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Hudson, Ohio (Western Reserve Academy), 1927-1960.

WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY  
HUDSON, OHIO

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October 17, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
1485 E. 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Is there any possibility that your engagements would permit you to speak at our Sunday evening assembly on October 30th? At 7:00 o'clock we have a gathering of all the boys, those of the faculty who are in town, and frequently a number of parents and interested residents of the village. This is not a religious meeting and often takes the form of a lecture or musical. Frequently a program is given by the boys themselves as an outgrowth of some of their work.

We should be happy to make you our supper guest on that evening together with any others of your family or friends who may make an agreeable party for the trip down. Our customary honorarium on these occasions is \$25.00. If your engagements and inclination permit, we should anticipate with much pleasure having you with us.

Faithfully yours,

*R. E. Boothby*  
Headmaster.

REB/S

Signed for Mr. Boothby in his absence.



October Nineteenth  
1927

Mr. R. E Boothby,  
Headmaster, Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Boothby,

I wish it were possible for me to accept your kind invitation to address your Sunday evening assembly on October 30th, but I am scheduled to deliver an address at a convention in Cleveland on that night

Perhaps there may be another occasion when I may be in a position to serve you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY  
HUDSON, OHIO

October 24, 1927.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I very much appreciate your letter of October 19th and we are hopeful that some other occasion than October 30th may be a possible time for you to come to us. If it is not asking too much will you be good enough to suggest two or three dates in the course of the winter? It is always a matter of Sunday evening with us.

Faithfully yours,

*Ralph E. Boothby*  
Headmaster.

REB/S



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OFFICE OF THE  
HEADMASTER

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25 October

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba Hillel:

This note brings with it  
heartfelt thanks from Western Reserve Academy.  
Your splendid address, your strength and gentle-  
ness in your presence before and among the boys,  
your courtesy and patience in answering their  
questions, won all hearts.

As a token of our appreciation and good will, we  
are asking you to accept a little gift; namely,  
Pearl Buck's most recent translation from the  
Chinese: "All Men are Brothers."

Please accept this as a slight token of this which  
is in our hearts, and give our very kindest regards  
to Mrs. Silver.

Very gratefully yours,

*Joel Hayden*



WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY · HUDSON · OHIO



2nd July

1936

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We remember with much pleasure your visit to Hudson and your talk before our boys two or three years ago on your experiences and impressions of Nazi Germany. Dr. Hayden would be very much pleased if you could accept an invitation to visit the campus again this coming year and speak some Sunday evening before our group. I should like to issue such an invitation and should appreciate hearing from you at your convenience, whether you could accept and if so what date would be most acceptable. Perhaps you might wish to submit several dates from which we might pick one that would fit in with our program for next year.

Sincerely yours,

*Chandler T. Jones*

J/



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July 6, 1936

My dear Mr. Jones:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 2. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe and will be gone until the early part of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to him when he returns to the city.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





WESTERN  
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29th Sept.

OFFICE OF THE  
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Dear Abba Hillel:

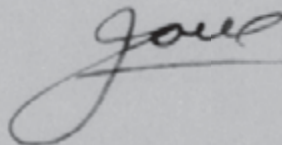
We had a very lovely afternoon and evening with you in your home. You look well, and, judging by the indoor polo that was going on upstairs over the dining room, the whole family is in first class condition. And I am rather glad that Bratenahl pulled at least one socialist vote in the last election.

I am asking you when you have a Sunday evening that you could give us on the Western Reserve campus? Our free Sunday evenings are as follows: January 10th and 17th; all the Sunday evenings in April, and Sunday evening May 9th.

If you will instruct your secretary to write me a note nailing down one of those dates, I will be a very happy Alathian.

Blessings on you in your home, and at your work.

Ever yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio



October 7, 1936

Dr. Joel B. Hayden,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Joel:

Thank you so much for your letter and for the invitation to come and meet your fine group on the Western Reserve campus. I regard it as a privilege and I shall be very happy to come. January 17 is O. K.

