a Sunday during the next academic year. I am, therefore, suggesting February 12? I hope this is a possible date for you and will hold it until I hear from you.

It would, of course, be very nice if you could perhaps stay over Monday night and take morning prayers on Monday and Tuesday. That would give you a chance to dine at High Table at Lowell House on the Monday night and see a little something of a few of our faculty.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

November 29, 1937

Dean William L. Sperry,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Let me thank you for your letter  
of November 25. I have set aside in my schedule  
Sunday, February 12, 1938 for the Memorial Church.  
I will try to remain over for an additional day  
or two.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 2, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver

In accordance with your request  
I am sending you telephone toll charge on  
your call to Cleveland. Check for this may  
be mailed to Mr. W. C. Saeger, the Bursar of  
Harvard College.

Sincerely yours,

*Isabel F. Kadder*

Secretary

Rabbi Abba Millel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



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December 2, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver

Thank you very much for your welcome note of November 29. I am accordingly entering you for Sunday, February 12, 1939, and for a day or two of morning prayers thereafter. You are good to do this for us.

With many thanks and all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*W. L. Sperry*

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

[June? 1938]

Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church  
AND THE  
WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

HAMILTON M. GIFFORD  
Minister and Director  
38 Langdon Street, Cambridge  
Massachusetts

Telephones  
Office: Kirkland 5350  
Church: . . . Essex 0837

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would like to know whether you could arrange to speak before the Wesley Foundation at one of its Sunday night meetings when you visit Harvard University next year (presumably February 12). The Wesley Foundation is a mixed student group with members from Tech, Boston University, Radcliffe and other colleges as well as from the many branches of Harvard University. Its program is non-denominational. Our interest lies in anything that will help to develop that important and much-neglected relation — that of man and God. Our meetings are held at Epworth Church, which adjoins the

Law School campus, at 7:30 on Sunday evenings.  
The time allotted to the speaker is usually  
30 or 35 minutes.

Please let me know if you can  
arrange to visit our group. I can be  
reached at Perkins Hall 28, Oxford Street,  
Cambridge, until June 7, and thereafter  
at 60 Reid Avenue, Port Washington,  
Long Island, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Redin Woodward

(Program Committee)

June 6, 1938

Mr. William Redin Woodward  
60 Reid Avenue  
Port Washington  
Long Island, New York

My dear Mr. Woodward,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and your invitation to speak before the Wesley Foundation on the occasion of my visit to Harvard next season. It would have afforded me great pleasure to avail myself of your invitation, but I have already accepted one to address the Unitarian Church of Haverhill on Sunday evening, February 12th.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:EB



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December 8, 1938

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are going to preach for us on February 12, and there is pending between us the matter of morning prayers thereafter. You mentioned a possibility of one or two days of prayers after the Sunday. I do hope you can give us this additional service, and that perhaps just at that time of year you will enjoy the relative quiet of the Preacher's Room and the chance for some meditative hours. I find that now and then a man is glad to have a decent excuse to get away for a few days from his parish chores, and we are always more than ready to offer that.

In short, will you drop me a line letting me know what days you hope to be able to give us after February 12 for the morning service with which you are familiar.

Yours sincerely,

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



December 20, 1938

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I am looking forward to my preaching in the Memorial Church on February 12. I shall be very happy to share in the prayers on Monday morning, February 13. I am to address the Congregational Ministers of Boston at eleven o'clock that morning. In the afternoon I leave for Springfield, Mass. where I am scheduled to address the City Club. Otherwise I should have been delighted to stay over another day or two.

I shall be most happy to see you again.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 23, 1938

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note. We are always glad for any time you can give us following your Sunday. We shall look forward therefore to your taking prayers on Monday morning February 13, as well as the Sunday service February 12.

It will be a pleasure to see you again. I am sorry to say that I shall be away on the 12th of February. I am addressing a Convocation at the University of Rochester that afternoon.

You are familiar now with the Sunday service here which goes forward quite simply. Would you be willing to conduct the entire service, or would you rather I provided someone to take at least part of it? We should be very glad if you felt like taking the whole service and this I know would be more than acceptable to our congregation.

Yours sincerely,

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple, East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

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January 5, 1939

Dear W. L. Sperry  
Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I shall be very pleased to take  
the whole service on February 12th inasmuch as  
that is your preference.

I am sorry that you will not be in  
Cambridge on that day as I will greatly miss  
the opportunity of spending a little time with  
you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 6, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry not to be on hand next Sunday to see you once more, and to have the chance of a visit with you. I have to go out to Rochester for one of their occasional Sunday Convocations at the University. However, you know your way around here, and I will trust you, when you arrive, to make your way to Lowell House where the Preacher's Room will be waiting for you.

I am enclosing the Order of Service and gladly commend the entire service to you. It is simple enough and goes forward without any difficulties.

Unless you are otherwise engaged on Sunday noon I think that one or two of our Divinity School students will be glad to lunch with you, and I will arrange that they take you to the Faculty Club. Two boys whom I have in mind are serving as junior assistants here at the Church and I covet for them the chance to visit with you for an hour if you are gracious enough to give them that privilege.

We are counting on you as well for morning prayers on Monday, but as I shall not get back before you have left I shall have to ask you to accept this greeting.

Yours sincerely,

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

February 9, 1939

Dean W. L. Sperry  
Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you so much for your kind note.  
I am looking forward to my visit to the Chapel  
of the Memorial Church with keen pleasure. I shall  
arrange to take charge of the entire service and  
shall also attend the morning prayers on Monday.

I am sorry that I will not be able to  
have luncheon with the students on Sunday. I should  
have been most happy to do it but friends had written  
to me some time ago to have luncheon with them and I  
accepted their invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 14, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I got in this morning from Rochester, but found, of course, that you had left yesterday for your other appointment. Every one was speaking with gratitude of the high seriousness of the sermon on Sunday, which for them recaptured something of the moral integrity of prophecy. I hope that on your side you found and felt the welcome which was awaiting you.

Personally I have no slightest doubt about the end of all the tragedies of our time. The forces responsible for them carry within them the seeds of their own destruction, and I am one of the people who think that this suicidal process may go forward more rapidly than at the moment we dare hope, but you and I will never see a settled world again in our life time.

Meanwhile, many thanks for your continued kindness to us.

Yours sincerely,

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

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 17, 1939

Dear Silver:

Could you, and would you, preach for us on Sunday April 14, 1940? This invitation carries with it the hope that you could stay for two or three days thereafter. You would find a welcome waiting for you, of which you must have been aware a fortnight ago. If you could give us this date I could then supplement the invitation to you to be our preacher by a further invitation to you to deliver the annual Dudleian Lecture at Harvard, which will be given on the afternoon of April 16 at a time when a number of the alumni come back to hold their annual meeting and have a day's reunion with us.

The history of the lectureship is this. In the middle of the eighteenth century Judge Dudley of the Colony left a sum of money to the college to found a lectureship in his name. He prescribed the four subjects:

- (1) Natural Religion
- (2) Revealed Religion
- (3) The Validity of Non-Episcopal Ordination
- (4) The Errors and Heresies of the Roman Church

These lectures to be given in rotation, one each year. The theory being that during his four years of college every student would have heard the entire cycle, and could go out armed against the world, the flesh, and the devil. On the whole we had thought it prudent to omit the highly controversial lecture about Roman Catholicism and it has not been given for some years. There is no good stirring up feeling on that issue, at least in a State like Massachusetts. The other three lectures are given in rotation. In 1940 we come to the third of these lectures on the Validity of Non-Episcopal Ordination. The founder of the lectures intended to satisfy hearers that Congregational and Presbyterian Ordination was valid. This subject was much to the front in Colonial days, and is it is true still one of the stumbling blocks to a reunion of Christian churches.

