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HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
March 11, 1942

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I realize that this letter will come in your absence, and apologize for the long delay in not having previously replied to your's of December 24.

The truth is that I went into the hospital the middle of December for an emergency operation and am only now back on the job with the first of March.

I do hope that the delay on my part has not kept your schedule for the next season in suspense, but I hasten to avail myself of your generous offer to come to us on the third Sunday in February--namely, the 21st of February--1943.

You realize, of course, that this will be a holiday weekend, but I do not think that next year it will seriously interfere with our congregation. People will be on the ground and there will not be much holiday-making--for example, skiing in the White Mountains--and, from our standpoint, it would mean a great deal to have you here at the time of one of our national festivals, since what you will have to say will plainly bear in part upon the issues which presumably will still be before us then.

May I ask the secretary who receives this letter to send us a line reassuring us at this point and saying that we may count on February 21, 1943?

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Sperry
WLS

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

March 17, 1942

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of
March 11 to Rabbi Silver.

I note that February 21, 1943 is one of
the dates which Rabbi Silver suggested for a visit
to Harvard. I am therefore setting that date aside
on his calendar, and will be pleased to call it to
Rabbi Silver's attention when he returns to Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

April 10, 1942

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

I have just returned from England and found your letter of March 11 awaiting me. I am sorry to hear that you had to submit to an emergency operation, but I am glad to know that you have recovered and that you have returned to your post.

I am sorry indeed that I could not come to Harvard this year. I look forward with such pleasure to these annual visits. I shall be most happy to be with you on February 21, 1943.

My visit to England was very short but very crowded. I saw much. I was deeply impressed with the spirit of the people in their great trials and privations. Perhaps good fortune will favor and I may see you before next February for I should like to share with you some of the impressions which I gathered.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

ANDOVER HALL, FRANCIS AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Dean

December 10, 1942

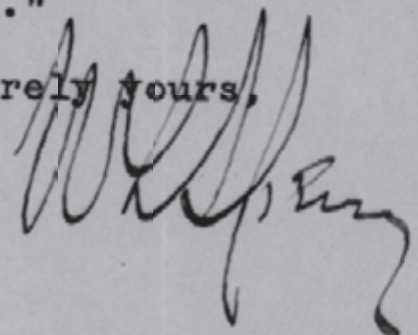
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Other things being equal, you are to be our preacher on Sunday, February 21. I am scheduled to preach in King's Chapel on that day, alas, so may have to leave you somewhat to your own devices at Harvard. However, you are now well at home here. I shall, of course, hope to see you and get a good chance for a personal visit.

Now insofar as you have February 21 in mind, when the date draws near, would you kindly make note of the fact that President Roosevelt has appointed February 19 - 28 as Brotherhood Week, in connection with Washington's Birthday. He wishes observance of the general idea of the brotherhood of faiths and races within the framework of American democracy given proper recognition.

He especially calls on the National Conference of Christians and Jews to join in the observance of the Week. It is a happy accident that you are our preacher on the Sunday which falls within this week. Although I am not suggesting that you write a sermon on this single theme, it would be a fitting thing if you were to mention the fact that we join "to affirm anew the religious principles of understanding, justice, friendliness, and cooperation on which the realization of brotherhood rests."

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

December 14, 1942

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your letter of December 10. I am looking forward with pleasure to my visit on Sunday, February 21. I shall, of course, keep in mind that that Sunday will fall within Brotherhood Week proclaimed by President Roosevelt and I shall build my sermon around that theme.

I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of a long chat with you when I get to Cambridge.

Incidentally, you will receive in a few days, a letter from the President of my Temple inviting you to become a member of a Committee of Sponsors in connection with my twenty-fifth anniversary as Rabbi of The Temple. This Fall I completed a quarter of a century with The Temple. The celebration was postponed to January to coincide with my fiftieth birthday which occurs on January 28 -- moving along, as you see.... I trust that you will be able to accept the invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Office of the Dean

December 17, 1942

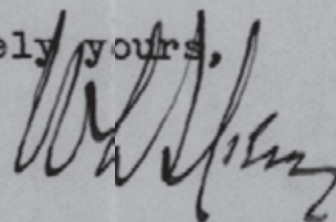
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your welcome note of December 14. I am delighted that you will give full consideration on Sunday, February 21, to the principles of Brotherhood Week as proposed by President Roosevelt.

