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Howard University (Washington, D. C.), 1930-1962.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August Twenty-third
1 9 3 0

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life, of Howard University, I wish to invite you to speak for the regular Sunday morning service of the University on November second, at 11:00 A. M. Should it prove impossible for you to come at this time, we shall be glad to make every effort to suit you in the matter of a date if you will advise me as to the dates which are still open on your schedule. The funds at the disposal of the Committee are limited, but we shall be glad to bear your expenses of travel and entertainment, and to offer you the modest sum of \$50 as an honorarium.

President Johnson joins me in the sincere hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Stuart Nelson

Wm. Stuart Nelson
Assistant to the President

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

card

Sept. 3d, 1930

Mr. Wm. Stuart Nelson,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Nelson:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city on a short vacation and I have just returned.

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the Sunday morning service of Howard University on November 2d. I wish I were in a position to accept it, but I am to be at the Chicago University on November 9th and I can not absent myself from my pulpit on two consecutive Sundays.

I find that my program for the Fall and winter months is pretty crowded but I believe that I shall have more time in the Spring - say in March or April. If at that time you still want me to come, please write to me and I shall make every effort to be with you.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September Sixth
1 9 3 0

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Dr. Silver:

I greatly regret that you will be unable to serve Howard University on Sunday morning, November 2. I am pleased, however, that you feel it may be possible for you to come during the month of March or April. The following are our unscheduled dates for March, April and May: March 8, March 15, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 17. I sincerely hope you will find it possible to come on one of these dates. I should greatly appreciate a word of confirmation from you at your early convenience, that I may not schedule the date which proves convenient for you.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Stuart Nelson
Wm. Stuart Nelson
Assistant to the President

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

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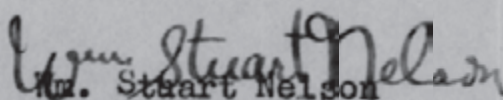
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April Second
1 9 3 1

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall the invitation to speak at Howard University at one of the regular Sunday services of this academic year. At the time of the invitation in the fall you were unable to accept but stated that it might be possible for you to do so in the spring. I am writing to say that we have still unscheduled Sundays May 10 and May 24. I wish to renew our invitation to you to speak on one of these dates. I greatly hope you will find it possible to accept.

Sincerely yours,


Lynn Stuart Nelson
Assistant to the President

Dr. Alba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

and

April 6th, 1931

Dr. William Stuart Nelson,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Nelson:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of April 2d.

Much as I should like to come to
Howard University this season, I am afraid that it will
be altogether out of the question. I am so heavily
booked up with congregational duties and lecture engage-
ments for the remainder of the season that I can not in
justice to myself accept any more. My health has not
been of the best and I have been constrained to reduce
the number of my engagements.

I hope to avail myself of the
privilege of addressing one of your services next season.
While it is very difficult for me to get away on a Sunday
I shall try to find a way of doing it. I shall communicate
with you early in the Fall.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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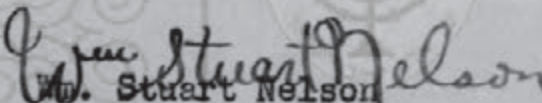
April Eleventh
1 9 3 1

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I deeply regret that you will be unable to speak at Howard University during this school year. I understand, however, something of the demands made upon your time and appreciate your willingness to visit us. We shall look forward with eagerness to a possible visit from you during our next school year.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Wm. Stuart Nelson
Assistant to the President

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

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July Fifteenth
1 9 3 1

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that the Committee on Religious Life of Howard University invited you to speak at one of the regular religious services of the University during the past academic year. You were unable to accept this invitation but stated that you hoped to be able to address one of our services during the coming year. On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life I am writing to invite you to speak at the University on Sunday morning, May 29 at eleven o'clock. The committee will be pleased to bear your expenses of travel and entertainment and to offer you the modest honorarium of \$50.00. We greatly hope you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Should it prove impossible for you to come to Howard University on May 29 I hope you will inform me of such Sundays as are still open on your calendar and I am sure we shall be able to arrange a date which will meet with your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Stuart Nelson
Wm. Stuart Nelson