In recent years, however, we have used the subject as an occasion to interpret and defend the general prophetic conception of the ministry and the democratic polity of the church. Since the prophetic ministry in the Christian church derives from Judaism it would be particularly appropriate that from time to time we have some spokesman for Judaism as our lecturer. If you are minded

*Divinity School*

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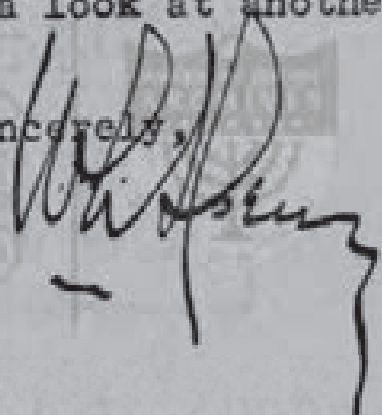
February 17, 1939

to accept, my hope would be that you might say something about the struggle between Prophet and Priest in Judaism, about the Congregational polity of the Synagogue, and about the prophetic ministry as you at present construe it. I think both you and I believe in it, but certainly in our kind of Christian Church there are a good many heart searchings about certain weaknesses of Congregational polity. It is felt to be too atomistic for the kind of world in which we live, and we are trying to make up our minds whether to merely perpetuate in it its traditional form, or to revise it at certain points with more direct reference to the changing manners of America. I assume that you feel these things too on your side.

If you can and will do this, there is a stipend of \$150 for the lecture, and the text of the lecture is then subsequently put in our hands for printing in an annual bulletin which we publish. The author is given as many off-prints as he wishes. This would be a happy chance to give you a look at another side of Harvard life, and I hope you accept.

Yours sincerely,

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. H. Silver', is written over the typed name and address. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

February 23, 1939

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I feel highly honored that you wish me to return to Harvard next season. I shall be very happy to do so and the date, April 14, as far as I can know now, is satisfactory.

I should also be pleased to deliver the Dupleian Lecture on April 16, 1940. I shall, at some later time, send you the subject which I will formulate based on the information which you kindly sent me.

It was a great pleasure for me to revisit Harvard and to speak again in the pulpit which you grace. My only regret was that this year I missed the pleasure of seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 27, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that you will come to us  
on April 14, 1940, and am accordingly entering  
you for the Sunday, and perhaps two or three  
days of morning prayers thereafter.

This also carries with it your gracious  
acceptance of the Dudleian Lecture, which will  
be delivered on the afternoon of April 16.

We can get in touch with one another a little  
later as to the precise subject.

I need not tell you that our Divinity alumni  
will be glad to greet you in that connection

Yours sincerely,

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



September 21, 1939

Mr. Justin Radin, President  
Harvard Ayukah Society  
35 Egremont Road  
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Radin:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the Harvard Ayukah Society on the occasion of my visit to Boston. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my stay in Boston will be a very brief one. I intend to arrive Monday evening in time to address the convention of the National Recreation Association and I must leave the same night back for Cleveland where I have a very important meeting on the 10th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

# *New England Avukah*

Sept. 26, 1939

Justin Radin, Pres.,  
Harvard Chapter,  
33 Egremont Road,  
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Undoubtedly, the most important meeting for an Avukah--the Student Zionist Organization--chapter is its first, because it is at that time that the incoming college men and women get their first glimpse of Avukah and form their opinions of the organization and the principles it upholds. And at a time such as the present, when the world support of the Zionist endeavor becomes the obligation of the American Jews, the Jewish student body must be made aware of its position and must be trained for its role in the future. It is for this reason that this year in particular we of New England Avukah stress so much our opening meeting.

It has been called to my attention that you, Rabbi, will be in Boston around October 10. Would it be possible for you to address the New England chapters at their large opening meeting on an evening during your stay in Boston, an evening to suit your convenience? The meeting will be held at one of Harvard University's buildings. As time is so short may I expect to hear from you right away in order that our plans may be definitely established?

I am fully aware of the boldness shown in asking you to be so generous to us, but I feel that this boldness is justified by the cause which occasions it--the cause of Zion.

Yours respectfully,

*Justin Radin*

Justin Radin, Pres.,  
Harvard Avukah Society.

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10-19-39.

Dear Rabbi Silver, -

On occasion even my Alma  
mater exhibits symptoms of intelligence. -  
Your appointment as Audleian Lecturer  
is perhaps the greatest non-sectarian  
distinction that has ever been conferred  
upon you. - When I remember the men  
who preceded you in that capacity -  
Edward Everett Hale, Phillips Brooks,  
Serge Gordon, William Farrow, William  
Hallam Turner, Francis Peabody and Minot  
Savage - I am quite willing to forgive  
you if you feel "puffed up."

When I was delighted with the  
news and extend cordial felicitations.  
It is known that the Standard authorities  
acted wisely.

Sincerely yours  
AL

DR. MYRON METZENBAUM  
10815 CARNEGIE AVENUE  
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October 19, 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
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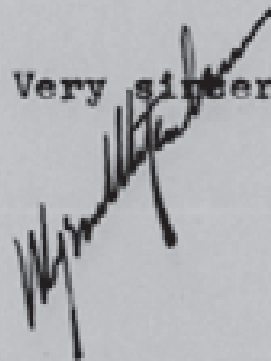
My dear Rabbi:

The recognition of scholarship by an old conservative institution of great learning is a rich and lasting compensation in the life of a student.

May you have many opportunities to present THE GOSPEL OF TRUTH in this world of confusing ideologies to the student and to the scholar.

With best wishes from Elsa and myself,  
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

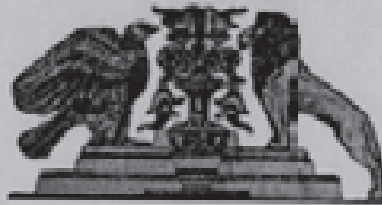


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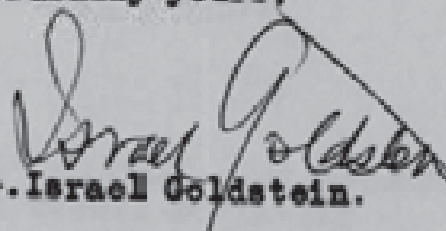
October 20, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Let me thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your magnificent address on "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", and at the same time congratulate you upon the great and well merited honor which has been awarded you in your appointment as Dudleyan lecturer at Harvard for the current year.

Cordially yours,

  
Dr. Israel Goldstein.

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DAVID RALPH HERTZ  
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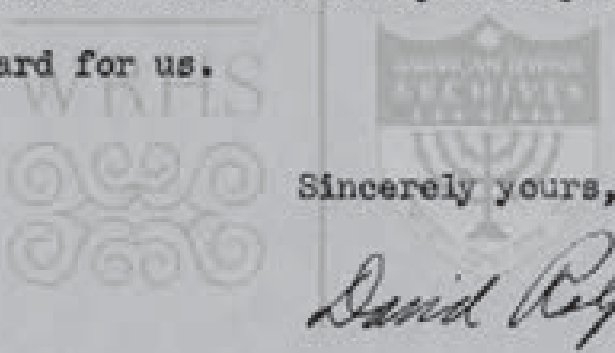
October 20, 1939

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
Ansel Road Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

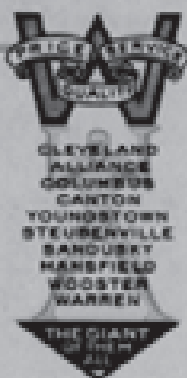
The honor which Harvard bestowed on you  
makes me very happy. We can regard ourselves as  
indeed fortunate that we have you to put our best  
foot forward for us.

Sincerely yours,

  
*David Ralph Hertz.*

David Ralph Hertz.

DRH:EC



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October 20,  
1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
E. 105th at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure that you have received the congratulations and best wishes of many friends and as I, too, wish to be numbered among those wishing you well, I am taking this opportunity of extending to you, with the greatest of pleasure, my heartiest congratulations upon your most worthy achievement.

