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Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1924-1945.

65 Columbia Park  
Haverhill  
Mass

Nov. 28, 1924

My Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have in this city a Council of Jewish Women of about 150 ladies, and we are exceedingly anxious for you to address us if at all possible should you come East at anytime.

This community is in a deplorable state. We have no spiritual leader just now as the orthodox Rabbi we have is being ousted and we have no one to arouse us.

Of course we realize how very busy you are but we hope we can look forward to your coming here, as we feel it will help our cause so much.

It is our intention to throw such an address open to the public, as our community needs the message which such a recognized authority as yourself can bring to them.

If you can possibly come kindly advise us the date and what your fee would be.

Trusting we will hear favorably from you and assuring you of our appreciation we are  
yours truly,

Mrs Louis Swartz.

Vice Pres.

Council of Jewish Women.



December Eighth  
1924

Mrs. Louis Swartz,  
Council of Jewish Women,  
65 Columbia Park,  
Haverhill, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Swartz,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation to address your Council of Jewish Women. We have quite recently dedicated and opened our new temple and the organization of many new activities has increased the burden of work considerably. I have found it necessary, in fairness to myself, to refrain from accepting any additional invitations to speak for the balance of this season.

I hope at some future time there may be an opportunity for me to serve your community.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,





## Council of Jewish Women

Haverhill, Mass.,.....Dec. 5, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi,

Having come from Cleveland and being married by you in 1920, gives me the courage of writing to you.

We have heard that you are coming to Boston in January to speak for the Huddassah Donor's Luncheon. We have struggled so hard to raise funds for a Community Centre and would so like to have an official opening with you as our speaker.

Would it be at all possible for you to address us on January 11th, in the evening? Of course you realize what this would mean to us.

Hoping that you can help us and looking forward to your answer with bated breath, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Ann F. Swartz* Vice Pres.



*Card*

Dec. 14th, 1931

Mrs. Ann D. Swartz,  
Council of Jewish Women,  
Haverhill, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Swartz:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the official opening of your Community Center on January 11th.

Unfortunately I have another engagement scheduled in Boston for that evening and following the meeting I must take the train for Cleveland.

Please convey my appreciation to the members of your organization and my best wishes for success in their work.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL  
BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GEORGE EMERSON CARY, MINISTER  
6 CHURCH STREET

23 April 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver;

The Unitarian Church of Haverhill some years ago started a fund which makes it possible for us to have each winter a series of union services in our city. To these gatherings we have invited some of the best known preachers in the country. During our first winter we had Rabbi Levy of Temple Isreal, Boston and it was one of the outstanding services in our whole series. We are wondering whether you would be willing to accept an invitation to be one of our preachers next winter.

We notice that you are to preach at Harvard on February 12th, they having shared their list with me. We have often used the Harvard preachers at our services. They finish their work at the University at noon, come out here late in the afternoon, hold the service and return to Cambridge in time for a night's rest before they are due for the chapel service the next morning. We are 32 miles from Boston and have excellent train service. We offer an honorarium of one hundred dollars and entertainment while in the city. Sometimes the preacher at our service is invited to speak at Bradford Junior College at their five o'clock service. Ours comes at seven and there is a chance for a short rest in between.

Our committee met yesterday and were unanimous in their desire to have you with us. We have tried several times to have you come to Haverhill on our Forum program, but have never been successful. I assure you that you would have a very appreciative audience for these union services are some of the most worth while gatherings which we have in the city during the winter.

I enclose a card which shows you what we did here last winter. Hoping that you can come, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George E. Cary

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# UNION WINTER PREACHING SERVICES

Haverhill, Mass.

TENTH SEASON

1937-1938

## **Nov. 14, Grace Methodist Church**

Rev. William Paton, M. A. (Oxon)  
London, England. Editor, International Review  
of Missions

## **Dec. 12, First Universalist Church**

Rev. Frederick May Eliot, D. D., L. L. D.  
Boston, Mass. President, Unitarian Association

## **Jan. 9, First Baptist Church.**

Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, D. D.  
Hartford, Conn. Dean, Hartford Theological  
Seminary.

## **Feb. 13, North Congregational Church**

Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell., D.D., Litt. D., LL. D.  
Canon, St. John's Cathedral Providence, R. I.