Assistant to the President

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

December 7, 1931

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

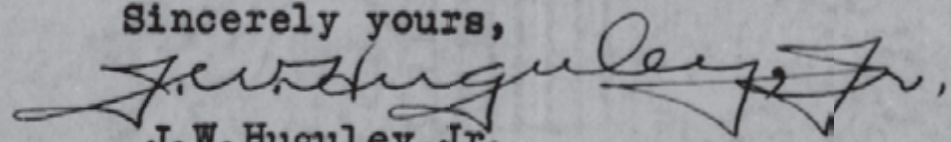
Dear Rabbi Silver:

President Johnson and the Committee on Religious Life in Howard University are still anxious that you come to us and speak before the University Community.

I have examined the files which were left by Professor Nelson and do not seem to be able to find what issue was the result of his letters to you, therefore, I am commissioned by the Committee on Religious Life to extend to you a cordial invitation to be our speaker at the Sunday Religious Service on April 10, 1932. The Committee will be pleased to bear all expenses of travel and entertainment as well as to offer to you the modest honorarium of fifty dollars. We are very anxious that you find time to come to us.

Should you be unable to come on the above mentioned date, will you please submit to us a list of open dates which you might have for the remainder of this academic year?

Sincerely yours,


J.W. Huguley, Jr.
Chairman

May 15, 1932

Dec. 22d, 1931

Mr. J. W. Huguley, Jr.,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Huguley:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation and that of President Johnson to have me address the Howard University at a Sunday religious service.

I find that the only Sunday morning that I can get away from my own pulpit would be Sunday, May 15th. If this date is still open on your calendar, I shall be glad to set aside this morning for your University.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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J W HUGHLEY CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

January 13, 1932

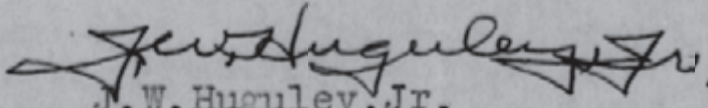
Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to thank you for your letter and your telegram in which you stated and confirmed your acceptance of our invitation to speak at Howard on May fifteenth.

Both President Johnson and the University community are happy that we have been able to schedule you. In the event that you should wish to ask about any details connected with your coming, please do not hesitate to write to us.

Very sincerely yours,


J. W. Huguley, Jr.
Chairman

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

May 9, 1932

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The University Community is looking forward to your coming next Sunday with a great deal of pleasant anticipation. On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life I am writing to ask of what service we may be in arranging for your entertainment. A member of our faculty, Dr. M.A. Raines who has taught at both Columbia and the University of West Virginia, has asked me to extend to you a cordial invitation to share his home while here. If he or I may be of any service to you, please reply at once letting us know when to expect you. The service will be held in the Rankin Memorial Chapel at 11:00 Eastern Standard Time.

Very truly yours,

Frederick A. Rains

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May Eleventh
1 9 3 2

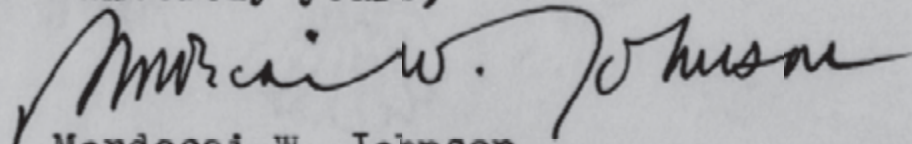
My dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me joy to know that our Howard University community will have the privilege of hearing you on Sunday. You are doing us a great service to turn aside from your busy work to come to us.

Unfortunately, I am not to be in the city when you come. Without knowing of the conflict in dates, I arranged to speak on the same morning at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. I deeply regret this, for I had looked forward with eagerness toward hearing you myself.

With great appreciation and with cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Mordecai W. Johnson
President

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

May 11th, 1932

Dr. J. W. Huguley Jr.,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Huguley:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of May 9th.