Cordially yours,

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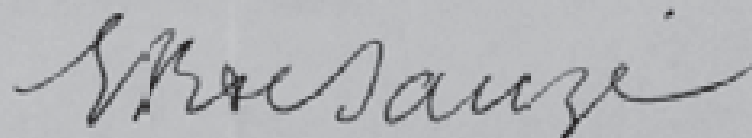
October 20, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
2 E. 105 Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Accept my heartiest congratulations for the new honor that has been conferred upon you by the flattering invitation to address Harvard University as a Duddleian Lecturer. Your many friends rejoice that such an outstanding recognition of your merits as a spiritual leader should be added to many others.

Very sincerely yours,



E. B. de Sauzé  
Director of Foreign Languages

BERNARD H. SINKS  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

3751 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
Friday, October 20, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
2 E. 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The editorial columns of this morning's Cleveland Plain Dealer carry gratifying news to your friends and admirers of your appointment as Duddleian lecturer at Harvard University.

The editorial refers fittingly to this being a distinction for Cleveland as well as for your good self. But in my humble opinion it also, in the broadest sense, reflects credit upon all Jewry and particularly upon that section of it fortunate enough to live in Cleveland.

It is in this spirit, that I feel privileged to offer congratulations and to wish you and yours continued health and happiness.

Very truly yours,

  
B. H. Sinks

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**N. R. CORNSWEET**

October  
20th,  
1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
2 East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

We rejoice with you in the honor  
which Harvard University has  
bestowed upon you. The Jewish  
World is proud of you, and we are  
happy to know that we are affiliated  
with you at the Temple and other  
Jewish and communal activities.

Sincerely yours.

*Mary + Nate*

NRC:BZ



I was delighted to read of  
your appointment as Diddleian  
lecturer at Harvard. Heartiest  
congratulations. May your  
health and strength continue  
for many years and permit  
you to carry on as powerfully  
as now. The honor is great -  
to you and all of us - but not  
as great as the good you

are doing by the diligent  
development and brilliant  
use of your great natural  
gifts. I know you will see  
well the rare opportunity  
offered you.

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Rabbi and Mrs. Max C. Currick

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SAMUEL H. SILBERT  
JUDGE

October 20, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
2 East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

May I join the multitudes in extending my heartiest congratulations upon your selection by Harvard as Lecturer of the Harvard Chapel. I have said this many times and I repeat it in all sincerity: you are the Ambassador of Good Will for our people. You, by your acts of goodness and ability, show the non-Jewish world our better and our unselfish side.

You may recall my telling you sometime ago that my dear old Mother had written a poem on Adolph Hitler. You understand, of course, that my Mother is no longer a youngster and that to write a poem was quite an effort. Naturally, she is rather proud of her achievement and submitted it to me for consideration.

To please her I told her that it was my intention to submit the poem to you for your consideration. This gave her great joy as she has heard of you and is one of your great admirers.

You will no doubt recall, my dear Rabbi, that in one of your unguarded moments you promised me you would read the poem. If you will be gracious enough to do so and drop her a note telling her that you approve of her efforts she will "Klayb Naches" and I will be deeply grateful.

My Mother is Mrs. Miriam Silbert, and she resides at 1024 Bartlett Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Most cordially yours,

*Samuel H. Silbert*

SHS:D

October 23, 1939

Judge David Ralph Hertz  
1001 Hippodrome Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me your note of felicitations on the occasion of my appointment as Duddleian Lecturer at Harvard. I did not suspect that the appointment would blow up so much comment in the country - but I am very pleased indeed.

With all good wishes and again assuring you of my appreciation of your lovely note, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

October 24, 1939

Judge Samuel H. Silbert  
The Court of Common Pleas  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Judge:

Thank you so much for your felicitations  
and particularly for the pleasure of letting me read  
the poem of your mother. I really enjoyed the  
sentiments which she expresses greatly. I wrote to  
her this afternoon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK



# Oheb Zedek Congregation

CORNER PARKWOOD DRIVE AND MORISON AVENUE

TELEPHONE: GLENVILLE 1408

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Oct. 25, 1939

HENRY ZUPHICK  
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Rabbi Aba Eillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Oheb Zedek Congregation wishes to congratulate you on the honor conferred upon you by Harvard University in tendering to you the appointment as Dudleian lecturer.

It is a signal honor and one in which the entire city rejoices. May you and all Jewry continue to receive such honors and recognitions.

Sincerely yours,  
OHEB ZEDEK CONGREGATION

*A. Klein*  
Adolph Klein, president

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October 27, 1939

Mr. Adolph Klein, President  
Oheb Zedek Congregation  
Corner Parkwood Drive and Morison Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Klein:

I need not tell you how greatly I appreciate your thoughtfulness and that of Congregation Oheb Zedek in sending me felicitations on my appointment as Diddleian Lecturer at Harvard University. I did not realize that the appointment would create so much national comment, but I am really very pleased. Please convey to the members of Oheb Zedek Congregation my gratitude for their thoughtfulness.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

[Oct. ? 1939]

Dear Friend:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me your note of felicitations on the occasion of my appointment as Duddleian Lecturer at Harvard. I did not suspect that the appointment would blow up so much comment in the country - but I am very pleased indeed.

With all good wishes and again assuring you of my appreciation of your lovely note, I remain

Most cordially yours,



*Residence:*  
130 Luther Drive

*Rabbi Ephraim Frisch*  
*Temple Beth-El*  
*San Antonio, Texas*

November 9, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
105th at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

I read with the greatest of pleasure concerning the signal honor accorded to you by Harvard University in selecting you to be the Dudgeon lecturer for this season. My heartiest congratulations.

With cordial greetings to you and your wife,

Sincerely,

*Ephraim Frisch*

November 16, 1939

Rabbi Ephraim Frisch  
Temple Beth El  
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Friend:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me your note of felicitations on the occasion of my appointment as Dudleyan Lecturer at Harvard. I did not suspect that the appointment would blow up so much comment in the country - but I am very pleased indeed.

With all good wishes, and again assuring you of my appreciation of your lovely note, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



## Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts



Nov. 23, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing in my capacity as Speakers' Chairman of the Wesley Foundation to invite you to spend some Sunday evening with us during the coming year. We have one of the largest and most active student groups in Cambridge, and we would deem it both a pleasure and an honor if you could find it possible to pay us a visit. Our meetings begin at 7:30, and we would like to have you speak for about half an hour on any subject you may select.

I notice that you will be in Cambridge on April 14. We should feel honored indeed if you could find it possible to visit us at that time, or on any other Sunday evening you may happen to be in this neighborhood. Hoping that you will find it possible to be with us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Max E. Gaebler*

Max E. Gaebler

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio

November 24, 1939

Mr. Max D. Gaebler  
Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Gaebler:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 23 and for your invitation to address the Wesley Foundation. I am to be in Cambridge on Sunday, April 14, but I have already accepted an invitation from Ford Hall to address that organization on the evening of that day. I am not now planning to be in or near Cambridge on any other Sunday during the season. Should my plans change, I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:HK

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 13, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your friendly letter with its more than generous enclosure is at hand. Thank you for both. If I was of any service to your good cause I am happy. The full occasion was a most pleasant one for me, as I wrote you, and it will double my pleasure in seeing you back here later in the year.

As to the Dudleian Lecture - the formal topic prescribed for the year is "The Validity of Non-Episcopal Ordination". The lectureship was founded about 1740 and was intended to buttress the Puritan type of non-conformist church as against Anglicanism, both back in England and here in the Colonies. What the topic intends is of course some interpretation and account of the prophetic conception of the ministry as against the priestly. This interpretation of our common task is as congenial to you as it is to us in the New England churches. Anything you may care to say about the old prophetic ideal and practice and then about the serviceableness of that type today would be wholly relevant. Professor Kirsopp Lake, who was for years on our faculty, once said to me that you cannot train prophets in a Divinity School. You can only train priests. The priest is the institutional man whose duties can be defined in advance and who can be educated for them. A prophet is an occasional man whose inspiration comes direct from God and not from a professor in a university, and who is more often than otherwise a layman. I must confess that the more I think about it the more puzzled I am to see how an authentic prophet can be a member of a regularized religious profession, working according to the calendar in an institution, yet the world cannot get along without its prophets. Query - Are they today the laymen who are doing such yeoman service to the cause of religion - but not necessarily in and through churches?