I shall be honored to get the invitation from the President of your Temple to become a member of the Sponsors in connection with your twenty-fifth anniversary, and I shall be happy to accept.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio



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THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 25, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am beginning to think about the schedule for the University Church here for 1943-44.

Is it too soon to ask you whether you would be so generous as to come to us on a Sunday during this coming University year?

If so, would you be kind enough to suggest two or three Sundays, let us say in February or March, and then I can choose one of them, having in mind other choices being made by a couple of men to whom I am extending a similar invitation.

Your annual visit has come to mean a great deal to us, and serves both going and coming to keep our two types of religious thought and institutions in touch with each other. I hope you feel that from your standpoint the visit here is rewarding. It certainly is from ours.

I can't tell you what the congregation will look like by a year hence, but I think I am safe in saying that there is pretty sure to be a congregation. As undergraduates drop out, their places are being taken by men in the services - mainly the Navy - and the congregations have been on the whole going up rather than going down in numbers. Therefore we do not have to face a deserted church because of the exodus of students.

I hope all goes well with you and that the festival which The Temple is observing in your honor is bringing not only personal pleasure but reassurance to you in behalf of the things you care about.

Sincerely yours,

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

January the twenty-ninth
1943

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your letter of January 25th. Of course, I shall be most happy to come to Harvard again next year. Any Sunday in February 1944 or either of the last two Sundays in March would be convenient for me.

My Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration was such as to have left me fairly dazed with all of the remembrance and evidence of goodwill of friends both near and far. Your own beautiful letter added greatly to the happiness of the occasion.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our Bulletin which has a write-up about the Anniversary service and also an excerpt from your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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

AHS:bw

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THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF PREACHERS

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 12, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with the greatest pleasure to your coming to us for Sunday, February 21st. The Preacher's Room at Lowell House is at your disposal, and I assume that you will make yourself at home there.

As I wrote you, by unhappy accident I am preaching at King's Chapel on that day - a date of very long standing - but I will try to find someone here to take a hand in the service with you and relieve you of at least part of it. If, however, you would be willing to select and read a New Testament lesson and offer the pastoral prayer as well as preach the sermon - that is the usual division of duties at the service.

Unless you have some other appointment for Sunday noon, I hope you can take lunch with me, whether at my own house or whether I may come down to lunch with you at Lowell House I don't know for the moment. I can let you know about that later. Domestic arrangements seem to be getting a little complicated in these parts.

February 22 is a holiday and the University will not be in session. Furthermore, undergraduates are fairly well cleaned out and their places taken by men in the services. I haven't the nerve to ask you under these conditions to stay on for Morning Prayers, but if you would like just to take a day or two of quiet rest where nobody can bother you, the Preacher's Room is there at your disposal.

I shall announce in the college paper that you are going to recognize the observance of Fellowship Week for which President Roosevelt asked.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

ANDOVER HALL, FRANCIS AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Dean

February 15, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

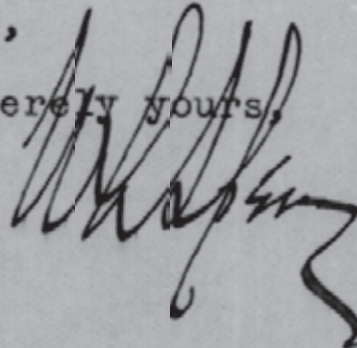
If you are willing to take pot-luck at our table next Sunday noon, Mrs. Sperry and I would be delighted to have you lunch with us. I shall be back from Boston by half-past twelve or quarter of one, and will drive down to Lowell House and pick you up in the car.

Meanwhile I have arranged with the Rev. Henry B. Washburn, Dean Emeritus of the Episcopal Theological School here in Cambridge, to be with you next Sunday and to conduct the first half of the service. He is a familiar figure in our University Church and knows his way around.