I am looking forward with a great deal of
pleasure to my visit to your University next Sunday morning.
I note the time, eleven o'clock.

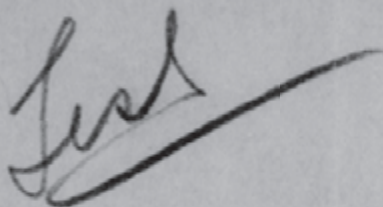
Prior to the receipt of your letter I had made
arrangements to stop at the Mayflower Hotel where during
the day a few people have arranged to come to see me on
various missions.

Please thank Dr. Raines for his kind offer of
hospitality.

With kindest regards and best wishes and
anticipating with pleasure our meeting, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

May 16, 1932

My dear Dr. Silver:

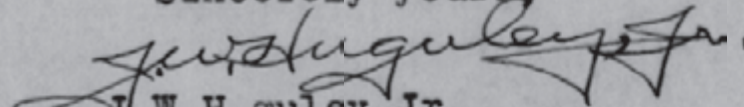
Howard University was not only honored but was instructed and stimulated by your very brilliant dissertation of last Sunday. On every hand there is the most unstinting praise of your effort as well as expressions of an avid desire to have you return next year.

I am, therefore, extending to you our unanimous invitation to come to us again under the same provisions as this time. Should you find it possible to return, please submit two or three possible dates so that we can fit one into our schedule which now is in process of making for next school year.

At your convenience, please supply me with lump statement of your total expenses on the trip to us so that the proper material token of our appreciation may go forth post haste.

With pleasant anticipation of seeing you hereagain next school year, I remain

Sincerely yours,



J.W. Huguley, Jr.

May 19th, 1932

Dr. J. W. Huguley, Jr.,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Huguley:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of May 16th.

I need not tell you that I enjoyed my visit to
Howard University tremendously.

I should love to come to you again next year
but I shall not be in the country. My congregation very
graciously extended to me a sabbatical year beginning next
October in recognition of my fifteen years of service and
I shall be gone for a full year. I hope that I shall have
an opportunity of revisiting Howard University upon my
return.

My traveling expenses amounted to \$25.

Please convey my best wishes to Dr. Johnson. I
regret very much that his absence from the campus made it
impossible for us to meet again.

With best wishes permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
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COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

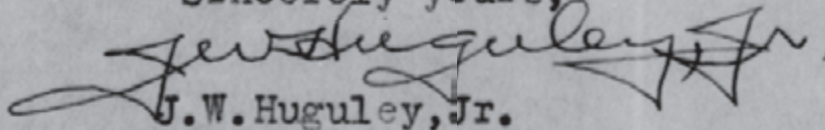
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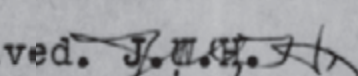
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for the fine letter of recent date in which you expressed such heartening interest in the University. Although we regret that through your going away we shall miss your returning to us next year, we are happy that you will get some well deserved respite from your more than strenuous labors in the field of Social Uplift. On your return we will issue another invitation.

Dr. Johnson sends his kindest regards, and to these I add my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


J.W. Huguley, Jr.

P.S. Eee now I hope that your token of material appreciation from us has arrived. 



HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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EMMETT J. SCOTT
SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 4, 1932.

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

My dear Sir:

I send here enclosed, University check
in the sum of \$75.00, being traveling expenses to
Washington, and return, to speak at the Sunday morn-
ing services in Rankin Memorial Chapel, May 15, 1932.

We were very happy to have had you here
and enjoyed your inspiringly helpful address. We will
be glad to welcome you again at any time.

Yours truly,

Emmett J. Scott
Secretary-Treasurer.

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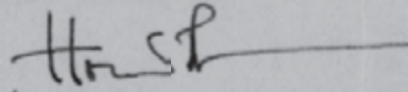
COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

May Second
1 9 3 3

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life of Howard University I am writing to ascertain whether it would be possible for you to consider coming to us as guest preacher for some Sunday during 1933-34. I write this indefinite letter of inquiry because my impression is that you will be out of the country during that time. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,



Howard Thurman, Chairman
Committee on Religious Life

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

May 5th, 1933.

