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Rabbi A. H. Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Campus Religious Council at Indiana University is endeavoring to sponsor a series of religious lectures presenting outstanding Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders. Our council is a loose federation of student religious groups, and for that reason, it is practically without funds. It will, however, be possible to get some financial support from the Convocation committee if we have the speakers at Convocation on Wednesday morning. Would it be possible for you to come to Indiana University and take part in our religious program?

As the Convocation program is not as yet well arranged, there is a wide choice of dates. Open dates are: December 8 and 15; Jan. 5, 12, and 19; Feb. 9, 16, and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. The December and January dates have, however, been offered to another speaker.

Will you please let me know whether it would be possible for you to come to Bloomington, and exactly what remuneration you would expect?

Respectfully yours,

THE CAMPUS RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

*Edwin Green*  
Chairman



November 18, 1937

Mr. Edwin Green, Chairman,  
The Campus Religious Council,  
409 East Fourth Street,  
Bloomington, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Green:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in inviting me to take part in your religious program at Indiana University. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my schedule both for local and out of town engagements this season is so crowded that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 20, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Frank Beck, Executive Secretary of the Indiana University Committee on Religion, asked me to contact you whether you would be available to be the speaker this year at the campus convocation on Sunday, February 10. If this date is not satisfactory, will you please let me know when you would be available on a Sunday afternoon? Everyone is very eager for you to appear on the campus.

Trusting that you will find it possible to come here, and with kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Herman Pollack*

HP:NB



October 27, 1941

Rabbi Herman Pollack, Director  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
804 East Third Street  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Pollack:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 20th and for your invitation to address your campus convocation on Sunday, February 8th. (I presume it is the 8th. There is no Sunday, February 10th, as your letter states.)

I should like to know a little more about the nature of these convocations. At what time of the day are they held? Under whose auspices? And what is the average attendance at these convocations?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

November 14, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

With regard to the Brotherhood Convocation program on <sup>the</sup> campus, I have learned since writing that there will be a change in procedure. A Catholic speaker will no doubt be invited to give the address this season. For this reason I am compelled to withhold making further arrangements and trust you will understand.

At the time I wrote on the suggestion of the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Religion, but since then the plans have been altered.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Herman Pollack*

HP:NB

*P.S. We hope to have you here for some other occasion at our first opportunity.*



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Office of the President

May 6, 1954

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

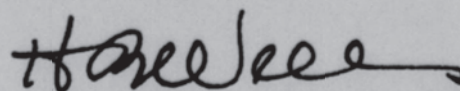
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to deliver the Baccalaureate address during the program of the June, 1954, Commencement at Indiana University. Services will be held in the University Auditorium at 8:30 p.m., CDT, on Sunday, June 13.

The Baccalaureate services are an important part of our Commencement activities and will be followed by the formal Commencement ceremony on Monday, June 14. If you find it possible to accept our invitation, we would be happy if you could stay over and be our guest at the Commencement ceremonies.

We will, of course, provide a suitable honorarium in connection with your appearance here.

Sincerely yours,



H. B. Wells  
President

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# B'nai B'rith HILLEL FOUNDATION

AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY



730 EAST THIRD STREET  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
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RABBI VICTOR EPPSTEIN  
DIRECTOR

May 7, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105 St., and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I'm delighted that you have been chosen by Indiana University to give the Commencement address this June and I hope that you will find it possible to accept the invitation which President Wells is sending you.

If it would felicitate matters for you, I would be willing to meet you in Indianapolis and drive you to Bloomington, a distance of approximately fifty miles. Be sure to let me know so that I can plan accordingly.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

*Victor*

Victor Eppstein

VE/cb



May 11, 1954

Dr. H. B. Wells  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Dr. Wells:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May sixth and for your kind invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address at the Commencement exercises of Indiana University on Sunday evening, June thirteenth.

I deem it a great honor to have been invited by you, and I am pleased to accept your invitation. I shall look forward with pleasure to my visit to Indiana University and the opportunity of meeting you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Office of the President

May 13, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to have your letter of May 11. I have informed the chairman of the Commencement Committee, Mr. Claude Rich, that you have accepted our invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address on June 13. He will give you further information regarding the ceremony.



Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. B. Wells".

H. B. Wells  
President

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cc Mr. Rich



May 14, 1954

Rabbi Victor Eppstein  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
Indiana University  
730 East Third Street  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Eppstein:

Thank you very much for your kind note of May seventh. I have accepted the invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address at Indiana University on Sunday, June thirteenth.

It was very gracious of you to offer to meet me in Indiana and drive me to Bloomington. I shall be very happy to have you do so. I will in time notify you of the exact hour of my arrival at the airport in Indianapolis.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 24, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am happy to learn from President Wells of your acceptance of our invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address Sunday, June 13, as part of our Commencement week end program.

As President Wells indicated, Baccalaureate services will be held in the University Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. C.D.T. on that day. I would appreciate knowing the exact time of your arrival and whether or not anyone will accompany you in order that we may make proper room reservations and other arrangements. I assume you will have your own academic apparel but if not we will be happy to furnish anything you desire.

Will you also please inform me the amount of your honorarium and if we can be of service in helping to arrange transportation or other details we will be happy to do so.

Hoping to hear from you immediately and looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

*Claude Rich*  
Claude Rich, Chairman  
Commencement Committee

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June 1, 1954

Mr. Claude Rich, Chairman  
Commencement Committee  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Rich:

Rabbi Silver is planning to board TWA Flight 291 leaving Cleveland at 9:40 a.m. on June 13th and arriving in Indianapolis at 10:10 your time. Rabbi Victor Eppstein of the Hillel Foundation at Indiana University has generously offered to meet the Rabbi in Indianapolis and drive him to Bloomington.

The Rabbi plans to come alone. It would be very much appreciated if you would make a hotel reservation for him for the night of the thirteenth. He has his own academic apparel.

As far as an honorarium is concerned, whatever is customary with you will be entirely satisfactory to Rabbi Silver.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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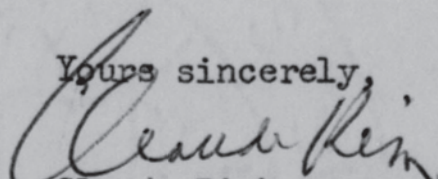
Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Sparrow:

Thanks for your letter of June 1 concerning Rabbi Silver's travel plans to Bloomington June 13 for the Indiana University Baccalaureate services. As indicated, Rabbi Eppstein will meet him at the plane arriving in Indianapolis at 10:10 a.m. D.S.T. Rabbi Silver's room reservation will be in the Union Building on the campus.

We are looking forward to seeing him and appreciate his willingness to be with us at that time.

Yours sincerely,

  
Claude Rich, Chairman  
Commencement Committee

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June 4, 1954

Rabbi Victor Eppstein  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
Indiana University  
730 East Third Street  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Rabbi Eppstein:

Rabbi Silver is looking forward eagerly to his visit to Indiana University. He plans to arrive at the Indianapolis airport at 10:10 a.m. your time on the morning of Sunday, June 13th via TWA Flight 291.

It is very kind of you to offer to drive him to Bloomington on Sunday. He has a reservation on TWA Flight 192 leaving Indianapolis on the following morning (June 14th) for Cleveland at 11:00 a.m., and I needn't tell you how grateful he would be if you could also return him to Indianapolis on that morning to meet that flight.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



June 16, 1954

Mr. Claude Rich, Chairman  
Commencement Committee  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Rich:

The expenses incurred by Rabbi Silver  
on his recent trip to Bloomington amounted  
to \$42.00.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver





INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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June 18, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

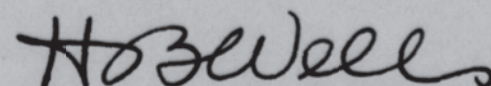
I wish to thank you again for the excellent address which you delivered last Sunday. It was a profound and highly stimulating statement and represented for your audience an intellectual experience of penetrating and lasting value. In the past few years we have had the good fortune of having been addressed by several excellent baccalaureate speakers, but our experience last Sunday proved outstanding in every way. I have had innumerable comments of enthusiasm and expressions of sincere satisfaction from trustees, officers, faculty, and friends of the University. We are deeply grateful to you for this contribution to our Commencement week.

Many persons have asked me for a copy of your address, and personally I would welcome an opportunity to read your speech and to give it the thought and study which it deserves. I shall be happy, therefore, if you will send to us a copy of your manuscript so that we may have it mimeographed and distributed to those who requested it.

Please allow me to thank you again for undertaking the trip to Bloomington and to assure you that all of us are delighted that we could have you with us and entertain you while you were here.

I send to you best personal regards and cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,



H. B. Wells  
President

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June 22, 1954

Mrs. Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Sparrow:

This will acknowledge receipt of the information concerning Rabbi Silver's traveling expenses on his recent trip to Bloomington. The requisition will be written immediately and the check will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

*Claude Rich*  
Claude Rich, Chairman  
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July 28, 1954

Dr. H. B. Wells, President  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Dr. Wells:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letter of June eighteenth. I have been away from the city most of the time.

I need not tell you, my dear Dr. Wells, that I enjoyed my visit to Indiana University tremendously and most especially the pleasure of making your acquaintance. I enjoyed speaking to the baccalaureate audience greatly.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the address which I delivered.

Trusting that you will have a very pleasant and restful summer, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms  
enclosure



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Office of the President

August 4, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of July 28 and the enclosed copy of your baccalaureate address, "What Kind of Faith Will Serve Us Best?" I have read and re-read your speech, and each time I have found in it new wisdom and inspiration. It is truly a profound and wise address. We shall always be grateful to you for delivering it on our campus.

Several people have asked for copies, and I am having them prepared and distributed at once.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*H. B. Wells*

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## Central States Assembly

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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August 19, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am very happy to invite you to a Central States Assembly on "Foreign Economic Policy and Competitive Coexistence", to be held at the Bloomington campus of Indiana University on October 2 - 4, inclusive.

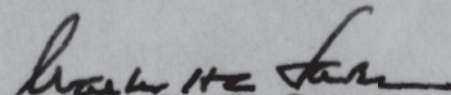
It is apparent that, within the last two or three years, "competitive coexistence" has become more than a political theory or slogan. Recent gains in the productivity of their economy have been used by Soviet leaders to challenge earlier American policies with respect to technical assistance and aid for economic development. In some areas of the Middle East and Asia, Soviet aid-and-trade offers have been larger than comparable United States programs, and in many other areas as well Soviet policies are successfully challenging American prestige and influence. Thus "competitive coexistence" has become a factual situation raising an important question for the future of American policy: if the United States expects to continue to exercise an effective political leadership in the free world, how can American economic policies be adjusted to buttress and reinforce, rather than to frustrate, the achievement of its over-all political objectives? This would seem to be the central subject for examination and discussion at the Assembly meeting.

The midwestern share in the growth of American exports and the prospective completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway project lend to the general interest of all American citizens in the success of American foreign policy a focus of particular and specific importance for members of the midwestern community. During the course of the conference participants will try to reach an agreement about appropriate American foreign economic policy which can be published as a set of conclusions of the Assembly.

Participants at the Assembly (a representative group from business, industry, agriculture, newspaper and civic groups) are being invited from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. They will be guests of the University during their stay.

We hope you will find it possible to join us in our discussion of these vital topics.

Sincerely yours,

  
Walter H. C. Laves  
Chairman

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August 28, 1958

Dr. Walter H. C. Laves  
Chairman, Central States Assembly  
307 Social Science Building  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Laves:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to participate in the Central States Assembly on "Foreign Economic Policy and Competitive Coexistence". I shall make every effort to attend, although that period is a very crowded one for me at The Temple, being in the midst of our Holiday season.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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