Let's hope that it is not so cold next Sunday as it is today. I presume you are having the same sort of grim below-zero weather we are having.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



February 17, 1943

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

I shall be delighted of course to be with
Mrs. Sperry and you for luncheon. I am looking
forward with great pleasure as I always do to seeing
you again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 23, 1943

Dear Silver:

It was good to see you on Sunday, and I greatly enjoyed our visit at lunch time. I didn't get around to seeing you Monday morning, but I hope the luncheon went off well and that you got a reservation back to Cleveland in all comfort. Thank you so much for coming on and giving us this help.

I am asking the Bursar to send you the usual honorarium for the service and shall await a line from you as to your travelling expenses.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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March 3, 1943

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you so much for your kind note and for the honorarium which you enclosed. I enjoyed my visit greatly, and especially the pleasant hour which I spent with you and Mrs. Sperry at your home.

The Boston Advertising Club gave me quite a reception on Washington's Birthday and I was glad of the opportunity to talk to the gathering on some of the post-war problems of reconstruction.

I shall charge my traveling expenses to the Boston Advertising Club inasmuch as I am receiving no honorarium from them. Harvard will not need to reimburse me this time for my traveling expenses.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

MS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 24, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note. I appreciate your skill and fraternal spirit in making the Boston Advertising Club bear your traveling expenses. It was, I think, rather shabby of them not to give you any honorarium, but all the more reason therefore that they should pay your car fare.

We greatly enjoyed your visit with us. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your annual coming to Harvard.

Sincerely yours,

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 3, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your visit to us here at this Church has become quite an annual event. Is it too early to begin thinking about another year?

If possible for you, I should like to suggest Sunday, January 30, 1944. I realize how generous you have been in saving a place for us in your crowded schedule; but I hope you feel as we do that the meeting of our minds, and I am thinking of yourself and ourselves as your congregation, is worth while.

I was sorry not to get down to Philadelphia for your mass meeting yesterday; but as I told you, I was signed on for Wellesley College and felt I ought to keep that long standing appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Feb. 6
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May 7, 1943

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your letter of May 3. Of course I should like to come again to preach in your pulpit. As I am to be at Cornell University on January 9, I should not like to absent myself from my pulpit a second time that same month. Is February 6 an open date on your calendar? If so I shall be very happy to come on that day.

I trust that you are well, and with best wishes to Mrs. Sperry, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 12, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note. I am glad to know that you are graciously willing to come back to us next year.

Professor John Knox, now of the Chicago Divinity School who moves to Union Seminary in New York in the fall, had offered us February 6 or March 12. I had written him accepting February 6, but I am certain that it makes no difference to him which Sunday he takes. Therefore I am writing to ask whether, in spite of my previous letter, he would shift to March 12. That would enable you to come on the date you propose. Will you kindly enter February 6 on your calendar for Harvard, and I will confirm this as soon as I get Knox's acceptance for March 12. I have no reason to suppose that this will not be possible.

All goes well here. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 22, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Professor Knox has written me that it is just as easy for him to take March 12, 1944 as February 6. I am therefore entering him for the March date, and am now confirming the tentative appointment with you for February 6, 1944. I am glad this worked out all right.

Sincerely yours,

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 4, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You may or may not have an invitation from the minister of Milton Academy, ten miles out of Boston, to come over and address an informal group of older boys and girls in the school on the evening of February 6. I have assured them that they could get no more effective speaker than yourself, but at the same time, have said that I am becoming more and more reluctant to being party to laying the Harvard visiting minister open to a second speaking engagement on the Sunday he is here.

Milton Academy is a very reputable secondary school, one of the best in the east, and their older boys and girls would be an intelligent group, but I should think it was a fair question from your standpoint whether you ought to take time and strength for such an occasion, in view of the prior claims of much heavier duties.

Meanwhile it will be good to see you a couple of months hence.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 29, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with real anticipation to your Sunday with us on February 6. You will have much news to bring us privately, and, as a congregation, we shall be eager to hear you.

I expect to be in town and will take the first part of the service, if you will take the latter half of it. I enclose the order which is by now familiar to you. It would, I think, be a fraternal act both ways, if I read the Old Testament, and you read the New Testament. Beginning with the New Testament Lesson you would go through the remainder of the service, pronouncing the Benediction at the end.