Mr. Howard Thurman, Chairman
Committee on Religious Life,
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Thurman:

In reply to your letter of May 2nd
to Rabbi Silver, I wish to advise you that Rabbi Silver
has been out of the country since last October.

However, we expect him home about
the fifteen of May and I will be glad to refer your letter
to him at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. A. LEVY

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

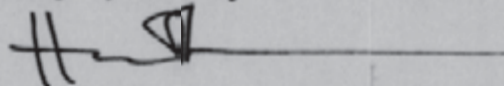
COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

May Tenth
1 9 3 3

My dear Mr. Levy:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter advising me that Rabbi Silver will not return until May 15th. Will you kindly ask Rabbi Silver if he will consider February 18th as a tentative possibility. In the event that this date is not at all possible, I would appreciate it if several dates are submitted by him, one of which I may choose.

Sincerely yours,



Howard Thurman, Chairman
Committee on Religious Life

Mr. Harry A. Levy
Executive Secretary
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

May 19, 1933.

Mr. Howard Thurman, Chairman,
Committee on Religious Life,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Thurman:

Upon my return from abroad I found your letter on my desk inviting me to be a guest preacher at Howard University during the coming season. I would gladly have accepted your very kind invitation as I recall with pleasure my last visit to you. However, I have planned not to be away from my own pulpit on Sundays during the coming season inasmuch as I was away the whole of the last season. I feel that I owe that to my own Temple. Please keep me in mind for some future time.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

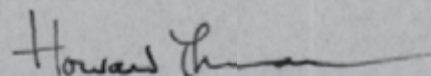
April Thirteenth
1 9 3 4

My dear Doctor Silver:

On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life of Howard University, I am inviting you to be our guest preacher on Sunday morning, October 14, 1934. In the event that this date is impossible or inconvenient, would you consider November 11, 1934, or February 10, 1935?

You will, of course, be the guest of the University while here and we will offer you the modest honorarium of eighty-five dollars, including travel. May I hear from you at your very earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,



Howard Thorman, Chairman
Committee on Religious Life.

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

April 24, 1934.

Dr. Howard Thurman, Chairman,
Committee on Religious Life,
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Thurman:

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation to be the guest preacher at Howard University on Sunday, October 14th. I would very much like to come as I recall with pleasure my last visit. However my plans for next season are very indefinite and it will not be possible for me to commit myself definitely to any Sunday engagements until next September. Should you still have open dates on your schedule then, please communicate with me.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY INVITE
YOU TO GIVE THREE ADDRESSES DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER
DECEMBER ELEVENTH TWELFTH THIRTEENTH STOP PLEASE ACCEPT
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YOUR MESSAGE CAN MEET FOR US A VERY DEEP FELT NEED STOP WE
CAN OFFER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS INCLUDING
EXPENSES STOP YOU WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE UNIVERSITY
WHILE HERE WIRE REPLY COLLECT BY WESTERNUNION=
HOWARD THURMAN CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE
HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

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October 2, 1934. 19

To HOWARD THURMAN *Chairman Committee on Religious Life*

Street and No. HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Place WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION WISH I WERE FREE TO ACCEPT IT UNFORTUNATELY

MY DUTIES HERE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE KINDEST REGARDS

A H SILVER

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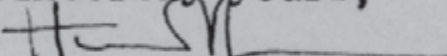
COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE

March 18, 1935

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Committee on Religious Life of Howard University, I am again extending to you an invitation to be one of our guest preachers next academic year. You may have your choice of the following dates: October 27, November 10, January 12. I need not say to you that we are exceedingly anxious to have you come to our campus again. President Johnson joins me most enthusiastically in extending to you this invitation. May I hear from you as early as is convenient, in order that the schedule may go forward?