## **Mar. 13, First Church of Christ, Bradford**

Rev. Harold Cook Phillips, D. D.  
First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

## **HOURS OF SERVICES 7 P. M.**

All are cordially invited to avail themselves of  
these Services made possible through the gen-  
erosity of the First Parish Church, Unitarian,  
Haverhill.

THERE WILL BE NO OFFERINGS



**UNION WINTER  
PREACHING SERVICES  
HAVERHILL, MASS  
NINTH SEASON**

**1936-1937**

**Nov. 8, First Universalist Church**

Rev. Karl Reiland, D. D., LL. D.  
St. George's Church, New York City

**Dec. 13, First Baptist Church**

Rev. John R. P. Sclater, D. D.  
Old St. Andrews Church, Toronto, Canada.

**Jan. 10, Grace Methodist Church**

Rev. Charles R. Brown, D. D., Litt. D, L. H. D.  
Dean-Emeritus, Yale Divinity School,  
New Haven, Conn.

**Feb. 14, North Congregational Church**

Rev. Charles E. Park, D. D.  
First Church, Boston, Mass.

**Mar. 14, First Church of Christ, Bradford**

President Frank Kingdon, D. D., LL.D.  
University of Newark, Newark, N. J.

**HOUR OF SERVICES 7 P. M.**

**Special Music Each Evening**

All are cordially invited to avail themselves of these Services made possible through the generosity of the First Parish Church, Unitarian, Haverhill.

**THERE WILL BE NO OFFERINGS**



May 9, 1938

Dr. George E. Cary,  
First Church of Christ, Congregational,  
6 Church Street,  
Bradford, Mass.

My dear Dr. Cary:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to preach at one of the services held under the auspices of Unitarian Church of Haverhill. I shall be very happy to come to you on the evening of February 12, 1938, when I am to be at Harvard University. I am afraid that I will not be able to accept your invitation to speak at the Bradford Junior College at five o'clock as I find it extremely taxing to speak three times in one day.

I shall look forward with keen pleasure to our meeting and to my visit to your community. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL  
BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GEORGE EMERSON CARY, MINISTER  
6 CHURCH STREET

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

We hope very much that it is going to be possible for you to accept our invitation to our union service on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1939. It will be a great addition to our list of preachers to have you among them. The list is gradually being completed and we feel that we are to have an unusually good winter. Hoping we may have a favorable reply. I am.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Cary

9 May 1938



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL  
BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GEORGE EMERSON CARY, MINISTER  
6 CHURCH STREET

My dear Rabbi Silver :-

Our letters crossed  
and yours was here on the  
morning mail. You do not know  
how delighted we are that you  
can come to us next winter.  
You'll hear from us next January.  
Thank you a great deal.

Sincerely yours.

George E. Cary

11 May 1938



BRADFORD JUNIOR COLLEGE

FOUNDED IN 1803 AS BRADFORD ACADEMY

BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 20, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Cary has told us that you are coming to Haverhill on Sunday, February twelfth, to speak at a union service. We are hoping, therefore, that you may be able to speak at our vesper service at five o'clock. We regret that we can offer only a nominal honorarium of twenty-five dollars.

Perhaps I should add that Bradford is the oldest institution in New England for the higher education of women and next to the oldest in the United States. We have two hundred thirty resident students, all of whom are in the first two years of college.

We hope very much that we shall have the pleasure of hearing you.

Very sincerely yours

*Katharine M. Denworth*

KMD:W



June 27, 1938

Miss Katharine M. Denworth  
Bradford Junior College  
Bradford, Mass.

My dear Miss Denworth:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your student body on February 12. If it were not for the fact that I already have two engagements that same day, at Harvard University in the morning and at the Unitarian Church at Haverhill at seven in the evening, I would be happy to accept your invitation. I find it difficult to speak more than once or twice in one day.

Please keep me in mind for some future occasion. With all good wishes for a very happy summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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BRADFORD JUNIOR COLLEGE

FOUNDED IN 1803 AS BRADFORD ACADEMY

BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 29, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Denworth, who is leaving shortly for her summer vacation, has asked me to express to you her regret that you will be unable to speak at Bradford on February twelfth. She hopes very much that we shall have the pleasure of hearing you sometime later.