The Lowell House Preacher's Room will be waiting for you, unless you have some better place to go. You remember that slips in the dining room are signed "The Memorial Church" with your name underneath. So far as I now know, Mrs. Sperry and I would be very glad if you could take lunch with us on Sunday. I put in the slightest reservation because our domestic affairs have been rather rickety of late, due to the illness of our cook. But I think all should be well by then. I hope you will reserve the luncheon hour for us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Sperry
c.a.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
THE MEMORIAL CHURCH



Order of Worship at the Sunday Morning Service

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

HYMN

The Congregation standing

RESPONSIVE READING

The Congregation standing

ANTHEM

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

ANTHEM

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

The Congregation standing

SERMON

PRAYER

HYMN

The Congregation standing

BENEDICTION

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY



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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 10, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have missed you sorely the last two years. I made a desperate attempt this year to get Lazaron from Baltimore to come up; and he would have done so, were it not that on that particular day he had some sort of festival or memorial service in the afternoon in connection with the life of his own parish. I was able, however, to get Rabbi Liebman from Temple Israel here in Boston and he preached very vigorously and earnestly. Now it may be that you are so overloaded with national and public duties on top of your own parish work that college preaching is cut of bounds at the present. If that is so, do not hesitate to say so; but if you feel that you can come to Harvard next year and would like to do so, might I propose a Sunday sometime in the late winter or spring? You would want to avoid the following dates: February 25, March 4, March 25, April 1, April 15. Otherwise the dates in those months are still open and I gladly offer them to you.

Sincerely yours,

March 16, 1944

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 10. I appreciate very much your kindness in inviting me to preach again at Harvard next season. I am very anxious to do so, especially because my boy, Daniel, hopes to enter Harvard this June. He is graduating from High School in a few months and he has been looking forward eagerly to spending his college years at Harvard. I had spoken to him so often of this great University. I am eager to have you meet my Daniel. If he is admitted to the University, I know that you will give him your fatherly guidance and helpfulness.

As far as dates are concerned, I am free to come on any of the first three Sundays in January.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 21, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is good to have a line from you and to know that you will come back to us next year. I am, accordingly, putting you down for January 21, 1945. Will you kindly send a single line confirming this date. Meanwhile, we shall be glad to have your boy, Daniel, here and let us hope that the world will have straightened out so that he can go ahead with a normal college course. I shall certainly do anything I can for him.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William C. H. [Signature]

March 22, 1944

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your letter of
March 21. I shall be delighted to be
with you on January 21, 1945.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 30, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward to your coming on January 21st and hope that no other more important calls may take you elsewhere. I realize how burdened and how busy you are these days. Must you go back Sunday or would you like to loaf around here for a day or two with your son and get caught up with yourself? We should be delighted to have you in the Preacher's Room for as long as you want to stay; and if of your kindness, you were willing to take our fifteen minute service of Morning Prayers on Monday or Monday and Tuesday, so much the better for us. In any case we want to make you welcome for as long a time as you can come.

Sincerely yours,

December 27, 1944

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your kind note. I am looking forward eagerly to January 21 to being with you, with the Memorial Church and with my boy. I shall try to stay over for Monday morning services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 16, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward with anticipation to your visit to us next Sunday. I am sorry to say you will find a diminished congregation because our academic community has fallen off in numbers very considerably. The Army Chaplain School has left us and the men in uniform are thinning out and civilian replacements haven't begun to come in. However, you will be good enough to take what you find.

I suppose you will go to the Preacher's Room at Lowell House. It is at your disposal and will be waiting for you at any time you arrive. You know how to get the key by calling for it at the Porter's Lodge. You will certainly want to spend as much time as you can with your boy. Mrs. Sperry would not wish to separate you from him, but if the rest of the day gives you an adequate time for your visit with him, we should be very glad if you would come to lunch with us on Sunday noon. Perhaps you can drop me a line or send me a wire about this last matter, since we shall have to see what the Boston markets can offer you in the way of staff of life.

