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Holyoke, Massachusetts (Mt. Holyoke College), 1927-1952.

Re "Holyoke"

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BENJAMIN F. EVARTS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
500-501 PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK BUILDING
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS
TELEPHONE 2814

March 22, 1927.

Rabbi Abbell Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

It has come to my attention that you are to speak in Boston, April 3rd, before the American Jewish Congress banquet, and at Ford Hall. I wonder whether it would be possible for the Jewish community in Holyoke to have an opportunity to hear you Monday night, April 4th. We are willing to defray all reasonable expenses and make a reasonable allowance for your services. Of course, our community is not so large and we have no Rabbi and we are very anxious to have an opportunity to hear you.

I, personally, am going to be present at that dinner in Boston, however, I would like to know before that time, so that we may make complete arrangements.

I am inviting you as the Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, the Vice-Chairman of the Holyoke Zionist District, and all the other organization of which I am either President or Past-President of.

Let me assure you that the whole Holyoke community will be greatly honored with an opportunity to hear you.

Please give this your most careful consideration.

Thanking you greatly in advance for any consideration which you may give us, I am,

Very truly yours,

Benjamin F. Everts

BFE/D

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March 25, 1927.

Mr. Benjamin F. Evarts,
Peoples Savings Bank Bldg.
Holyoke, Mass.

My dear Mr. Evarts:

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter of March 22nd, inviting me
to address the Jewish Community of Holyoke
on April 4th.

I would gladly have availed
myself of your kind invitation but I am
scheduled to address the Men's Club of Temple
Israel in Boston on April 4th and I leave
for Cleveland that same evening.

I hope that at some future
time, I may have the opportunity of being
of some service to you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB

Z.O.A.
Jr. Hadassah Comm. *

JUNIOR HADASSAH



אם הננים שמחה
A Joyful Mother of Children
Psalm CXIII-9

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May 9, 1927.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of Junior Hadassah, I extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the Fifth Annual Junior Hadassah Convention, to be held in Atlantic City on June 28-30. Your address would be scheduled for the first day of the Convention, on June 28.

We feel that a message from you would be of deep inspiration to our members, and would give them a keener and finer understanding of the true Zionist ideal.

May we hope to have your early favorable reply?

Very sincerely yours,

Stella Berman
National President.

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May Twenty-second
1927

Miss Stella Berman,
National President,
Junior Hadassah,
114 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Berman,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Fifth Annual Junior Hadassah Convention, to be held in Atlantic City on June 28th to 30th. I wish I were in a position to accept, but I am leaving the city for a trip to Europe and Palestine before the date of the opening of your convention.

Perhaps another season may offer an opportunity for me to be of service to your fine organization.

With kindest regards and extending my earnest wishes for a very successful convention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Nov. 26, 1934.

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

My dear Cousin:

I'm talking with Mrs. Nathan Goldstein, President of the Springfield, Mass. Hadassah, she told me that on Monday evening, Dec. 10th you are speaking at the Springfield City Club. She also said that she has been corresponding with you to learn if it were possible for you to speak on either the day before or noon of the same day for the Donors' Luncheon of Hadassah. You wrote her that Sunday is booked solid in Boston.

Now Mrs. Goldstein realizes that you have a very full program, but feels that it is an opportunity for the Jewish people of this section and she does want to take advantage of your being here if it is only possible for you to sandwich it in.

on Sunday, and Monday evening
in Springfield is a heavy program,
and you might find it physically
impossible to speak again Monday
noon, and accordingly I am ex-
tending this very unofficial invit-
ation, which we would be delighted
to have you accept, but which we
will also understand if you find
you must decline.

With very best wishes to you
and Mrs. Silver, I am

Cordially your cousin

Adeline Seamon Barowsky

22 Royal Av.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Her idea now is to have a
luncheon ~~of~~^{on} Monday Dec. 10th
for all the Jewish women's
organizations in Springfield,
Holyoke and surrounding towns.
She realizes now that the Donors'
luncheon is probably too definite
a project, and that a meeting
such as she now has in mind
would enable many more to have
the pleasure and inspiration of
hearing you.

Inasmuch as she was speaking
unofficially, she asked me to write you
to see if it is at all possible for
you to speak before such a group,
and if so she would immediately
go ahead and make arrangements.

She realizes, as I pointed out
to her, that speaking twice in Boston

November 28, 1934.

Mrs. A. S. Barowsky,
22 Royal Ave.,
Holyoke, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Barowsky:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 26th. It will be quite impossible for me to address the Springfield Jewish women on Monday noon, February 11th. Under the terms of my agreement with the Springfield City Club, I am not to speak in Springfield on that day and I must leave immediately after the City Club address for home.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to the women of Springfield whose invitation I deeply appreciate. With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITHS

October 17, 1951.

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

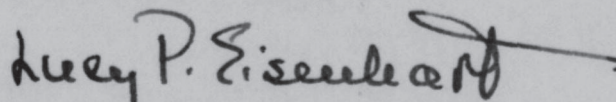
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many people here have recently spoken very highly of you and have informed me that each year you generally make a visit to some of the colleges in New England. I am, therefore, writing to find out at what time you may be planning to come to New England this year and am hoping that we might be able to arrange a meeting at Mount Holyoke College with some of our students. We would feel it a great privilege if this could be arranged.

I am enclosing a folder explaining the Fellowship of Faiths, the religious organization at Mount Holyoke. We are very proud of our rather unique organization which has been quite successful over the years in carrying forward an effective program of activities.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lucy P. Eisenhart
Director

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Fellowship of Faiths

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

1951-1952



The purpose of the Fellowship of Faiths shall be to help each individual through a greater appreciation of her own and other faiths to find and do God's will.

The purpose of the Fellowship of Faiths shall be carried out through the following four main areas of activity with the help of a public relations committee:

FAITH EDUCATION

To strengthen the faith of the individual members of the Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic Faith Groups; to enable them to meet intellectual and spiritual problems; to encourage them to participate in interfaith, social service, and worship activities.

INTERFAITH EDUCATION

To provide for and stimulate an exchange of information and ideas beyond the range of one's individual faith:

All-Fellowship Meetings. By outlining and executing a general program of interfaith education.

Campus Conference. By arranging and presenting to the college a program designed to stimulate religious thinking and action.

WORSHIP

To arrange, plan, and participate in creative services of worship in accordance with the needs of the students:

Weekly Evening Chapel and Special Services. By preparing and leading candlelight meditations in the little chapel and services of worship on special occasions.

Abbey Chapel. By assisting in the Sunday service of worship.

SOCIAL SERVICE

To provide opportunities for the expression of religious values in purposeful action:

Deputations. By planning and conducting worship, discussions, and recreation in local religious and civic groups upon request.

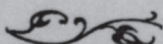
Girl Scouts. By assisting in local Girl Scout troops.

YWCA. By providing leadership for the Holyoke YWCA program.

Work Activities. By helping local agencies to carry out work projects and by organizing and participating in independent projects.

Day Nursery Schools. By working with pre-school children in the local area.

World Service. By cooperating with relief programs of the college.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

To make known to the college community and the larger community the purpose and the program of the Fellowship of Faiths and to seek the interest, cooperation, and participation of individuals and of other organizations and departments of the college.

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January 4, 1952

Miss Lucy P. Eisenhart
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Eisenhart:

I hasten to acknowledge your letter of October 17th which, through an oversight, was mislaid. I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your students and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, my out-of-town schedule for this season is already so overcrowded that I cannot accept any additional engagements. I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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