Sincerely yours,



Howard Thurman

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

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AN ANSWER
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B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR ACCEPTING
ONE OF THE DATES SUGGESTED IN MY LETTER TO YOU=

HOWARD THURMAN CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON REL LIFE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 31, 1936

SCHOOL OF RELIGION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For many years the School of Religion of Howard University has held an annual Convocation. The purpose is to bring to the University community, our students and faculty able leaders who are authorities in their respective fields and who, at the same time, are able to challenge us to a keener sense of responsibility relative to our task in the world. The Convocation will be held this year November 10 through 12 and we want you to be one of the two major leaders in this Convocation. We would like to have you give five or six addresses on the Prophets of Israel--two addresses each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We are requesting a Negro leader to speak on Six Outstanding Negro Religious Leaders in History and Their Contribution to Our Life.

Now in order to do this you will no doubt have to make a great sacrifice as to time and money. I am quite certain that we would not be able to pay you more than eighty dollars plus entertainment. This is a very small amount for six addresses, but if you can afford to come you will be amply rewarded in genuine appreciation and the fine contribution that you will be able to make.

The Convocation exercises do not usually draw great crowds. The audience is likely to range anywhere from sixty to one hundred people. There will be in full attendance the students and faculty of the School of Religion, friends from the city and some people from the University community. Please do your best to serve us.

Respectfully yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
Benjamin E. Mays, Dean

September 7, 1936

Dean Benjamin E. Mays,
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dean Mays:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of August 31 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the convocation of the School of Religion of Howard University on November 10 through the 12. I regard the invitation as a great honor and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have been away from the country all of this summer and I have just returned. My work for the next few months in my own congregation will be extremely heavy. Furthermore, I already have a number of out of town engagements scheduled and I must therefore forego the pleasure of coming to your group. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

accepted

CHARLES HERBERT GARVIN, M.D.
2321 EAST 55TH STREET
CLEVELAND

May 11, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been requested by President Mordiciah Johnson of Howard University in Washington, D. C. to contact you and extend an invitation to you to deliver the commencement address on June 4, 1943. President Johnson has often overheard me talking with Dr. Jacob Billikopf of Philadelphia, a fellow Trustee and a mutual friend, concerning you and your work in Cleveland and our desire to have you speak at Howard.

I called at your office this morning and your Secretary suggested that I drop you this note. If you find it possible to accept and I pray that you will, you will hear from President Johnson immediately.

May I look forward to an early and favorable reply?
Kind personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Garvin
Chas. H. Garvin

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

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May Twenty-sixth

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

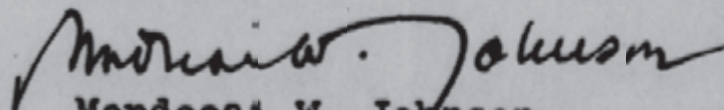
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is a great pleasure for me to advise that arrangements have been satisfactorily completed for your return trip to Cleveland on Friday night, June fourth. A reservation and priority have been secured for your passage on the Pennsylvania-Central Airlines, leaving Washington at 7:55 p.m. While we feel confident that this reservation and priority will assure you accommodation on the plane, we have taken the precaution to secure a railroad reservation, with pullman, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, leaving Washington at 8:30 p.m. and arriving in Cleveland at 7:50 a.m. Accordingly, I am able to state that in any case accommodations such as you requested will be available.

If you will let me know at what hour and on what train or plane you will arrive in Washington it will enable us to go forward with our plans to receive you.

We at Howard University are looking forward with eager anticipation to the message which you will bring to us.

Sincerely yours,


Mordecai W. Johnson
President

May 27, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of May 26. I am grateful to you for having taken the trouble to secure priority for me on the plane back to Cleveland. I plan to arrive in Washington on the morning of June 4, 7:40 A.M. and I am looking forward with pleasure to the Commencement Exercises, and to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BN

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To Dr. Madecai W. Johnson, Pres. June 21 1943

Care of or Apt. No. Howard University

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Will be pleased to have breakfast with
you Friday morning. Shall I bring
my academic gown. Kindest
regards
A. H. Silver

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June 8, 1943

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

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I am enclosing herewith the railroad ticket which I did not use on my return to Cleveland.