I shall be on hand and will take the first half of the service. It would, I think, be a very appropriate act both ways, if I should read the Old Testament Lesson and you should find some passage from the New that you cared to read. In any case, you take one of the Lessons -- which ever you prefer -- you offer the Pastoral Prayer following the Second Lesson and then carry the service through to its conclusion. It will be nice to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Sperry
C.R.

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MASTER'S HOUSE
50 HOLYOKE STREET

January 18, 1945

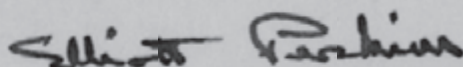
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Lowell B-14

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dean Sperry tells me that you are staying over to take Chapel on Monday morning and I write in hopes that you will not be leaving until after dinner Monday evening and will dine at High Table. It has been a long time since you dined with us.

If you do come, we will add your very pleasant son to the company.

Yours sincerely,



Elliott Perkins

January 30, 1945

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

I trust that you fully recovered from your indisposition of last week and that you are all well.

It was a joy to me to be in your pulpit again and to preach to your congregation. I always receive a spiritual lift from the experience. This year I was especially happy over the fact that my boy was at the services. Daniel seems to have made a good adjustment to college life and he is very happy with his work.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Sperry,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 17, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your fraternal note. I truly missed seeing Mrs. Silver and yourself, and hope to see a little more of Daniel in the near future. I got the most glowing reports from many sources on your sermon to our congregation and genuine gratitude for what you said and did for us.

Elliott Perkins, the master of Lowell House was telling me the other night how effectively Daniel was fitting into their set up. He seemed happy to have him there. I hope in turn Daniel is equally contented.

I am back on the job again, but for a week or so was a little the worse for wear.

If of your generosity, you are going to be good enough to come to us during another academic year, is it too early to think of a Sunday? If not, I should like to suggest any of the February Sundays in 1946, namely 3, 10, 17 and 24. If those dates aren't possible, or if you prefer some other season of the year altogether, don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

February 26, 1945

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

My dear Dean Sperry:

Thank you for your kind note. I was very happy to hear that Daniel is making a good adjustment to school life. We expect him home tomorrow for a few days vacation between semesters.

I hope that by the time this letter reaches you, you will have fully recovered from your recent illness.

It is kind of you to invite me to come to you again during the coming academic year. I always feel the experience a stimulating and a rewarding one. I shall be most happy to be with you on Sunday, February 3, 1946.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 5, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad you are graciously willing to come back to us next year. I think I ought probably to have put February 3 out of bounds. It comes at the close of the examination period, and although nominally it is the beginning of our second semester, a good many boys will be away for the week-end, stealing a few days at home.

Is there any chance that you could come on February 10 or 17? I mention this merely in your own interest as you would be sure of a somewhat larger Sunday on either of these two latter Sundays.

All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

March 8, 1945

Dean William Sperry
The Memorial Church
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

I shall be very happy to come on
February 10th instead of on February 8rd.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 13, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note. February 10
will be an excellent date here and I am
accordingly entering you for that Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



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CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

January 28, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am going to be away for most of this week and therefore am sending you a line well in advance of February 10 when we are hoping to welcome you back here. It is good of you to give us a day out of your crowded calendar.

I may, or may not, be on hand. There is a meeting of the Vassar Trustees in Poughkeepsie on the 8th and 9th, and if I go, I cannot get home in time for the Sunday morning service. It is a fairly important meeting, because in theory we are supposed to be electing a new president.

Whether I shall get down there or not is uncertain. If I don't go, I shall be here to share the service with you on Sunday morning. If I do go, Dr. Washburn, who is Dean Emeritus of the Episcopal School in Cambridge, is helping us out at the chapel this year and he will be with you; so you may count on a partner to conduct the service.

By this time you know your way to Lowell House and the Preacher's Room. I am sure you will be decently comfortable there.

We are expecting quite an influx of men the week before your Sunday at the beginning of our spring term, and I hope there will be a good congregation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Sperry
C. R.