I don't know whether all this rings any bell in your mind, but it was what was in the back of my mind when I proposed your name for the lectureship. The date, as you know, is Tuesday, April 16.

Yours sincerely,

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



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER SCHOOL of ARTS and SCIENCES and of EDUCATION  
WADSWORTH HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRTLEY P. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

January 27, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Harvard University is proposing to connect with its Summer School a theological conference which is to last two weeks. The general topic for discussion will be "Religious and Moral Principles in Their Bearing on the Contemporary National and International Crisis." The University has asked me to be responsible for this conference.

It is our intention to invite the participation of a number of religious groups, in particular the Roman Catholic Church, the Jewish groups, the Protestant Churches as represented by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, and the Quakers. The Protestant Churches will, of course, also be represented by some of the more liberal theologians.

We have thought it worthwhile to include in our invitations the diplomatic representatives of some of the neutral nations, in particular the Ministers of the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, and the Argentine Republic. The colored group will find its spokesman in President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University.

Our intention is to divide the general subject into the following divisions: (1) The International Problem, particularly as it connects itself with the question of war; (2) The Problem of the Individual; (3) The Problem of World Organization; (4) The Problem of Racial Relations; (5) The Problem of Economics. To each of those subjects two general lectures will be devoted and two round-table discussions. In addition to this, a number of people will deliver one evening lecture.

Thus far the Roman Catholic Church has agreed to send one of its representatives. We hope that this will be Bishop O'Hare. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ will probably send President Buttrick or else Professor Henry Sloane Coffin. The Ministers of the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, and President Johnson have also accepted. Dr. Henry J. Cadbury will speak for the Quakers.

Harvard University would be most happy if you would represent



the Jewish groups and would be willing to take for your subject The Problem of Racial Relations. We should be glad to accommodate ourselves to your convenience with respect to the dates, except that the lectures must be delivered within the period extending from July 8 to July 19. The University would, of course, take care of all your travelling expenses and would be happy to have you as its guest for whichever period it might please you to stay with us. For the lectures themselves we should pay two hundred dollars, in addition to expense money.

It has been a long time since you and I served our apprenticeship as ministers to congregations in Wheeling, West Virginia, and if my memory serves me right, we have not seen each other since that time. I should be most happy if your coming here would afford me the opportunity of renewing our former acquaintance. I am

Most faithfully yours,

*J. A. C. Fagginger Auer.*  
J. A. C. Fagginger Auer

JACFA:MB

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



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THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 29, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are always good enough to give us a  
Sunday here when we ask for it. I am now  
writing to see whether you could come here on  
January 26, 1941? If so you would be putting us  
still further in your debt.

I look back with pleasure on my evening with  
you at The Temple, and more particularly on the  
happy dinner in your own home.

Yours sincerely,

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

January 30, 1940

Dr. J. A. C. Fagginger Auer  
Harvard Summer School  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Auer:

I was very happy to receive your letter. It brought back memories to me of our Wheeling days and of the many pleasant contacts which we had there. I am pleased of the opportunity to be able to renew them.

Your kind invitation to participate in the Theological Conference which Harvard University is proposing to hold this year in connection with its Summer School is greatly appreciated. Normally, I leave for Europe around the first of June but because of war conditions I will of course not be able to make the trip this year. I shall, therefore, be most happy to participate in your Conference. I would appreciate it if you would put me on early in the Conference period so that I will not have to break into my vacation - which will probably be spent in the West next summer with my family.

I understand that I am to discuss the subjects "The Problem of Racial Relations". Is it one or two lectures that you would wish me to deliver? And would you wish me also to conduct any round table discussion? I will appreciate hearing from you any other details which I ought know in the preparation for the Conference.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER SCHOOL *of ARTS and SCIENCES and of EDUCATION*  
WADSWORTH HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRTLEY P. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

February 2, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was most happy to receive your letter, and in answer to it may I say that you will be asked to give two lectures and to lead two round-table discussions.

We shall be glad to see to it that your lectures will come early in the series, so that you will be free to leave for the West.

I shall be sending the printed material to you just as soon as it appears, which will be early in March.

My wife remembers you most pleasantly from our Wheeling days and particularly asks to be remembered to you. She, too, is looking forward to seeing you again.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*J. A. C. Fagginger Auer.*  
J. A. C. Fagginger Auer

JACFA:MB

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

February 2, 1940

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

It is always a great pleasure for me to speak from the pulpit of the Memorial Church of Harvard and I shall be very pleased to be with you on January 26, 1941.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you next April. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 5, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your welcome note, which has just come.

We shall look forward then to your being with us  
on January 26, 1941.

Meanwhile there is April 14, 1940 in the near future.

By the way may we count on you for morning prayers

April 15 to 17, inclusive? I am assuming that this  
will be possible since you are delivering the Duddleian  
Lecture on the Tuesday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

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



February 14, 1940

Dr. W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Let me thank you for your kind note of February 15. I will be able to take the morning prayers on the 15th and the 16th, but not on the 17th. I leave Boston right after the Dudleian Lecture for I have an address scheduled in New London, Conn. on Tuesday evening.

I am looking forward with keen pleasure to seeing you on April 14. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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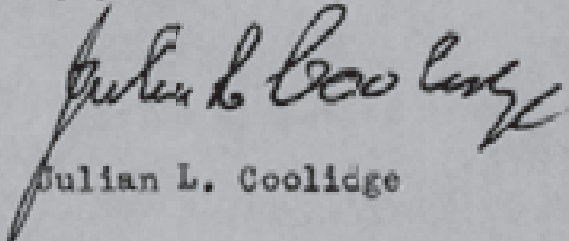
28 March, 1940

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

These lines bring you a  
welcome to Lowell House where I  
understand you will be spending some  
days in the vicinity of April four-  
teenth. In particular, I trust that  
you will dine with the tutors and  
their guests at the High Table on the  
evening of Monday, April fifteenth.

Sincerely yours,

  
Julian L. Coolidge



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER SCHOOL of ARTS and SCIENCES and of EDUCATION  
WADSWORTH HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRTLEY P. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

March 30, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our plans are going forward with the best of success. I am enclosing for your information a tentative statement which, being tentative, may of course be changed.

We are hoping that Mr. Sumner Welles may open our conference. At least, Secretary Cordell Hull promised us that he would try to prevail upon him to do so.

Apart from this general information, my reason for writing to you is twofold. First of all, would the dates July 12 to 15 suit you? You would speak in the morning and afternoon, and the Minister from the Netherlands, Dr. Loulon, would speak in the evening. Probably on one of those days President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University would speak likewise.

We are very keen to have as large a delegation of our Jewish friends as it is at all possible to get. Harvard University leans heavily upon your kind help in this connection. First of all, where can we get a Jewish Yearbook giving the names of all the Rabbis? Secondly, can you suggest some effective way of approaching them? Thirdly, could we send our material to the Jewish Denominational papers, and would you help us in writing a letter to them, explaining and commending our undertaking?

These are a great many questions, but I know that you will be ready to answer them. Our convention is of a unique nature, and Harvard University wants it to be the greatest possible success.

We do not wish to encroach upon your vacation plans, but we should be happy if your stay with us could be prolonged as much as possible. Rooms for you will be found at the Harvard Faculty Club; indeed, they have been ordered already. You will meet, as our list of speakers indicates, a number of people who are nationally and internationally interesting, and it is my desire that they will meet you as one of the outstanding figures in the Jewish religious life.

My wife joins me in most cordial greetings. She, too, as am I, is desirous to renew our old acquaintance and friendship.