Sincerely yours,

*Marjorie L. Willis*

Marjorie L. Willis  
Secretary to the President

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL  
BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GEORGE EMERSON CARY, MINISTER  
6 CHURCH STREET

10 January 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillele Silver, D.D.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

We are anticipating your visit here on February 12th. Our service is at seven o'clock and is held at the Universalist Church, Haverhill. Up to date the services this season have been splendid and we know that the next one is to be one of the best.

Mr. Fiske of the Universalist Church will preside and be assisted by some of the local men who will read the Scripture and offer prayer. There will be special music. And your sermon is the chief reason for our gathering for the service. We still remember Rabbi Levy's sermon which he preached here ten years ago. At that time we had a great many of our Jewish friends present and I think that you will find many of them in our audience when you come for I have told a number of them of our good fortune in having you.

I enclose a timetable. If you can tell me what train you will use I can meet you. Some of the men like to come out early and get a little rest before the service. Others use the six o'clock train which reaches here in time to get to the church before the service begins. The trains all go from the North Station, Boston, and you come through to Haverhill. After the service we can come over to the house for a few minutes before it is time for the late train to go back. If it is a pleasant evening we may be able to make an earlier train by running over to Lawrence, but this is quite an uncertainty at this time of year. If you care to spend the night here we can gladly arrange it. Mrs. Cary and I will be very happy to have you as our guest.

*Our guest room is ready.*

Will you kindly send me a cut or photograph or mat of yourself, in the near future. The local press is good about giving us publicity. Then we want your sermon topic.

If there is anything else that you desire to know let me hear from you and I'll gladly try to inform you. Our people are middle class folks, from various churches. A sermon that helps them in every day living is what is appreciated. Every day living includes living with our neighbors, as you well know!

I cannot tell you how glad we are that you are coming.

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Cary*



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL  
BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
GEORGE EMERSON CARY, MINISTER  
6 CHURCH STREET

10 February  
1939

My dear Rabbi Silver;

We are anticipating your visit here in Haverhill. The service is at 7 at the First Universalist Church and Mr. Fiske, minister of the church has arranged for local men to have the Scripture lesson and prayer. Special music is being rendered by a group of our musicians. We have extended an invitation to our local Jewish friends to be present at the service and I think that a goodly number of them are coming.

If you care to come out early we want you to make our home your headquarters. If I do not meet you just take a taxi at the Haverhill station to 6 Church St., Bradford. The man knows the house. If I know when you are to arrive I'll gladly drive over to the station and meet you.

The six o'clock train from the North Station arrives in time for the service if you decide to come out just for the service. If I do not hear anything from you before that I'll meet you at that train and carry you directly to the church. Then we can come to Bradford afterwards and have a few minutes before your return.

In case you have to get into  
touch with me my telephone is Haverhill



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With anticipations, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Cary*

We use the Boston and Maine, North  
Station. Round trip tickets save  
a little over single tickets. I  
enclose a time card.





*Weekly Leaflet of*

# Christ Church

**CAMBRIDGE**

Please note that you may enter and leave the Church by the doors on either side of the altar as well as by the doors in the tower.

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1939. SEXAGESIMA**

- 7.30 and 8.15 Holy Communion.
- 8.30 Holy Communion, St. John's Chapel.
- 9.00 Holy Communion, Mr. Kellogg.
- 10.00 Morning Prayer, Mr. Glenn.  
Special service for Boy Scouts.
- 11.15 Morning Prayer, Mr. Glenn.
- 8.00 Evening Prayer, Mr. Williams.

**The flowers on the altar are in memory of  
Emma Lane Ward**

- Daily, 8.45 Morning Prayer. Speaker, Wed. Mlle. Boulanger.  
Thurs. Prof. Granville Hicks.
- Mon., Feb. 13, 8.00 Parish Council, 19 Farwell Place.
- Tues., Feb. 14, 10.10 Holy Communion. 8.00 Vestry Meeting, Parish Library.
- Wed., Feb. 15, Church School Teachers' Meeting. Classes, 5.30 and 7.00. Supper, 6.30.
- Thurs., Feb. 16, 7.30 Holy Communion. 6.30 Men's Club, Movie on work of U. S. Coast Guard. Young men and older boys invited.