February 1, 1946

Dean Willard L. Sperry
The Memorial Church
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

Thank you for your letter of January 28. I understand that you may not be able to be at the services on February 10, and should you be away, that Dr. Washburn will help me in the conduct of the service. I do hope, however, that I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

I shall have to leave Sunday afternoon for New York where I am scheduled to attend an important meeting in the evening so that I will not, this year, be able to avail myself of the pleasure of conducting an early Monday morning service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

February 11, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your Sunday with us in this church is always one of the memorable days of the year. You have never been in better vein than you were yesterday. We were all moved and helped by your wise words.

You were good enough to say you would come back next year. Is it too early to suggest a date?

So far as we can now see, February 9 would be the first Sunday in the spring term. Would this suit your convenience? If so, I should be only too happy to enter your name now against that date.

In making out a voucher for the usual honorarium, I have ventured to add \$25 toward your travelling expenses. You came the long way around to New York for your other appointment and this small figure would perhaps care for that extra.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

February 14, 1946

Dean W. L. Sperry
The Memorial Church
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

My dear Dean Sperry:

Permit me to thank you for your gracious note. I enjoyed greatly my visit to Memorial Church last Sunday. As I told you, I always take away more than I bring whenever I visit Memorial Church. It was a joy to see you again and to have the opportunity of spending a few hours with my son Daniel, who is enjoying his work at Harvard so much. I hope that next year his brother Raphael may join him.

Of course I shall be delighted to come next year, and I have reserved the date of February 9.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Sperry, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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January 29, 1947

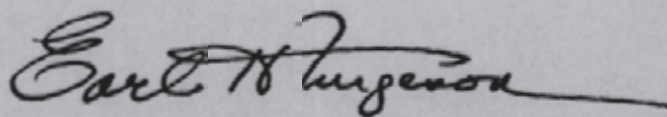
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I would be very pleased to have an appointment with you for a brief time when you come to Cambridge to speak on February 9th. If your schedule is not overcrowded, I would like to talk to you about some plans for a summer speaking program which we have here in Cambridge.

If you will let me know where you will be staying, and indicate whatever time may be available, I should be very happy to come at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Earl H. Furgeson

EHF/s

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

February 3, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Next Sunday, February 9, carries your name after it on our calendar. I hope the name of Harvard is opposite the same date on your calendar.

You should be greeted by a very good congregation. Registration of the University is up and that fact is reflected in our attendance.

I seem to have staged a head-on collision with you again. I am down to preach at Middlesex School next Sunday and, therefore, shall not be here, at least at the service, but my right-hand man, Dean Emeritus Henry B. Washburn of the Episcopal Theological School will be on hand and will take as much of the service as you wish. I suggest, for example, that you read the Old Testament Lesson and leave the rest of the service to him save for the sermon which is your occasion for being here.

If you have any time at either end of your visit, I shall hope to see you. Meanwhile the Preacher's Room at Lowell House will be awaiting you and I know that you will welcome this chance to visit with your boy, although he may well have been out in Cleveland during the brief between-term week.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Sperry
C.R.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
THE MEMORIAL CHURCH



Order of Worship at the Sunday Morning Service

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

HYMN

The Congregation standing

RESPONSIVE READING

The Congregation standing

ANTHEM

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

ANTHEM

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

The Congregation standing

SERMON

PRAYER

HYMN

The Congregation standing

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Harvard - Epworth Methodist Church

THE CHURCH WITH THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Avenue opposite Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

February 17, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

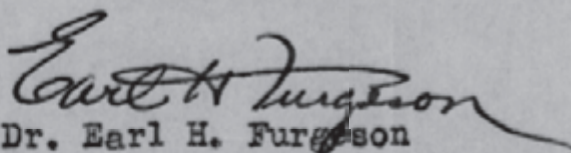
My dear Dr. Silver:

I regret that your schedule made it impossible for me to have an appointment with you when you were in Cambridge on February 9th. I wanted to invite you to be one of the speakers on our Summer Pulpit series in the month of July or August, and to find out whether your travels would bring you in this vicinity on any of the dates in either of these months. We have been very successful in the past in obtaining the visits of outstanding clergymen, laymen and religious leaders from various parts of the country and the world. I am enclosing a copy of our last summer's series, which will give you an idea of the caliber of men who have spoken for us.