I am

Most cordially yours,

*J. A. C. Fagginger Auer.*

J. A. C. Fagginger Auer

JACFA:JR

Rebbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio



April 1, 1940

Dr. Julian L. Coolidge  
Lowell House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Coolidge:

Thank you so much for your kind note of March 28 and for your words of welcome to Lowell House. I shall have the pleasure of spending a little more time at the University than in previous years. I shall arrive Saturday and will remain through Tuesday. I appreciate greatly your kind invitation to dine with the tutors and their guests at the High Table on the evening of April 15. I shall be very happy to be with you.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

ANDOVER HALL, FRANCIS AVENUE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Dean

April 2, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here is the program for the annual Visitation Day held at the Divinity School. The date is April 16.

I have checked your name and the part in the program for which you are responsible, to make assurance doubly sure..

I presume that you will be in residence at the Preachers' Room in Lowell House. It is at your disposal if you find it convenient and comfortable.

By the way, would you be willing to talk informally to some men in the Divinity School on the Monday evening at eight o'clock? You would have a chance to dine at High Table at Lowell House, at 6.30, and slip over here after that.

It seems to me that it would be a happy thing if you were willing to talk rather frankly about some of the problems of contemporary Judaism. You would be assured of a wholly sympathetic hearing, and the men would be glad of some authoritative information about (a) the Palestine situation and (b) the ways in which the refugee problem has been further complicated in the last six months. We do not wish to overwork you but this would mean a purely informal hour for which no preparation would be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 5, 1940

Dean W. L. Sperry  
Harvard Divinity School  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for sending me the program for the annual Visitation Day of the alumni. I am looking forward with real pleasure to the day.

I shall be very happy to meet with the members of the Divinity School on Monday evening, following dinner. Would you arrange to have someone take me to the meeting place?

I shall be very happy to avail myself of the hospitality of Lowell House again.

With all good wishes and anticipating with pleasure our meeting again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 8, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with eager interest to your two or three days with us beginning with the service here in the university church next Sunday. I shall be here and will take the bulk of the service. We can perhaps divide its details between us when we meet. Will you in addition to preaching the sermon offer the pastoral prayer? It might be interesting and pleasant if the courtesies back and forth let me read the "Old Testament" lesson and left a lesson from the New Testament to you - provided you find some passage which interests you and seems appropriate. Otherwise I will take the second lesson.

I am still hoping to hear from you that you would be willing to meet some of the boys at the Divinity School on the Monday night. In any case we are looking forward to your lecture on Tuesday afternoon when some of our alumni will be coming back for their annual gathering.

I am sorry to say that our household is somewhat upset at the moment and I am afraid we cannot have the pleasure of giving you lunch on Sunday. I mention this so that you may be free to accept some other invitation should you have one. Meanwhile I shall hope to be dining at Lowell House on Monday night. Therefore we shall, be sitting at the same table at least once during your visit here.

The room at Lowell House is waiting for you and you are familiar with the ways and means of getting there and installing yourself.

Yours sincerely

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

*I would  
have your  
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this*

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

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Office of the Dean

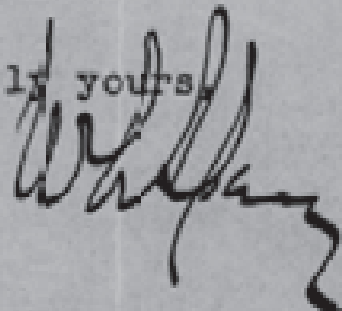
April 8, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your welcome note of April is at hand. I just dictated earlier in the morning, at the Church, the usual note to you as our next Sunday's preacher.

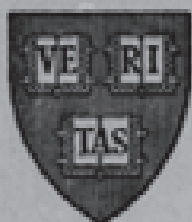
The room at Lowell House will await you, and I am delighted that you will speak at the Divinity School on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Unless I have to change my plans, I will come over and join you at Lowell House at 6.30. You will remember that they wear dinner jackets. If you desire not to be bothered with that ritual - which, on the whole, is a rather pleasant one - you and I could dine at the Harvard Faculty Club. Under those circumstances I will be your guide to the place of our 8 o'clock meeting.

Sincerely yours



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio





HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
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WADSWORTH HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRTLEY P. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

April 9, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Through unforeseen circumstances, we  
have found it necessary to change the dates of your  
lectures from July 12 and 15 to July 10 and 11. Please  
let us know if this change does not suit your conven-  
ience.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. A. C. Fagginger Auer

JACFA:MB

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



April 24, 1940

Dr. J.A.C. Fagginger Auer  
Harvard University  
Wadsworth House,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Auer:

In reply to your kind letter of April 9,  
permit me to say that the dates which you have  
finally settled on, July 10 and 11, are agreeable  
to me.

It was a great pleasure to see you at  
Harvard last week, and I hope that we shall have  
more time in July for each other.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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JOHN MONROE.

June 3, 1940

Dear Colleagues:

In the absence of Professor Auer I send you herewith a tentative program showing speakers and suggested topics for all sessions of the conference. Some of the topics have been approved by the individual speakers, but many have not. Please consider your own part in the conference in the light of the entire program.

Is the topic assigned to you entirely satisfactory? If not, please revise it. Feel perfectly free to make whatever changes you think desirable. Several of the topics are my own suggestions and are intended merely as a stimulus to the crystallization of thought rather than as an assignment that I hoped to have filled. I am expecting that the program will be greatly improved when I receive your reply.

May I hear from you by return mail? I want to rush the program to the printer before the end of this week, if possible.

Each of you is cordially invited to be the guest of the University for just as long a period of time as you can spend with us during the two weeks that the conference will be in session. I am hoping that several of you who are scheduled to speak at the evening forums will participate in the afternoon round-tables that deal with subjects in which you are interested. Let us know at your convenience when we may expect you to arrive and how long you will be able to stay.

The extraordinary interest that the conference has aroused and the especially fine program which is developing lead me to anticipate a most successful conference. I am much pleased that you are to play so important a role in it.

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Mather

To All Participants in the Conference  
on Religious Principles and Contemporary  
National and International Issues

June 5, 1940

Dr. Kirtley F. Mather  
12 Wadsworth House  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Mather:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 3 and the tentative program of the Conference which you sent me. I note the subjects which you assigned to me for the forum lectures and round tables on July 10 and 11. They are entirely satisfactory. I am looking forward with great interest to the sessions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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KIRTLEY F. MATHER, DIRECTOR  
STANLEY SALMON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

WADSWORTH HOUSE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 21, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be kind enough  
to let us know when you propose to  
come to Boston, in order that we may  
make the proper arrangements for  
your entertainment and lodging?

Thanking you in advance, I  
remain

Cordially yours,

*J. A. C. Fagginger Auer*

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



June 24, 1940

Dr. J.A.C. Fagginger Auer  
Summer School of Arts and Sciences and of Education  
Harvard University  
Wadsworth House  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Auer:

I am to speak at Plymouth Church on  
July 7. I will arrive in Cambridge on the  
evening of that day and I would be very grateful  
if you would let me know what arrangements you  
have made for my lodging.

With a l good wishes and looking forward  
to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

June 28, 1940

Dr. J. A. C. Fagginger Auer  
Harvard University  
Wadsworth House  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Auer:

Let me thank you for the arrangements which you made for me at the Harvard Faculty Club. I shall arrive there Sunday evening, July 7, or Monday morning, July 8. Mrs. Silver will not be able to accompany me.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

HARVARD SUMMER SCHOOL CONFERENCE

July 8 to 19, 1940

Religious Principles and Contemporary National and International Issues

Preliminary Announcement

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Can the basic religious principles of kindness and good will, of social consciousness and sharing, of faith in God and charity toward men, be effectively implemented to bring light and life to a day that is dark with conflict and stress? Can religion make a truly practical contribution toward the preservation of democracy against the threat of totalitarianism, toward the harmonious resolution of the inevitable antagonisms that arise between the rights of freedom-loving individuals and the needs of organized social groups? What is the real nature of the forces of disintegration that are at work today? How do they function? Is it possible to render them powerless by opposing them with forces of integration? If so, how?

Individuals and institutions concerned with the enrichment of human lives, and that of course includes all teachers and educational institutions as well as all religious workers and churches, cannot escape such questions as these. The nature of the threatening conditions must be investigated and the endeavor

must be made to find means by which they can be rendered harmless. It is not certain that such an endeavor will lead to success. The problem may be so vast or so intricate that it resists our attempts to solve it. This does not release us from our obligation to deal with it to the best of our ability. Even if we do not reach tangible results, much is gained if we merely discover the reason why a problem is incapable of solution for the time being.

There is, however, good reason for believing that the intelligence of men of good will, when properly mobilized and effectively applied, will prove adequate to meet the imperative demands of these crucial times. Motivated by that belief, the Harvard Summer School will assemble a conference to meet in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the ten days from July 8 to July 19, inclusive, for the consideration of Religious Principles and Contemporary National and International Issues.

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Sub-topics and the leaders assigned to them

The Problem of the Individual: Dr. Gerald B. Phelan, President of the Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto, Canada.

The Problem of Racial Relations: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Problem of Economics: Dr. Norman Thomas, author and lecturer, former candidate of the Socialist Party for President.

The Problem of War: Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University.

The Problem of World Organization: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Chairman, Commission for the Study of Christian Unity, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

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Evening lecturers (list incomplete)

Mr. Charles Bruggmann, Minister from Switzerland.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Pastor of the Community Church of New York.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

Dr. A. Loudon, Minister from the Netherlands.

Dr. Walter A. Maier, Concordia Seminary <sup>St. Louis, Missouri</sup> (Bringing Christ to the Nation, the Coast-to-Coast Lutheran Hour).

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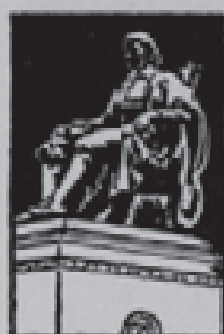
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# HARVARD SUMMER SCHOOL CONFERENCE

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## Religious Principles and Contemporary National and International Issues

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## Information

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### Sub-topics and the Leaders Assigned to Them

#### THE PROBLEM OF THE INDIVIDUAL:

Dr. GERALD B. PHELAN,  
*President of the Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, Canada.*

#### THE PROBLEM OF RACIAL RELATIONS:

Dr. ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
*Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.*

#### THE PROBLEM OF ECONOMICS:

Dr. NORMAN THOMAS,  
*Author and lecturer, candidate of the Socialist Party for President.*

#### THE PROBLEM OF WAR:

Dr. HENRY J. CADBURY,  
*Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University.*

#### THE PROBLEM OF WORLD ORGANIZATION:

Bishop IVAN LEE HOLT,  
*Chairman, Commission for the Study of Christian Unity, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.*

### Evening Lecturers (List incomplete)

MR. CHARLES BRUGGMANN,  
*Minister of Switzerland.*

Dr. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES,  
*Pastor of the Community Church of New York.*

Dr. MORDECAI JOHNSON,  
*President of Howard University, Washington, D. C.*

Dr. W. APPLETON LAWRENCE,  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.*

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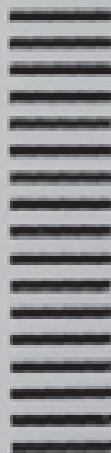
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39 Hammond St.  
Cambridge, Mass.  
July 20, 1940

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

Dear Sir:

Knowing that you have planned to give the sermon at the Harvard Memorial Church on January 26, 1941, the Wesley Foundation would very much like once more to invite you to address them on that same evening of the 26th.

As you may know from former communications, the Wesley Foundation is a group of fifty to sixty students from the local colleges, together with a considerable number of young people of post college age who are located permanently in Cambridge. The group meets every Sunday evening for a short devotional service, followed by a speaker and discussion and a later fellowship period. You are undoubtedly familiar with this type of college young people's group.

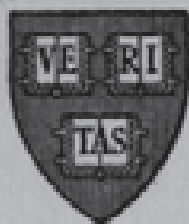
As a good many members of this group have heard you speak and as I, too, know from personal experience the wonderful force of your messages, we of the Foundation would count it one of the highlights of our year's program to have you with us on this evening. Your straight thinking and tolerance are a very necessary antidote for much of the careless talk we are all forced to hear today, and college students can profit greatly from cool, calm thought such as yours. I very sincerely hope that you will not already have made plans for this evening although I know how numerous invitations for you to speak must be.

If it is possible for you to accept our invitation for January 26, I shall write you later in the fall to make final arrangements about date, time, and subject, unless you have some change of plans in the meantime. If your program is already filled I hope that we may hear you at some later date.

Thank you very much for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Eugene C. Worman, Jr.  
Eugene C. Worman, Jr.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER SCHOOL *of ARTS and SCIENCES and of EDUCATION*  
WADSWORTH HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

KIRTLEY P. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

July 26, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We shall make arrangements for your lodging  
at the Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street,  
Cambridge, if you should happen to come alone. If  
Mrs. Silver should come with you, which we very much  
hope she will, we shall be able to take care of your  
lodging in one of the dormitories. Please advise  
us whether your wife will be with you.

With all good wishes, and looking forward  
towards seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

*J. A. C. Fagginger Auer*  
J. A. C. Fagginger Auer

JACFA:mb

Rabbi Abba Eillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
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WADSWORTH HOUSE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

August 19, 1940

July 10

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith the stenotypist's transcripts of your addresses of July tenth and eleventh. As Professor Auer has undoubtedly told you, we are planning to publish in book form the material presented at the Conference. Will you please be so kind as to run through these papers and indicate those portions that you would prefer to have included in the published report? Make whatever editorial changes you think advisable on that portion of the manuscript.

Could we have it back within a couple of weeks?

Sincerely yours,

*Miriam Billauer*

Secretary to Dr. Mather

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



September 9, 1940

Dean W. L. Sperry  
Harvard Memorial Church  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I trust that you have had a restful summer - as restful as one's vacation can be in these desperate times. I spent a few weeks up in Maine and I am now back at my desk.

I have a favor to ask of you. I accepted your kind invitation to speak at the Memorial Church on January 26. I have now been informed that the annual convention of the United Palestine Appeal, of which I am national chairman, and which is annually held in Washington the first week in January, must be postponed this year on account of the inaugural ceremonies which will crowd Washington hotels during the early part of January. I am wondering whether it will be possible to shift my date to some other Sunday morning. I would be free to come any other Sunday in January, or some Sunday later on in the year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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September 12, 1940

I. F. Kidder  
Cambridge, Mass.

SORRY TO HEAR OF DEAN SPERRY'S ILLNESS. WOULD GLADLY HAVE COME ON SEPTEMBER 29 BUT I HAVE TWO WEDDINGS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY. MY BEST WISHES TO DEAN SPERRY.

A H SILVER

*collect*

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DEAN SPERRY QUITE ILL COULD YOU TAKE SERVICE HARVARD  
MEMORIAL CHURCH SEPTEMBER 29 STOP THIS IS ONE OF THE  
IMPORTANT SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR AND MRS SFERRY SUGGESTED  
YOU MIGHT HELP US OUT IN THIS EMERGENCY PLEASE WIRE COLLECT=  
I F KIDDER.

# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

September 16, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for wiring us promptly that you would not be able to take the Sunday morning Service September 29. We are sorry you could not do this but quite understand your being unable to do so. In regard to your date scheduled - January 26 - I have taken your name off our schedule for that date. Would March 30 be an available time for you to come here? That is the beginning of Spring vacation but we have a very good resident congregation at that time and would be glad if you would come then.

Yours sincerely,

*Isabel G. Kipper*

Secretary to Dean Sperry

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

September 18, 1940

Miss Miriam Billauer  
Secretary to Dr. Mather  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Miss Billauer:

I am returning herewith the transcripts of the address which I delivered on July 10 and 11. I have corrected and revised them. I eliminated parts which I thought could be dispensed with, although I did not eliminate any important sections. If you wish the manuscript to be reduced still further, please send it back to me and I will revise it again.

On page one of the transcript of the morning lecture on July 10, you omitted the written speech which I delivered. I assume that you have the original manuscript and that you intend to include it.

There were so many typographical corrections to be made that I thought it best to make a clean copy of it. I am therefore returning both the transcripts which you sent me, and the new copies.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



September 18, 1940

Miss Isabell F. Kidder,  
Secretary to Dean W. L. Sperry  
Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Miss Kidder:

Let me thank you for your kind note of September 18. I should very much like to come to The Memorial Church on March 30, but I am already scheduled to be at Purdue University on March 18, and I cannot be out of my own pulpit two Sundays in one month. I am free any Sunday in January (other than Jan. 26), or February (other than Feb. 9), or April (other than April 15).

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

September 27, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter saying March 30 would not be an available date for you has been received at this office.

I now find that Dean Sperry cannot take his November 3 date here at The Memorial Church. Would it be possible for you to conduct the service here on that date?

Dean Sperry is getting along very well and is expected to be up and around in a short time now, but probably will not be able to preach until late in December.

If this date is not possible for you I will suggest another at some time later in the year.

Yours sincerely,

*Isabel F. Kider*

Secretary to Dean Sperry

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 30, 1940

Miss Isabell F. Kidder  
Secretary to Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Miss Kidder:

I am very happy to learn that Dean Sperry is getting along very well. I wish I could occupy his pulpit on November 3. Unfortunately this is the first Sunday morning when I will occupy my own pulpit here at The Temple. Our Sunday Morning Season begins the first Sunday morning in November.

Please convey my warmest greetings to Dean Sperry and my best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 14, 1940

Miss Miriam Billauer  
Secretary to Dr. Mather  
Wadsworth House  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Miss Billauer:

If you have a complete copy of the first address which I delivered at the Summer School Conference on "Religious Principles and Contemporary National and International Issues", I would appreciate your send it to me. You will recall that I left the major part of the first lecture with you in manuscript, and the transcript which you sent me contained only a reference to that manuscript, but not the manuscript itself.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX



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KIRTLEY F. MATHER, *Director*  
STANLEY SALMEN, *Assistant Director*

October 21, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please forgive my delay in sending you a copy of your first address at our Summer School Conference on "Religious Principles and Contemporary National and International Issues," in toto.

I think you will find that the enclosed manuscript is a complete record of the proceedings of your first morning session--the stenotypist's copy, which you were good enough to correct and have re-typed, plus your written address, which starts on the first page and ends on page eighteen. I am keeping a carbon copy of the enclosed manuscript in this office and am sending to you under separate cover the original copy of your written address, which is embodied in the manuscript.

Will you kindly notify us of any changes you may wish to make in this material? Thank you for your patience and for all your help.

Very sincerely yours,

*Meriam Billauer*

Secretary to Dr. Mather

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



# HARVARD UNIVERSITY



## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 16, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may or may not have learned from this office that I have been out of commission for about five months. I am only now getting back to work again.

I find in the accumulated correspondence your letters of September 9 and 18 about your date here at Harvard on one of the Sundays of this academic year. I can quite understand that it is out of the question for you to come on the date originally arranged - January 26. Unfortunately the schedule for the entire year, with the exception of March 30, was made up last June, and there were no vacant Sundays which I could offer you. That situation still obtains, but if a Sunday should come vacant with decent warning in advance I am going to feel free to write you in the hope that you can take it for us.

We shall miss not having you here on the date originally proposed, but once the schedule is made up I feel I ought to let it stand for the sake of the convenience of all concerned.

I hope all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

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

December 18, 1940

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I had heard earlier in the season that you were not well, but I didn't realize that you had been ill so long. I trust that you are fully recovered and feeling well.

As far as being with you some Sunday this year -- you know, of course, that I am always most happy to come. I realize that it is impossible for you to re-arrange a schedule which has been fixed without upsetting the plans of other people. Please feel free to call upon me at any time, and if I am free to come, it will be a great delight.

Please stay well and strong. You are greatly needed.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 3, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I sent you a line two or three weeks ago saying there seemed little chance of a Sunday coming vacant during the rest of this academic year, but hoping you might save us a Sunday for 1941-42.

I ventured to suggest March 8, 1942. Is this going to be possible for you? I have been holding it in your name until I heard from you.

As ever,

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

February 8, 1941

Dean W. L. Sperry  
Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I shall be very happy to be with you  
on March 8, 1942 and I trust that nothing will  
interfere with my coming to Memorial Church next  
year.

I missed seeing you this year, greatly.  
I trust that you are entirely well. With all good wishes,  
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 12, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note of February 6.

I am accordingly entering you for Sunday,  
March 8, 1942, at The Memorial Church here  
at Harvard, and with you trust that nothing  
may interfere with our meeting then.

Yours sincerely,

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



## Epworth Methodist Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 15, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We of the Wesley Foundation are hoping that this year you will be able to speak to us on the evening of your address in Cambridge--March 8, 1942. We were very disappointed that you were unable to be with us last year.

As you no doubt recall, the Wesley Foundation is composed of some fifty or sixty students from the various colleges in and around Cambridge, together with a fair number of local young people of post college age. The group meets every Sunday evening for a short devotional service, followed by a speaker and discussion of his talk. Later in the evening there is a fellowship period of more informal nature.

I am enclosing a blotter listing some of the speakers we have had the pleasure of hearing this past year. We of the Foundation should count it one of the highlights of our year's program to have you speak to us, for we feel you can bring to us as students and young people a message of faith and inspiration to help us in these challenging times.

If it is possible for you to accept our invitation for March 8, I shall write to you later on to make final arrangements about time and place, unless you have some change of plans in the meantime. The subject of your talk may be anything you think fitting for the occasion. If your program is already filled, I hope that it may be possible for us to hear you at some other time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Small*

(Miss) Helen Small  
286 Woburn Street  
Lexington, Mass.

**THE WESLEY FOUNDATION**  
**at HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
**Epworth Methodist Church**

*At first traffic light north of Harvard Square  
on Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge*

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**SPRING SCHEDULE, 1941**  
**SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7:30**

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- Feb. 16.** Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Union meeting at Congregational Church.
- Feb. 23.** W. H. Timble, Professor of Electrical Engineering at M.I.T. "Science and Religion."
- Mar. 2.** Arthur Merritt, Department of Music, Harvard University.
- Mar. 9.** James M. Landis, Dean of Harvard Law School.
- Mar. 16.** Rollo W. Brown, Lecturer and Author.
- Mar. 23.** New England Methodist Student Conference at Epworth Church.
- Mar. 30.** Dr. McOillcuddy, Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene. "Love and Marriage."
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*Excellent addresses—Social Hour—Refreshments*  
*→ Sunday evening suppers at 6:30 ←*

August 13, 1941

Miss Helen Small  
286 Weburn Street  
Lexington, Mass.

My dear Miss Small:

I have just returned from my vacation and I am pleased to reply to your kind letter of June 15th and your invitation to address the Wesley Foundation on Sunday evening, March 8, 1942. I shall be very happy to be with you and I trust that nothing will interfere with my coming.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

# Harvard - Epworth Methodist Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

August 18, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of August 13. We appreciate your willingness  
to speak to our Wesley Foundation group, and I  
will write to you during the winter to make  
final arrangements.

Cordially yours,

*Helen Small*

(Miss) Helen Small  
286 Woburn Street  
Lexington, Mass.

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THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 31, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are preaching for us on Sunday, March 8th. I am writing to get some final word as to how much of the week there- after you are going to be able to give us for Morning Prayers. I hope you are going to be able to give us ~~most~~ of the week, although I realize that this is asking a lot. part!!

However, you have a good many friends around here and many things to do, and you might even enjoy such a chance for quiet as you would get in the Preachers' Room. Do drop me a line and let me know what we may count on, as I am getting the schedule ready for the printer.

Sincerely yours,

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



November 4, 1941

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your note. I hope to be able to remain over through Tuesday, March 10. I must be in Chicago on the 12th and I should like to spend a few hours in Cleveland on Wednesday, on my way to Chicago.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again. I trust that you have been well.

By the way, did you receive a copy of my book, *The World Crisis and Jewish Survival*?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

P.S. I have accepted invitations from the Arlington Church of Boston, for 5:00 P.M. Sunday; and from the Wesley Foundation, at Cambridge, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Is it alright?

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## THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
November 7, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind note of November 4. I am glad to know that you will be with us through Tuesday morning, March 10, for Prayers.

The appointments that you have made for the afternoon and evening on Sunday are quite all right as far as we are concerned. I am sure that you will have an invitation from the Master of Lowell House for high table dinner on Monday. I hope that you will accept. It is, as you will remember, a pleasant couple of hours.

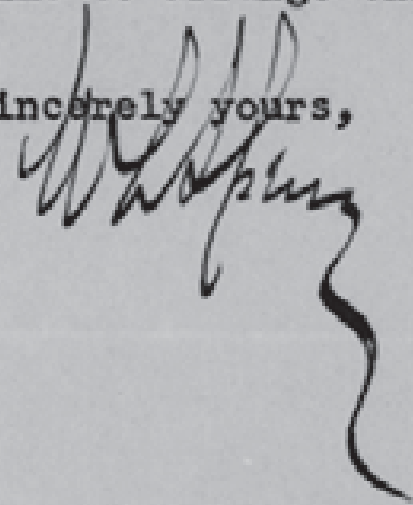
I apologize profoundly and profusely for not acknowledging your book. I don't know whether I have had occasion to tell you so or not, but for six or eight months last year I was pretty completely out of the run with a long and tedious illness which ended with a rather drastic operation. The result was that a good many of my private affairs were hopelessly neglected, and the receipt of your book was one such misadventure. Is it too late to thank you for the book and to say that I am particularly glad to have in that permanent form the Duddleian Lecture here at Harvard and the gist of what you had said at the Summer School here? These two chapters give added local interest to the whole work, which is candid, generous, and courageous.

I have, as a matter of fact, loaned the book to the Preachers' Room for a little while. That room, when I took it over ten years ago, was filled with the most preposterous set of antiquated books. I have slowly replenished it with more contemporary material, and such books as yours I keep more or less in rotation, keeping them there a few years and then recovering for my own shelves--i.e., if they are my property.

You will have had meanwhile another letter from me written by my own hand on my own typewriter about an entirely different matter. Since I wrote you, the man in question has landed a job which pays him \$20.00 a week and

promises more. There is, therefore, no emergency in his case. The real problem is whether some more permanent and better use cannot be made of this fellow. I should like to arrange that you see him when you are here.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. H. Silver', with a long, wavy flourish extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
December 3, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am beginning to get the preaching schedule here at Harvard in shape for the academic year 1942-43.

I hope very much that you can come to us for a Sunday.

Would you, for example, be willing and able to give us one Sunday in the autumn? I venture to suggest November 15th. If this date is not right, then could you suggest one or two Sundays in '43 which would be possible for you? We hope, of course, that if and when you do come, you will be able to stay on for at least a couple of days at Morning Prayers. In doing us this added service you come a little closer to the set-up here in Harvard, and I dare to hope that a couple of relatively quiet days in the Preachers' Room would not be unwelcome.

Sincerely yours

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

December 24, 1941

Dean W. L. Sperry  
The Memorial Church  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind note of December 3. I have been traveling around a great deal and I have not been able to answer my letters.

I greatly appreciate your kindness in inviting me to preach at Harvard again during the academic year 1942-43. I am of course very happy to accept your invitation. It is difficult for me to get away early in the Fall inasmuch as my own Sunday Morning Services begin the first Sunday morning in November and I do not like to absent myself so soon after the beginning of the preaching season. I shall be glad to come on the third or fourth Sunday in February, or on the first or second Sunday in March. I am looking forward with pleasure to my visit to the Memorial Church this season.

I trust that you are well, and I send you my warmest greetings of the season. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

MASTER'S HOUSE  
50 HOLYOKE STREET

February 6, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I find that you are to be in Cambridge during the week of March eighth, and, what is more to the point, in the preacher's suite at Lowell House. I hope that you will come to High Table on the night of Monday, the ninth.

The company gathers in my house at six to get acquainted, before taking up the serious business of eating, and I hope you will join that gathering. Your handiest way in will be to walk through the Senior Common Room, which obviates going outside of the House and ringing the bell on a possibly rainswept doorstep.

Yours very truly,

Elbert Finkbeiner

## Harvard - Epworth Methodist Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

February 14, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing at this time to remind you of your very kind promise to speak to the young people of the Wesley Foundation on Sunday evening, March 8, 7:30 P.M.

The meetings of the Foundation are held in the Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church, which is located on Massachusetts Avenue at the first traffic light north of Harvard Square, and on the right hand side of the street as one comes from the Square.

The usual Sunday evening program consists of a short devotional service, followed by the speaker of the evening who talks for about thirty minutes, and then leads a discussion on the subject of his talk if the topic has been one suited for it. After this formal meeting there is an informal refreshment and fellowship period. You are cordially invited to remain with us for this time.

I wonder if you would be willing to write me the subject of your talk so that we may announce it the previous Sunday?

If there is any further information I can give you on directions or any phase of the evening program, please let me know. All of us at the Foundation are looking forward to your visit with us on March 8.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Small*  
Speakers' Chairman

# *New England Avukah*

24 Normandy Street  
Roxbury, Massachusetts  
February 26, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are extremely glad to see that you are going to conduct services at Memorial Chapel on March 8, 9, and 10. We should like to take further advantage of your being in Cambridge by asking you to address the Jewish student body on the subject of Jewish representation at the future peace conference. Avukah has not had so good an opportunity to present Zionist aims to the Jewish students of Harvard as a whole.

We hope very much that at this rather late date you are still available on some afternoon or evening during your stay in Boston. Monday or Tuesday evening would, of course, be best, but any other time will be suitable.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambridge.

Sincerely yours,

*Daniel Smolens*

Daniel Smolens, President  
Harvard Avukah

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Feb. 26, 1942

Dean W. L. Sperry  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

MUST LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR ENGLAND ON IMPORTANT MISSION AND I MUST THEREFORE REGRETFULLY NOTIFY YOU THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU ON MARCH 8. I HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT CAUSED YOU SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE BUT I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SERVICE YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME.  
KINDEST REGARDS.

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Feb. 26, 1942

Miss Helen Small  
286 Woburn St.  
Lexington, Mass.

MUST LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR ENGLAND ON IMPORTANT MISSION AND I MUST THEREFORE REGRETFULLY NOTIFY YOU THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU ON MARCH 6. I HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT CAUSED YOU SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE BUT I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SERVE YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME. KINDEST REGARDS.

A H SILVER



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WE SHALL MISS YOU GREATLY NEXT SUNDAY BUT HOPE YOU CAN GIVE  
US A DATE DURING THE COMING COLLEGE YEAR WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR  
YOU MYSELF MARCH 8 ALL GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR JOURNEY=

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

March 2, 1942

Mr. Daniel Smolens, President  
Harvard Avukah  
24 Normandy Street  
Roxbury, Mass.

My dear Smolens:

Thank you for your kind note.  
As you probably know by now, I have had  
to cancel my visit to Harvard this season  
because I am going abroad this week. When  
I next visit Cambridge, I hope that I shall  
have the pleasure of addressing your group.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

## Harvard - Epworth Methodist Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

March 17, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We were extremely disappointed that circumstances prevented your being with us on March 8th, but understood, of course, the necessity of your cancellation.

We trust that your mission in England will be accomplished successfully, and hope that we may have the honor and privilege of your presence at one of our meetings next season.

Cordially yours,

*Helen Small*

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