I need not tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to Howard University, the gracious hospitality of your home, the opportunity to meet the members of the Board, and the tremendously impressive Commencement Exercises. It was an unforgettable day and I shall long cherish the recollections of it.

I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing each other again in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June Twelfth

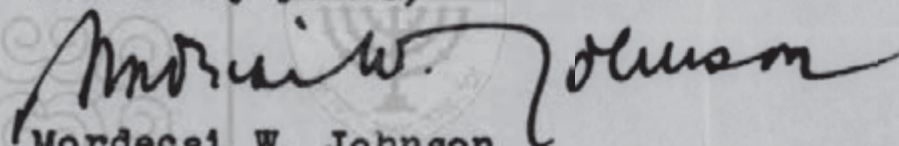
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please allow me to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter enclosing the tickets. I am very happy to know that you enjoyed your visit to Howard University. It was a privilege for us to have you with us. Your able address gave us food for thought and inspiration. We hope that you will keep us in remembrance and that you will visit us again.

Sincerely yours,


Mordecai W. Johnson
President

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

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 11, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

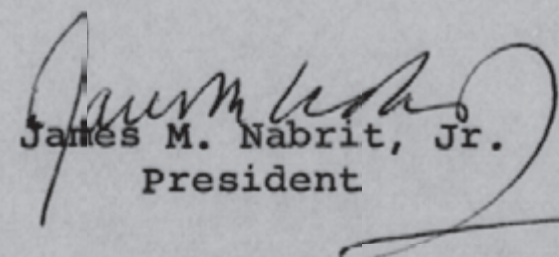
I am happy to learn from Dr. Charles H. Garvin, Trustee of Howard University, that Sunday, June 3, is open for you. It is with pleasure that I extend you a warm invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at Howard University on that date.

On this occasion we expect approximately 700 graduates from our ten schools and colleges to be present together with their relatives and friends, an audience of four to five thousand. Your presence and message will make this an occasion of great significance for all who are there to hear you.

We shall be pleased to bear your expenses of travel, to provide hospitality, and to offer you an honorarium of \$300.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held at 5:30 o'clock on the University campus and we look forward with great anticipation to your presence with us.

Sincerely yours,


James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President

P.S.

In the event of inclement weather, the exercises will be held in Cramton Auditorium, also located on the campus, which seats about 1,500 persons.

S.W.

April 18, 1962

My dear Dr. Nabrit:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of April 11th and for your gracious invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address at Howard University on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. I am pleased to accept your invitation and I am looking forward, with pleasure, to being at Howard University again.

With warmest regards, I remain

WRHS
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President
Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.

Howard University -
Washington, D.C.

CHARLES HERBERT GARVIN, M. D.

10515 WILBUR AVENUE

CLEVELAND 6

Baccalaureate - June 3-1962
5:30 P. M.

1 TO 3 P.M.

6 TO 7 P.M.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
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April 25, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

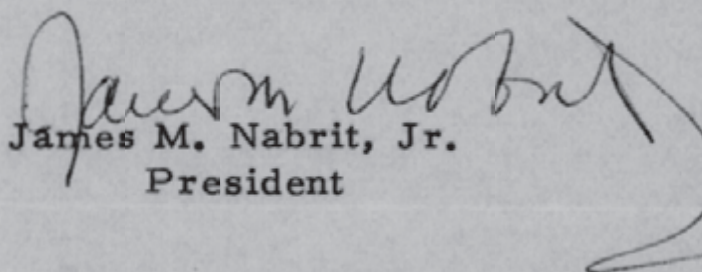
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 18 accepting our invitation to deliver our Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, June 3 at 5:30 p. m. We are delighted that you can be with us and have reserved one of our guest rooms in Baldwin Hall for you.

Please send us your head size, chest measurement, and height so that we might order academic regalia for you.

When you have completed your travel plans, please let us have your expected time and date of arrival.