August 17th and August 24th are still open for this summer, and one Sunday in July. If you were free to come the 17th of August, it would be an ideal arrangement, but if there is another date more suitable, I think we could arrange the program to accommodate you. The honorarium is \$60.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of an early reply,

Very truly yours,


Dr. Earl H. Furgeson

February 19, 1947

Dean W. L. Sperry
The Memorial Church
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

My dear Dr. Sperry:

I was sorry that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you on my visit to Harvard. It was a pleasure to occupy your pulpit again and to preach before your splendid congregation. It gave me an additional pleasure to have my two sons in the pews.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 20, 1947

Dr. Earl H. Furgeson
Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church
Massachusetts Ave. opposite Waterhouse Street
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Furgeson:

I too am sorry that we did not have
an opportunity to get together when I was in
Cambridge on February 9th.

I should very much like to come to you
and share in your Summer Pulpit series but I
shall probably be out of the country during the
summer in connection with a mission which I
will have to undertake. Perhaps I may be of
service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI MAURICE L. ZIGMOND, Ph. D.

Director

June 16, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This letter follows our phone conversation of this morning. I was sorry to learn that you had not received my communication dated May 21. Let me present the matter to you again.

Next November we shall inaugurate the annual lectureship described in the enclosed announcement. Dr. Goldman, in whose name the lectureship is being established, was a friendly, modest man who had endeared himself to many. Because of his interest in our Hillel Foundation, about two hundred of his friends, following his death last November, sent memorial gifts here. While the total amount is not sufficient to establish a permanent endowment, we have decided to use the funds as long as possible to present an annual lecture under the auspices of the Harvard Hillel Foundation.

Our Board of Directors was unanimous in its decision to invite you to be the first speaker. While we should like your permission to print the lecture for distribution we do not insist upon this if it involves more time and effort than you can give. Dr. Sachar has already agreed to be present and to say a few words about Dr. Goldman whom he knew personally.

The lecture will be given in a hall in Harvard University and will be open to the students as well as the general public. We hope to schedule the event for November and I shall appreciate a few dates which would be convenient for you during that month. Please let me know, too, what your fee would be. I can write you later about the topic.

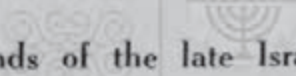
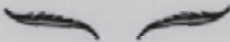
I hope you will find it possible to accept this invitation. It would mean much to us if yours were the first address in this annual series.

Cordially yours,

Maurice Zigmond

MLZ/ae

Israel Goldman
Memorial Lecture Fund



THE friends of the late Israel Goldman have established in his memory, the Israel Goldman Memorial Lecture Fund which will make possible the presentation of an annual address on Judaism by a distinguished authority under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Harvard University.

IT is planned that during November of each year the Israel Goldman Memorial Lecture Fund shall offer to the student body, as well as to the general public, an address on some aspect of Judaism and Jewish life.

The selection of the annual lecturer shall be the responsibility of the Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Harvard University in consultation with the Board of Directors.

Each lecture shall be preceded by a statement which will evaluate the personality of the man whose life inspired the occasion.

I SRAEL GOLDMAN departed this life on November 21, 1952, in his forty-sixth year. He had endeared himself to a multitude of friends by a warmth of human understanding and sympathy, by a selfless loyalty, by a delightful sense of humor, and by a sheer joy of living.

There was in him the eternal spirit of youth. There was in him, too, a deep love for the traditions of his faith.

It is, therefore, altogether fitting that his memory be associated with a project dedicated both to young people and to Judaism.

"The memory of the righteous is for blessing."

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B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
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June 18, 1953

Rabbi Maurice L. Zigmond
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
5 Bryant Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Rabbi Zigmond:

Thank you for your letter of June 16th and for your gracious invitation to deliver an address under the auspices of the Harvard Hillel Foundation on the Israel Goldman Memorial Lectureship. I wish I were free to avail myself of the opportunity. I should regard it an honor to deliver the lecture. Unfortunately, I am already so heavily committed for the coming season that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on additional lecture obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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