In return, I should like a favor from you. I tried to get you last year, you will recall, to address my congregation. I am scheduled this year to open the Community Fund Campaign in Minneapolis on November 15. I shall therefore be out of my pulpit that morning. Would it be possible for you to come to us and give us one of your stirring messages? My people have been asking for you again and again.

With all good wishes to you, Mrs. Hayden and the children, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



WESTERN  
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12th Oct.

OFFICE OF THE  
HEADMASTER

1 9 3 6

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden has instructed  
me to date his calendar - "November 15th, preach,  
The Temple, Cleveland." He will be happy to do it  
for you.

He is attending some meeting in Cleveland this  
morning and asked me, before he left, to be sure  
this message got off to you today.

We all anticipate your visit with us later on in  
the winter. It is always a pleasure to have you.

Sincerely yours,

*Harriet M. Walsh*

Personal Secretary to Joel B. Hayden



November 2, 1936

Dr. Joel B. Hayden,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Joel:

We are looking forward with pleasure to  
your coming here on Sunday, November 15.

I would appreciate it if you would let  
me know, at your earliest convenience, the subject  
of your address as I should like to give it publicity  
both in the Temple Bulletin and in the public press.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



WESTERN  
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ACADEMY  
HUDSON.O

3rd November

OFFICE OF THE  
HEADMASTER

1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden's topic for November  
15th will be

"Jesus: a Contemporary"

Sincerely yours,

*Harriet M. Walz*

Personal Secretary to  
Dr. Joel B. Hayden



November 4, 1936

Dr. Joel E. Hayden,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Joel:

Your secretary kindly sent me your topic for November 15, "Jesus: a Contemporary". I am afraid that the title may be misinterpreted by some of the more "conservative" people in the Jewish community as missionary propaganda - you know! Would you mind suggesting a different wording for your subject? Please let me know in time for the announcement in my pulpit Sunday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 30, 1936

Dr. Joel B. Hayden,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hayden:

The Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations is holding its biennial Convention  
in New Orleans over the week-end of January 15.  
This is an important Convention embracing repre-  
sentatives of all the Reform Jewish Congregations  
in America. They have requested me to address the  
Convention on January 17.

I note that I am scheduled to be  
with the Western Reserve Academy on that evening.  
I wonder whether it would be just as convenient  
to have me come to your student body on Sunday,  
January 3, 10 or 31?

With all good wishes, permit  
me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





2nd December

1936

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden has referred your letter of November 30th to me, as chairman of the Sunday Night Committee, to answer - It will be perfectly convenient to shift dates to January 10th in place of January 17th. We shall be glad to welcome you on January 10th.

Speaking for the Headmaster, I should like to invite you and Mrs. Silver to come to Hudson in time to have Sunday supper with us. If you can at your convenience let me know whether you can come for supper I will find out the hour and let you know.

Sincerely,

*Chandler T. Jones*

J.



December 7, 1936

Mr. Chandler T. Jones,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jones:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 2. Since writing to you, I had to book January 10 for a wedding in my congregation. That leaves only January 31 free. You readily understand that the Sunday evenings are at a premium in a congregation the size of mine.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



9th December



1936

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that events come up which will make impossible your being with us on January 10th. Unfortunately we have a speaker for the 31st and, therefore, shall have to postpone indefinitely your visit. May I get in touch with you later with the hope that you can be with us some Sunday during the spring term?

Sincerely,

*Chandler F. Jones*

J/



December 10, 1936

Mr. Chandler T. Jones,  
Western Reserve Academy,  
Hudson, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jones:

I am sorry that your January schedule is full. Please be assured that I stand ready to serve you. I trust that that we shall be able to fix upon a Sunday in the spring.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



WESTERN  
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2 November

OFFICE OF THE  
HEADMASTER

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My dear Abba:

To confirm our telephone conversation of this morning, I am sending you this note.

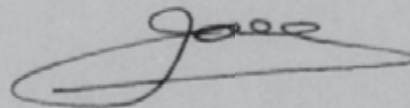
We shall expect the Silver family in toto, (you can check my Latin with our own department when you get down here!) on the afternoon of January 28th.

The service is at five in our little chapel, and is a very simple one. Mrs. Waltz, my secretary, will enclose in this letter the Order of Service which we usually follow. Our guest has thirty minutes at his disposal, and at the end of the sermon he moves simply and directly into his closing prayer and benediction.

The boys remain in their seats with bowed heads for a moment of meditation while the organ gives us the closing chords that end the service.

Needless to say, we shall be rejoicing on the day of your coming to our campus.

Affectionately yours,



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

P. S. There is a modest honorarium - \$25 - tucked away somewhere in this invitation!



ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING

SCRIPTURE

MUSIC

PRAYER

HYMN

SERMON

BENEDICTION





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17 January

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Dear Abba Hillel:

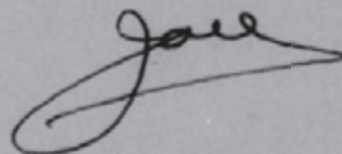
Mrs. Hayden and I are expecting you and Mrs. Silver, and the children if it is convenient for them, about half-past four Sunday afternoon, the 28th of January.

Our chapel service is held at 5: o'clock. It is very simple. Two Hymns, Scripture, Prayer, and Sermon. You will have about forty minutes if you choose to speak that long, and I am very eager for our school family to sense the depth and breadth of your ethical and spiritual insight into our problems of today.

If you can send me your subject soon, please do so.

Our kind regards to the whole family.

Ever sincerely yours,



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



January 18, 1940

Dr. Joel B. Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Joel:

I am looking forward with pleasure to my visit at Western Reserve Academy on the afternoon of January 28. I am hoping that it will be possible for Mrs. Silver to accompany me.

I am wondering whether a subject such as "What Religion Can Offer a War-Torn World" would be appropriate for the Chapel Service; or perhaps "The American Way of Life". Both subjects have proved of interest to student groups.

With all good wishes to you and your family,  
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 24, 1940

Dr. Joel B. Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Joel:

Mrs. Silver will not come with me to Hudson. Her brother-in-law, Rabbi Morris Lazaron, is celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary with his congregation in Baltimore, and Mrs. Silver is going on to attend the celebration.

I am looking forward to seeing you next Sunday afternoon. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



WESTERN  
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29 January

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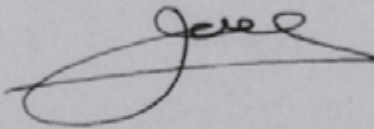
Dear Abba Hillel:

We are profoundly grateful  
for your message and for you yourself.

Mrs. Hayden and I are very anxious to have the  
whole Silver family in our home as guests be-  
fore very long. She is going to work out some-  
thing with Mrs. Silver.

Enclosed you will find a modest honorarium.  
Our indebtedness to you can only be met effectively  
by our increased courage in daily living.

Devotedly yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio



January 30, 1940

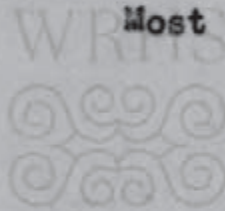
Dr. Joel B. Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Joel:

Thanks for your letter. Thanks for your  
check. Thanks, particularly, for the privilege  
of addressing your young people and for a most  
charming evening in your home.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK





# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

February 22, 1943

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

Dear Abba Hillel:

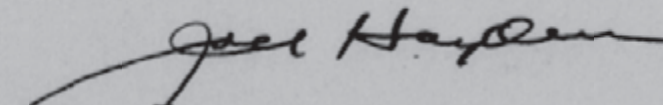
I am sorry that I have not been able to make my plans to come to the Alathians today but I have been gone for eighteen days on my annual eastern swing and that prevents me from seeing "the gang" on this national holiday.

Thank you for your note of February 7th. Mrs. Hayden and I enjoyed being with your religious family and we are now looking forward to your visit to us sometime this spring. Regarding dates, I am suggesting that March 28th or April 11th would be most acceptable from our point of view here. There is only one other date available this spring and that is May 9th.

Our services are at five o'clock in the afternoon and we should be delighted to have the whole family come and have supper with us and a chance to visit together with a selection of our boys and masters.

Our most affectionate greetings to you all.

Most affectionately yours,

  
Headmaster

H:M



February 24, 1943

Dr. Joel Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hayden:

Thank you for your note of February 22.  
As far as I know now I will be free on the afternoon  
of April 11th to come to Western Reserve Academy.  
I may, however, between now and then, have to accept  
wedding engagements if they should come in from  
members of The Temple. If I have to make any  
such engagements I will let you know in ample  
time.

At the moment I do not know what the  
schedule will be for my family for that afternoon  
but I should very much like to have them come  
along. I will write to you in due time.

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

-Most cordially yours,

A HS:BK



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

March 2, 1943

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

Dear Abba Hillel:

We have April 11th marked on the calendar;  
I do hope nothing will prevent your coming  
and I hope, on the other hand, that it can  
be a pilgrimage of the whole family. That  
would be delightful from every point of  
view.

Cordially yours,

*Joe Hayden*

H:M



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

April 12, 1943

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

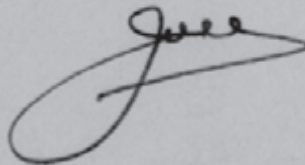
My dear Abba Hillel:

Any word of thanks from me is inadequate. The response of the boys and the faculty gives you some idea of what is going through our minds and hearts the day after Vespers.

Enclosed you will find an honorarium which is not large but may find its way, we hope, into something you can use in your library or in your home.

This note brings with it the affectionate regards of Mrs. Hayden and me for Mrs. Silver, the boys and yourself.

Affectionately yours,



H:M



April 13, 1943

Dr. Joel B. Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Joel:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I enjoyed my visit to Hudson greatly. It was nice to have had at least part of the time together.

I am returning herewith the check which you sent me. You have helped me out on several occasions before, and there is no reason why you should not give me the pleasure of reciprocating.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Hayden in which Mrs. Silver joins me heartily, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

April 26, 1943

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

Dear Abba Hillel:

The faculty and boys, as well as I, want to publish your manuscript on "Rationing for Life" in the June number of the Alumni Record. This Record goes to 2,000 on our mailing list and to other schools and colleges.

It was a great experience for the boys to hear you and see you and visit with you. I appreciated your letter very much and I also appreciated your attitude regarding the honorarium, although I still feel that we should do something about you in particular. However, the very fine personal relationship of the years bears fruit in strange and unpredictable ways and in days such as these the more bridge-heads we have, the better off the boys and girls of the future will be.

Devotedly yours,

*Joel B. Hayden*

H:M

Signed by Dr. Hayden's secretary in his absence.



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

May 20, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden and the boys at the Academy are most anxious to publish your manuscript on "Rationing for Life" in the June number of the Alumni Record.

Things are now moving rather rapidly toward getting all material in the hands of the printers, and they would like to have you send it to them to reach here by Saturday, May 29th.

We hope this will put no undue burden on you in these busy times.

Cordially yours,

(Miss) *Zelda McDowell*  
Secretary to Dr. Hayden



May 26, 1943

Dr. Joel B. Hayden, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

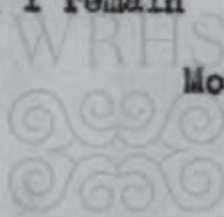
My dear Dr. Hayden:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the address, "Rationing for Life", which I delivered at Western Reserve Academy for inclusion in the June number of the Alumni Record.

With all good wishes and hoping that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK





Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

August 20, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden would like very much to have  
you for our vesper speaker at 7:00 P. M.  
on one of the three following Sundays:  
September 30th, October 14th, or October  
21st.

With the best regards of the Hayden  
family,

Cordially yours,

(Miss) *Zelda McDowell*  
Secretary to Dr. Hayden

*declined  
Aug 26 - 1945*



Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

September 11, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden is sorry that you will be unable to speak to our boys during the coming fall term. However, he is anxious to have you sometime during the school year and is wondering whether any of the following dates would be acceptable to you:

February 10, 17, 24

Cordially yours,

(Miss) *Zelda McDowell*  
Secretary to Dr. Hayden



Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

December 4, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Hayden, as you know, is still a very sick man (though we are glad to report that he is making steady progress) and so cannot, of course, pursue the arrangements he was making for our Sunday Vesper services this year.

I have found a note of his which indicated that he had asked you to come to Hudson if you could and that you had said your schedule was full until after December: you hoped to be able to come to us sometime in January or at least during the winter term.

I hope this is right and that you can find a place in your schedule for a visit to Western Reserve Academy. You have not spoken to us, I think, for more than two years. May I suggest the following dates: January 6 and 27; February 10 and 17. Our service begins at 7 P. M., after supper which is at six. It would be a pleasure to have you and Mrs. Silver come for supper.

Can you let me know if you will be able to come and on which date?

Yours sincerely,

*J. Frederick Waring*

J. Frederick Waring  
Chairman, Chapel Committee

W:M

*How about  
April May*



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

September 10, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I introduce myself as the successor to  
Dr. Joel Hayden as Headmaster of Western Reserve Academy.

In making arrangements for the Sunday Vesper  
Services this year, we would like very much to have you  
come to speak to us if it would be possible for you to make  
such a visit despite your many other interests and activities.  
Many men here have expressed regret that you were not able  
to come last year, and we hope, therefore, that it will be  
possible for you to do so this year. May I suggest the  
following dates: October 27, November 3 and 10. If your  
schedule for these fall months is already filled, we would  
appreciate it very much if you would name a date convenient  
to you during January or February. Our services begin at  
7 p.m. and Mrs. Hallowell and I would very much like to  
have you and Mrs. Silver come for supper at 6.

Can you let me know if you will be able to come,  
and on which date.

Very sincerely yours,

*John W. Hallowell.*  
Headmaster



September 18, 1946

Dr. John W. Hollowell, Headmaster  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and your gracious invitation. Let me, at the outset, congratulate you upon your assumption of the position as Headmaster of Western Reserve Academy to succeed my good friend, Dr. Joel Hayden. I wish you every success and I hope that you will derive the deepest satisfaction from your work.

I should very much like to come to you for one of your Sunday Vesper Services. Unfortunately my schedule for the coming season is so uncertain that I cannot commit myself to any engagements. As you probably know, I am very active in the Palestine Movement which responsibility makes very heavy demands upon me. I shall probably be away from the country most of November and December, nor do I know where I will be during the Spring months. If you care to write to me in the Spring, and if I will be free then, I assure you that I will be very happy to come to you. If not, I will make every effort to be with you next season.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

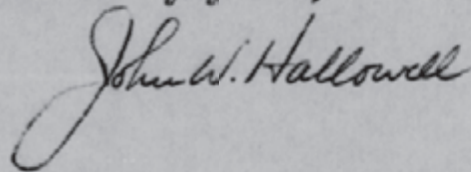
Your very busy life and many engagements have prevented your coming to the Academy for the last few years. I am writing now in the hope that it may be possible for you to give us the honor and pleasure of a visit this winter, and a talk to our boys at one of our Sunday evening vesper services.

Would it be possible for you to come on either January 28th or March 11th?

As you may remember from your previous visits here when Doctor Hayden was still alive, our Sunday vesper services begin at seven. They consist of hymns, a psalm, a scripture passage, read by one of the boys, a number by the Academy Choir, and a twenty to twenty-five minute talk by a visiting speaker. It would give Mrs. Hollowell and me great pleasure to have Mrs. Silver and yourself come to dinner before the service at about quarter to six.

In the hope that all of us here may have the pleasure of welcoming you again as a guest of the Academy, and that one of these dates may be possible for you, I am

Sincerely yours,



JWH:EMG

December 7, 1950



December 21, 1950

Dr. John W. Hollowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city much of the time and my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I wish I could avail myself of your gracious invitation to address your Sunday vesper service. Unfortunately my program from here on for Sundays is an exceedingly crowded one. I have weddings and meetings scheduled for Sundays right through February and I may not be in the country during the month of March. May I suggest that you get in touch with me later in the spring and if I am free at all, I shall regard it as a pleasure to be with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 21st. Of course I realize how very busy you are, and only hope that we might have the good fortune to find a Sunday on which you could make us a visit.

If it would be possible for you to come later in the spring, would you be so kind as to let me know what Sundays might be possible. We have Sunday vesper service in the school Chapel each Sunday except the first in the month. If it would be possible for you to come in May, we should be delighted and honored.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

*John W. Hallswell*

JWH:EMG

December 28, 1950



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

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

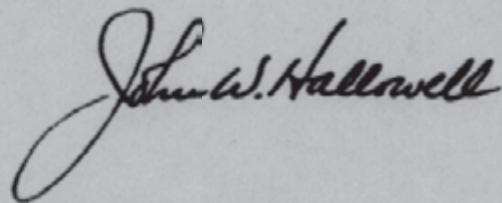
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As we do want very much to have you visit us this year and to speak to our boys at a Sunday vespers service, I am writing again to ask if either April 8th or May 13th would be possible times for you.

I do not know, of course, whether you will be back in the country by April, and I do realize how very busy your Sundays are. If you could find the time to work in a visit to the Academy again, we would appreciate it deeply.

With best wishes

Cordially yours,



JWH:EMG

February 26, 1951



March 2, 1951

Dr. John W. Hallowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hallowell:

Thank you for your kind note of February 26th. I shall make every effort to be with you for Sunday vespers on May 13th. I trust that nothing will interfere with my keeping this engagement. If I should plan to be out of the country around that time, I would give you ample notice.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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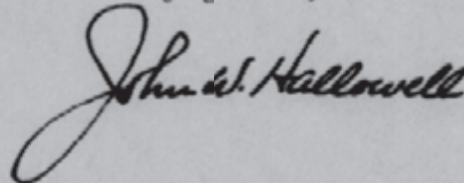
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that your very busy calendar will permit you to be with us for Sunday vespers on May 13th, and trust that nothing will interfere to prevent it. We look forward very much to having you with us.

Sometime nearer that date would you let me know if Mrs. Silver and yourself would have supper with Mrs. Hollowell and me at our home before the service? To avoid rushing, we usually have supper about five forty-five.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,



JWH:EMC

March 6, 1951



March 19, 1951

Dr. John W. Hollowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

You will recall that when I wrote to you on March 2nd, accepting your gracious invitation to be with you for Sunday vespers on May 13th, I indicated the possibility of my having to be out of the country at that time. Circumstances have arisen which now make that a certainty, and it is with deep regret indeed that I must cancel my engagement with you. I had looked forward to it eagerly, and I hope that you will soon give me another opportunity to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with great regret that I read your letter about May 13th. We had looked forward very much to your visit with us. I trust that sometime next year, possibly in the Fall, your busy life will permit you to come. May I wish you a successfull trip this Spring.

With best wishes

Cordially yours,

*John W. Hallowell*

JWH:EMG

March 20, 1951



# Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

16 September 1952

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A number of times in the past few years we have attempted to work out a date convenient for you to come once again to Western Reserve Academy to speak at a Sunday evening vespers service. I am sure you remember the times you came under my predecessor, Joel Hayden. Unfortunately, your travels and very busy life as well as my offering dates too near the date of invitation have conspired in one way or another to prevent your honoring us with a visit.

We do hope you will be able to come sometime in this school year. I suggest Sunday evening, November 16th, as a first possibility. If any other Sunday evening following this (except the first Sunday in each month) would be more convenient, I trust you will pick one out and let me know if you could come at that time.

Our services, as doubtless you remember, are quite undenominational. They consist of hymns, a Scripture passage read by one of the boys, an anthem by our choir, a psalm and a talk of about twenty minutes by the visiting speaker.

Mrs. Hallowell and I hope that if you can come you will join us for dinner at our home following the service, which begins at seven.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Hallowell*

JWH:nh



September 23, 1952

Dr. John W. Hallowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hallowell:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 16th. I have looked through my schedule and I find that I shall be able to get away wither on December 21st or on January 11th. Please let me know which of these dates is most convenient for you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

25 September 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Answel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of September 23rd fills us with great pleasure, as we have looked forward to having you speak to the boys at the Academy for many years.

Of the two dates that you mention, the second, January 11, 1953, would fit in with our schedule very well. It will be the first vespers service of our winter term. Your other date, December 21st, unfortunately falls in our Christmas holidays. I trust we may look forward, therefore, to welcoming you on Sunday evening, January 11, and also to having the pleasure of having you to dinner with us either before or after the service, whichever you desire.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*John W. Hallonell*

JWH:nh



Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

14 January 1953

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Answel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I try to express again our deep gratitude to you for the inspiring talk you made to our boys last Sunday evening and also to express appreciation to you for coming to Hudson on such an icy night.

It was a great pleasure to me and many others to meet and become a bit acquainted with Mrs. Silver and yourself. I hope that there may be more occasions to see you in the near future and also to have you come again to the Academy to speak in another year.

Enclosed is a small honorarium check which I trust you can put to a worthy purpose.

With much gratitude and very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Hollowell*

JWH:nh



January 18, 1953

Dr. John W. Hallowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hallowell:

Upon my return to the city, I found your kind note of January 14th and your thoughtful check. I shall place it, in accordance with my practice, into a charity fund which I use from time to time for worthy causes.

Mrs. Silver and I enjoyed our visit with you and Mrs. Hallowell so much, and it was a real pleasure for me to address your group. I, too, look forward to coming again some time in the future.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

30 September 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your previous visits to the Academy, in particular the one of two years ago, have been remembered with much pleasure. I am writing to ask if in your busy calendar you might find a Sunday evening on which you could come to us again this year to speak at our vespers service. The particular dates I have in mind are January 9th, 16th or 23rd, on any one of which we would be more than delighted to have you with us.

Mrs. Hallowell and I would like, as before, to have Mrs. Silver and yourself dine with us after the service, if that would be convenient for you. If it would be better for you to come for dinner at 6:00 before the service, that would work out just as well for us. Should the weather and hence the driving be bad on any date you might come, we would be happy to drive in for you and to take you back.

Hoping one of these dates may be a free one on which you could honor us by being here, I am

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Hallowell*

JWH:nh



October 5, 1954

Mr. John W. Hallowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 30th and for your gracious invitation to speak at your vespers service in January.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, since this is the Tercentenary year of the settlement of the Jews in America, I have accepted so many engagements all over the country in celebration of this observance that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional commitments. I hope I may be with you another year.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

October 8, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing in the hope that this may be a year in which it will again be possible for you, in your busy life, to come to the Academy to speak at one of our Sunday evening Vespers Services. We remember with great pleasure your last visit of several years ago, in which I well recall you spoke most eloquently on the subject of "Growth".

May I suggest Sunday evening, November 24, as a possible date. Our Vespers Services begin at 7 o'clock and usually run forty to forty-five minutes with the visiting speaker taking fifteen to twenty minutes for his talk. Mrs. Hallowell and I would hope that Mrs. Silver and yourself could dine with us following the Services.

I realize, of course, how very busy you are, but venture to hope that we may have the good fortune to have you with us once again. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Hallowell*

JWH:vlk



October 11, 1957

Dr. John A. Hallowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hallowell:

I appreciate very much your gracious invitation to come to Western Reserve Academy and address the Vesper Services.

It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come, as I recall with great satisfaction my previous visit. Unfortunately, my schedule is so crowded that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any more engagements.

I travel a great deal in behalf of causes with which I am officially identified and I shall be out of the country a good deal this year.

May I suggest that you get in touch with my associate here at The Temple, my son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, who might be free to accept an invitation to come to you and who, I am sure, would give the young people the kind of message which you would like.

He is a graduate of Harvard, a former Chaplain in the Navy and is now sharing with me the responsibilities of The Temple.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

October 18, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Angel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Of course I can understand why your busy schedule and wide travels prevent your being with us some time during this year. We had hoped that we might have the pleasure and honor of having you with us.

I am writing to your son to ask if he can come. One of our recent graduates, Sidmon Kaplan, spoke to me about your son just a few days ago and recommended him highly as a Vespers speaker for the Academy. I trust that we may have the pleasure of having him with us and feel sure that if he can come, he will be most interesting and stimulating to the boys. With warm regards.

Cordially yours,

*John W. Halliwell*

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WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY  
HUDSON, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

September 21, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As it is some years since we have had the honor and pleasure of your presence on the Academy's campus, I am writing in the hope that in your busy schedule there may be a Sunday evening this fall when you could be with us again.

May I suggest November 1 or November 15 as possible dates? Our Vespers Service begins at seven o'clock and runs for forty to forty-five minutes with the visiting speaker taking fifteen to twenty. We would be most pleased to have Mrs. Silver and yourself dine with Mrs. Hallowell and me after the Service at our home. We hope very much that you may be able to be back with us to talk to the Academy boys this school year.

With cordial best wishes,

JWH:vlk

*John W. Hallowell*



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September 30, 1959

Dr. John W. Hollowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

Thank you for your nice letter of September 21st,  
and for your gracious invitation. I have been ill  
and am not yet back on schedule but if I am feeling  
well enough I shall be happy to speak to the boys  
at the Academy on Sunday evening, November 1, 1959.  
I have a wedding scheduled here at the Temple on  
the 15th of November.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and  
to Mrs. Hollowell in which Mrs. Silver joins, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY  
HUDSON, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

October 2, 1959

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill and hope that you will be back on your schedule shortly. We shall look forward with much pleasure to your being with us on Sunday evening, November 1, and trust that Mrs. Silver will come with you and that both of you will dine with Mrs. Hallowell and myself at our home following the Vespers Service.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,

JWH: vlk

*John W. Hallowell*

*Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is marked "Pulfeit" on  
your calendar.*



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October 14, 1959

Dr. John W. Hollowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

Thank you for your letter of October 2nd.  
When I first wrote to you I hoped that I  
would be sufficiently strong to be with  
you on November first. However, unfortunately,  
I am constrained to inform you that I will  
have to fore-go the pleasure of being with  
you on that date.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

October 17, 1959

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very sorry that you feel you will not be sufficiently strong to be with us on November 1.

As we would very much like to have you come again to the Academy and as we hope that later in the year you will have greatly improved, may I suggest a date in the spring, even though that seems far away now.

Any of the following dates would be grand for us, if you could plan on one of them:

April 17

April 24

May 22

May 29

With the sincere hope that the spring will find you renewed in strength and vigor and looking forward to the possibility of your being with us with much eagerness, I am

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Hollowell*

JWH:vlk



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October 26, 1959

Dr. John W. Hollowell  
Western Reserve Academy  
Hudson, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hollowell:

I will make every effort to be with you on  
Sunday, May 22, 1960.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,  
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm



Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

May 23, 1960

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

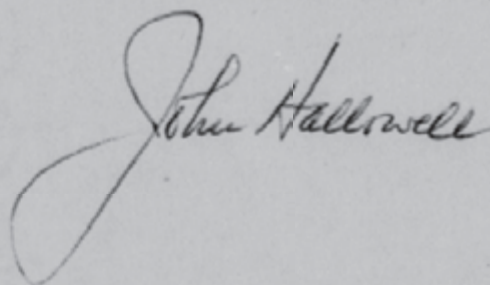
How good it was to have you with us last evening to talk once again to the Academy boys in the Chapel. Many have spoken to me today to express their appreciation for your remarks to them and it was a pleasure indeed to have Mrs. Silver and yourself with us for dinner in the evening.

Enclosed is a small honorarium check which I trust you can put to good use.

Our best wishes to you for these years in which you are reaping the well-sown harvest at your Temple. We do hope to take advantage of your kind invitation to stop in and see you at the Temple sometime before too long.



Please give my best regards to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hallwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John Hallwell".

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Enclosure



DATE	DESCRIPTION	GROSS AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
5-23-60	Vespers Speaker 5/22/60   	25.00		