Sincerely yours,


James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President

April 30, 1962

My dear Dr. Nabrit:

Dr. Silver has turned your letter of April 25th over to me for reply. His hat size is 7-5/8, he is six feet tall and wears either a size 44 or 46 suit.

As soon as I have made reservations for Dr. Silver I shall be glad to let you know the time of his arrival in Washington.



Cordially yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.

Make reservations.

S.2.

May 16, 1962

My dear Dr. Nabrit:

This is to advise you that I have made reservations for Dr. Silver on United Air Lines Flight #450, which leaves Cleveland at 9:05 A.M., Sunday, June 3rd, and arrives in Washington, D.C., at 10:38 A.M.

Dr. Silver will return to Cleveland the next day, ^{Flight # 477} Monday, June 4th at 1:00 P.M. - ^{arrives Cleveland at 2:20}

If there is any further information you desire, please let me know.

Cordisly yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.

May 25, 1962

My dear friend:

I regret I shall be unable to attend the dinner in honor of the recipients of Honorary Degrees in Baldwin Hall on Friday, June the eighth. That evening is the beginning of the "Feast of Weeks" and I must, of course, be at the Temple.



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:Bfm

Secretary of the
Board of Trustees
Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.

*The Trustees of Howard University
invite you to attend a
Dinner*

*in honor of the recipients of Honorary Degrees
Ninety-fourth Annual Commencement
The Dining Room of Baldwin Hall
Friday evening, June the eighth
nineteen hundred and sixty-two
at nine o'clock*

*R.S.V.P. to Secretary
Board of Trustees*

Black Tie

Andrew S. Mwangi

105 Tupper Hall - Shaw University

Raleigh, North Carolina

U. S. A.

Date June 14, 1962

The Hon. Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am an African Student at the above institution.

During my brief visit to Washington D.C. on June the third, I was privileged to hear your wonderful and one of the most appealing addresses I have ever heard in my life.

I congratulate you for this sermon and for your role in trying to work with human beings for a better life on this troubled world of prejudice, hate and greed.

I would be most grateful if you favour me with a copy of the address that I would like to keep in my files and to share the wisdom that you imparted to your audience.

With best wishes in your service to humanity,
I am,

Sincerely yours

A.S. Mwangi

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June 18, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

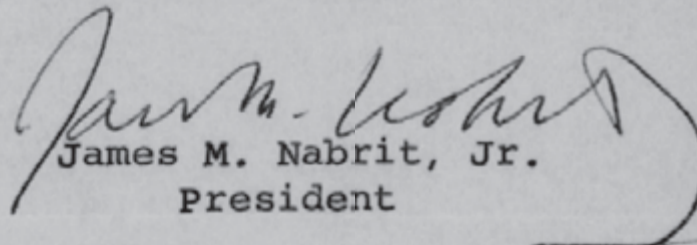
Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the entire Howard University community, I wish to thank you most warmly for your visit to our campus and for your able and inspiring Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating classes. Your presence made us very happy and your words were deeply meaningful and helpful to us.

We shall look forward to your next visit with eagerness and shall greatly treasure your friendship.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


James M. Nabrit, Jr.
President

June 25, 1962

My dear Mr. Mwangi:

Thank you so much for your kind note of June 14th. I enjoyed very much delivering the Baccalaureate at Howard University. I believe that you will be able to obtain a copy of the address if you will write to the authorities at Howard.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Andrew L. Mwangi
105 Tupper Hall
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina



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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

June 25, 1962

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver
Hill Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We thought you might like to have the enclosed photographs which were made during our recent Baccalaureate Services. I would like to take this opportunity also, to extend to you my personal thanks for your wonderful sermon.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ernest E. Goodman".

Ernest E. Goodman
Director

EEG:hw
Enclosure

June 29, 1962

My dear Mr. Goodman:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the photographs which you took of the recent Baccalaureate services at Howard. I am indeed very happy to receive them. I enjoyed my stay at Howard very much indeed.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Ernest E. Goodman
Director
Howard University
Washington 1, D.C.