**The flowers on the altar are in memory of  
Rev. Paul Faude**

- Sat., Feb. 18, 7-11 P. M. Y.P.F. Basketball Dance, Parish House, 25c at door. All young people invited.

## **GIFT OF STOLES**

Mrs. Paul Faude has just given Christ Church a set of beautiful stoles which were used by her husband. He was Rector of St. Joseph's Church in Detroit when he died.



## THE JEW

I shall never forget the eyes  
Of the Austrian Jew.  
He heard their taunting cries,  
He read the posters through.

"HERE NO JEWS ALLOWED!"

"DOWN WITH THE DIRTY JEW!"

He smiled on the mocking crowd  
This man I felt I knew.

They'll haunt me as long as I live,  
Those eyes of the Austrian Jew,  
For I am sure he prayed, "Forgive,  
They know not what they do!"

HILDA HANCOCK in *St. Martin's Review*.

## CONFIRMATIONS, DECEMBER 1938

Jane Ross Adams	George Lee
David Leonard Anderson	Grace Terry Lobaugh
Robert William Bennett	William Beattie Lobaugh
Warren Carstein	Emily Ellsworth Lowes
Linn James Creighton	Doris Lutz
Ruth Margaret Cronk	Elizabeth Marston
Davis Townsend Dunbar, Jr.	Natalie Marston
Deborah Brooks Edwards	Marian McCurdy
Calvin Hayes Elliott, Jr.	Nancy Helen Musgrave
Isabel Nash Fair	Charles O'Brien
Priscilla Dean Galassi	Jane O'Brien
Cecilia Geary	Louise Peirce
John Goddard	Erwin Haskell Schell
Mary Belle Gurney	Esther Sidelinger Schell
Donald Barbour Hancock	Jordan Kenneth Silver, Jr.
Norman Christian Hansen	Norwood Tupper Smith
Mary Russell Hinchman	Donald Mason Temple
John Greilick Hull	John Augustine Washington
Amy Porter Lang	Robert Allen White
Robert Morton Smith	



## CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE PLANS

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary voted on Epiphany, Jan. 6, to recommend to the Parish Council that all missionary money be given to the Bishop this year, so that the quota could be paid, and that the women would raise money for their own missionary box. The 1939 box is all taken care of, but the 1940 box must be worked for. If the Council approves this recommendation, it will go to the Vestry, and if they approve, the final plans for 1939 will be as tentatively purposed in the leaflet of Jan. 22.

The Executive Committee is now working on plans for a Church Service League. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Nealley, Mrs. Glenn have been appointed by the Rector to work out details. The nominating committee, Mrs. Spiers, Miss Whitman, Miss Stewart, will welcome suggestions. At the next meeting FEBRUARY 28, Mrs. Albert Schweitzer will give an illustrated lecture.

## OBSERVING LENT

One of the best things in the observance of Lent at Christ Church is the custom of the past several years for one of the clergy to be invited to someone's house to meet a group of people who want to talk. Already several of us have been asked to take a group in people's houses this Lent. We can come anytime of the day if you will let us know ahead. We shall be glad to make arrangements for meeting regularly through all of Lent or for one or two meetings with any number of people.

## NOTES

A new stole to match the new green hangings has been given as a thank offering. ¶All pledge envelopes have been delivered. If you have not received yours, please notify the Church office. ¶Cub Charter night was a great success under Mr. Donald Wright's chairmanship. We are happy to announce that Mr. Parker Dudley has accepted the chairmanship of the Scout Committee. ¶Save April 1st for Church School Fair for Lenten Offering. Contributions of all kinds will be most welcome.



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**Christ Church**  
CAMBRIDGE

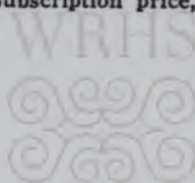
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January 26, 1945

Rabbi Abraham I. Jacobson  
640 Main Street  
Haverhill, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Jacobson:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I wish I could come to Haverhill for your Forum. Unfortunately I am so heavily burdened with work here and so much committed to out-of-town engagements for the remainder of this season that I will have to forego the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation. Perhaps at some future time I will be able to be of service to you.

I am delighted to know that you are with us in the controversy which has developed. It has been heartening to receive so many expressions of confidence from all parts of the country. The Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press particularly has accurately grasped and appraised the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK