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Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland), 1938-1939.

The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

November 15, 1938

S S Blondheim

Dear Sir:

President Marx requests me to invite you to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Academy for Jewish Research, which will be held at the Library Building of the Jewish Theological Seminary, corner of Broadway and 12nd Street, New York, on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be followed by a dinner at the cafeteria in the Seminary building at 6.30, after which there will be a meeting of the fellows of the Academy, to which all the members of the Executive Committee are invited.

Hoping that you will be able to attend this meeting, I am

Yours faithfully,

S. S. Blondheim

DSB:R

Nov. 18th, 1932.

Mr. D. S. Blondheim,
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Blondheim:-

Your letter to Rabbi Silver has
been referred to the writer.

I beg to inform you that Rabbi
Silver is now in Europe on a sabbatical year and will,
therefore, be unable to attend the meeting on November
24th.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple, 105th Street,
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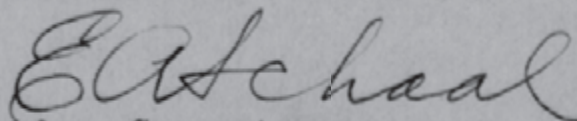
Dear Dr. Silver:

We are now arranging our program of speakers for 1934-35. You will note by the enclosed folders the programs for both our University Supper Club and our University Lectures on Religion being held during the current year. Our University Supper Club, which meets at 6.00 p. m., is composed dominantly of undergraduates but also includes graduate students, faculty members and a few alumni and friends - a group of about 175. The University Lectures on Religion are given under our auspices at 8:15 p. m. the same evening at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, adjacent to the Goucher College campus. This group includes students, but also interested people from the community surrounding the University; the attendance ranges from 600 to 1200.

We are hoping very much that you will be able to arrange to speak for us one month during the coming academic year. Would it be possible for you to come either March 19th, or May 7th, 1935? We are operating on a very slender budget in these times so we are not in a position to offer you the sort of honorarium we would like to. We would, however, be glad to give you a fee of seventy-five dollars to cover your expenses. Perhaps, if you could arrange to spend a longer time in Baltimore, we could arrange other meetings which would make it possible for us to supplement this fee. I have talked with Rabbi Lazonon about it and perhaps he will also be writing to you.

As we are anxious to complete next year's program just as soon as possible, I would appreciate it if you would wire your reply at our expense.

Very sincerely,



Executive Secretary.

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To Mr. E.A. Schall, Exec. Sec'y

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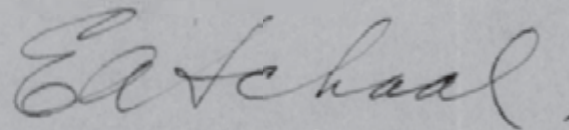
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple, 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We were pleased to get your telegram stating that you will probably be able to be with us March 19th, 1935. I have talked with Rabbi Lazon this morning and he asks that you hold the date as he is quite sure that we can arrange a luncheon meeting which will provide an additional fee.

Every good wish to you in your good work.

Very sincerely,



Executive Secretary.

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Rabbi Alla Hillel Silver,
The Temple, 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just talked with Rabbi Lazaron again and we can assure you of the additional meeting at noon on March 19th, 1935, which will provide the increased honorarium.

We are going ahead with our publicity now for our series of lectures. The other speakers whom we have secured are as follows:

Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor
Michael Williams, Editor of "The Commonwealth"
Dr. Richard C. Cabot of Harvard University
Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon of Rochester, N. Y.
Dr. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary
Norman Thomas of New York City
Dr. Lynn Harold Hough of Drew Theological Seminary

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Schaal

Executive Secretary.

EAS:M

June 11, 1934.

Dr. E. A. Schaal, Executive Sec'y,
The John Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.
Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Schaal:

Let me acknowledge your kind letter of June 8th. I note that you have arranged for an additional meeting for me on March 19th. I have therefore scheduled that date for a lecture before the University Lectures on Religion.

Please let me know the name of the other organization when you are in a position to do so. I shall send you the subject of my address or a list of subjects early in the Fall.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed folders announce our University
Supper Club and University Lectures on Religion pro-
grams for 1934-35, in which you have kindly consented
to share.

As the time for your lectures approaches, we
shall be writing you again.

Very sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

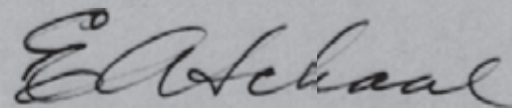
We are looking forward to your visit to Baltimore on March 19th and as we would like to announce your subjects at the meetings on February 19th, when Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon is to be our speaker, I would appreciate it if you would let me know what your choices are.

As I suggested before, at six o'clock you are scheduled to address our University Supper Club which is composed of one hundred undergraduates from Hopkins and Goucher College, fifty graduate students and faculty members, and fifty alumni and friends (both men and women). The second meeting is a public one, held in the auditorium of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. A subject for the second meeting that would be attractive to the public will help us in our promotion.

I have talked with Rabbi Lazaron and Rabbi Gordon regarding their plans for you and assume they have written to you about them.

Our people are looking forward with a good bit of anticipation to your visit.

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

EAS:M

February 7, 1935.

Mr. E. A. Schaal,
The John Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.,
Levering Hall,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Schaal:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of February 5.

The subject of my address before the larger
public meeting will be "The Decline of the Individual."
As regards the address before the University Supper Club,
I should like to think about the subject a little while
longer.

As you will see from the enclosed communication,
the Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Rabbi Lazon's Temple
invited me to address them on Monday evening. I cannot
come to Baltimore before Tuesday. You will recall that I
made my coming to your organization conditional upon
my having another meeting during the day.

With all good wishes, and looking forward
with pleasure to our meeting, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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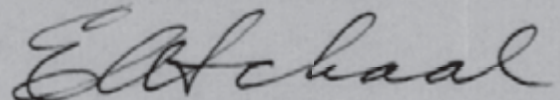
Dear Dr. Silver:

We are looking forward with keen anticipation to your visit on March 19th. I regret very much that Rabbi Lazaron's arrangements seem to have fallen through. I am sure that if he were here the matter would have been looked after properly as he gave me an absolutely definite word last spring before I confirmed our arrangements and sent out our publicity. As things stand now it would be nothing less than tragedy for us to have to change our plans regarding your visit, so we are hoping very much that we can go ahead with the program as planned.

The subject you gave us for the evening meeting is very good. We would appreciate it if we might have your subject for the University Supper Club meeting at six o'clock in order that we may announce it also.

Does your secretary have a cut or a newspaper mat which we might use in our further publicity?

Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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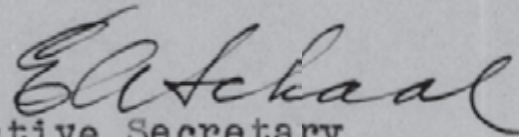
Dear Dr. Silver:

I just want to add another word
of appreciation to you for being with us
and speaking at our University Supper Club
and University Lectures on Religion.

We have heard a great many very
favorable comments and are deeply indebted
to you, especially when you had to come
when your health was not normal.

Every good wish to you in your fine
work.

Very sincerely,



Executive Secretary

EAS:M

Morris S. Lazaron

1914 Madison Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

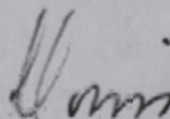
May 24, 1937.

Dear Abba:

Johns Hopkins University, cooperating with the Baltimore Round Table of The National Conference of Jews and Christians, is planning the first steps in what we hope will be a School of Religion at Hopkins. A series of lectures will be given at the university next year and sponsored by the university. There will be nine lectures on the history of Judaism, Protestantism and Catholicism, and a second series of nine on the religious approach to contemporary problems - three to be given each by a rabbi, a minister and a priest. At a meeting of the committee I suggested your name to give the three lectures in the second series. They will be evening affairs at the university on three successive weeks, perhaps Monday nights. In addition to travelling expenses, a small honorarium will be paid. The committee earnestly urges your acceptance - to say nothing of my own desire to have you. You may be interested to know that Finkelstein, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, is to give the first series on history. Will you let me know at your very earliest convenience?

Love to Virginia, the boys and you.

Faithfully,



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

June 2, 1937

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron,
1914 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Morris:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 24th. I am very much intrigued by the series of lectures which you are planning for Johns Hopkins University next season and I wish I were free to avail myself of the opportunity which you extend to me to deliver one of the series of lectures. But I am afraid that it is quite impossible for me to commit myself to three successive Monday nights away from Cleveland. My schedule will simply not permit it. One lecture would be quite possible, or two lectures on two successive days. Your plan, however, rules me out.

The Rabbinical Conference in Columbus was quite interesting. I enjoyed it. Virginia spent part of the time with me in Columbus. There was some excitement in connection with the passage of the new Declaration of Principles but it was finally passed. I received your telegram. Unfortunately it arrived too late to be read at the Alumni meeting.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

As ever,

AHS:BK

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1937

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to add my invitation to that of the University Supper Club and Lectures Committee of the Johns Hopkins University Y.M.C.A. to participate in their 1937-38 program. Mr. Hammaker, the Executive Secretary, has already written you, giving you details, and we would all appreciate an affirmative reply.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac L. Bowman

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Lazaron told me this morning that it will be impossible for you to accept his invitation to conduct the series of lectures at Johns Hopkins University during the coming academic year, and also that you are planning to go abroad in the near future. Consequently, I hasten to write you on behalf of the University Supper Club and University Lecture Committee to urgently invite you to return as one of our guest speakers in the 1937-38 series. To remind you of the project, I am enclosing a copy of a recent folder.

The Supper Club, comprised of approximately 250 students, faculty and friends from the University and from Goucher College, is an affair marked by informality and congenial good fellowship. It is followed at 8:15 o'clock by the Lecture, which is attended by a considerably larger audience including many parents and other adult friends.

We hope very much that it will be possible for you to come in connection with a trip to the East. Just now, any of the following dates on our schedule would be satisfactory, but I would appreciate your suggesting more than one, if possible, which would be satisfactory to you in the event that some of these dates are filled before I receive your reply.

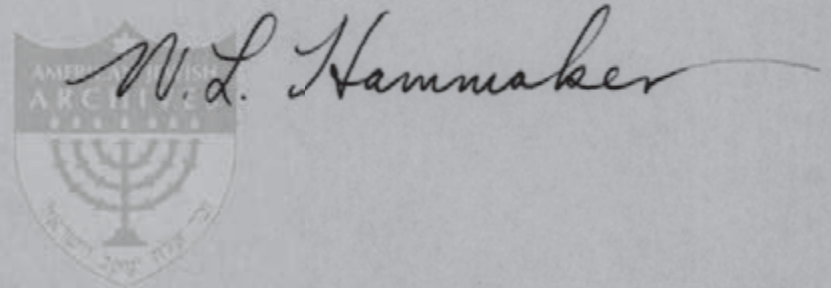
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Rabbi Silver

As you know, we conduct this series on a strictly limited budget and therefore must restrict the compensation to an amount designed to cover only the expenses of the speaker. I trust that if you can come in connection with a trip to the East, a fee of \$65.00 will be satisfactory.

I shall appreciate your kindness in apprising me of your availability and choice of dates as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



WLH:D

June 17, 1937

Mr. W. L. Hammaker,
Levering Hall,
Johns Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Hammaker:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 11 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the University Supper Club sometime next season. I need not tell you that I am very appreciative of your invitation. I would appreciate it if you would send me a little more information about these meetings. I recall that I addressed one a few years ago and that the meeting was rather poorly attended. You realize that I would not be justified in traveling two nights in a sleeper and setting aside a day out of a crowded program to address a small meeting. I must conserve my time and my energy. What has been your average attendance during the past season?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 21, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th in regard to coming as one of our guest speakers for the University Supper Club and Lecture Series. I quite understand your reluctance to spend so much time from a busy schedule if it were not worth your while.

Since this has been my first year at Johns Hopkins, I am not well qualified to state definitely how valuable this project is in terms of its influences upon people. But there have been some encouraging results this year, and I am most enthusiastic about the prospect for real accomplishments through the program.

During the 1936-37 academic year the attendance at the Supper Club, which meets at six o'clock and which is comprised predominantly of students from the University and from Goucher College, has averaged at 175. The Lecture, which occurs at 8:15 o'clock has drawn at least from 400 to 500 persons on the average.

Please know that we shall be slow to anger whatever your response, and that we greatly anticipate entertaining you, if you deem it possible to come.

Cordially yours,

W. L. Hammaker

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Not wishing to be too insistent but constrained by the necessity of completing our schedule for the University Supper Club and Lecture Series, I am writing again to inquire about the possibility of your accepting our invitation.

As you know, we do not wish to infringe unduly upon your extremely busy schedule, but we would greatly appreciate having you come, if you feel it possible to do so.

Cordially yours,

W. L. Hamaker

WLH:D

July 20, 1937

Mr. W. L. Hammaker,
Levering Hall,
Johns Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Hammaker:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver is at present in Europe where he will be until the end of August. I am forwarding your letter to him along with the dates suggested in a previous letter. I shall be pleased to communicate with you when I hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret that it has been necessary
for us to complete our scheduling for the University
Lecture Series for the coming academic year.

Since I knew that you were somewhat
hesitant about coming, I have therefore taken the
liberty to move ahead and have asked Rabbi Rosenzweig
of Scranton to come. I trust that you will understand
this matter and realize that we anticipate having you
come at a mutually convenient time.

Yours very sincerely,

W. L. Hammaker

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Dictated by Mr. Hammaker
but signed in his absence
by ZRD

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall our correspondence a year ago in regard to your coming as one of our speakers at the Johns Hopkins University. For various reasons, which we regretted, it was impossible for us to clear a date with you last year, and consequently, we are especially anxious to have you on our program for 1938-39.

You will be reminded of the nature of the program by the enclosed folder. You would speak first following the dinner at six o'clock and second at the University Lecture at 8:15 o'clock. The Supper Club talk is usually approximately thirty minutes, while the Lecture is from forty to forty-five minutes, with a forum period in each case.

At the present time all of the following dates are open, and I would appreciate your kindness in apprising me of your preference, perhaps stating more than one in case it should already be scheduled by the time we have received your reply.

November 15
January 10

February 7
March 7

May 2

Since we conduct this series on a strictly limited budget, it is impossible for us to offer you an honorarium; we trust, however, that a fee of \$75.00 would be satisfactory. While we realize that this amount is entirely inadequate to meet your expenses, it is higher than we normally pay. I trust that you might be able to arrange your coming here in connection with another trip in this direction.

I shall appreciate your kindness in apprising me of your availability and choice of dates as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Hammaker /-D-

WLH:D

June 17, 1938

Dr. W. L. Hammaker
Levering Hall
The Johns Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Hammaker:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of June 13 and for the invitation which you extend to me to share in your University Lecture this coming season and also to address the University Supper Club. I shall be very pleased to come. I recall with pleasure my last visit to your organization. The date of March 7 which you suggest among others, is acceptable.

Would you have any objection to my accepting a speaking engagement in Baltimore for the noon hour of the same day? I have already received two or three invitations from Jewish organizations in Baltimore for next season. I might - although this is not at all certain - give one of these organizations the luncheon hour.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ahs:bk

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are delighted to know that you can be one of our speakers in the coming year. We are making a final reservation of March 7th as the date for you.

Indeed, we have no objection to your accepting another speaking engagement in Baltimore for the noon hour of the same day. In fact, if sharing the expenses will thus make it possible for you to come, we are quite glad that it is possible.

As to your topics, we would appreciate your kindness in suggesting a few from which we might choose. This need not be done immediately, however, as there is ample time beforehand. I should like to ask, however, for a glossy print of yourself, as well as any biographical, or other publicity material which you could send in the next week or two.

Cordially yours,

W. L. Hammaker

June 29, 1938

Mr. W. L. Hammaker
Levering Hall
The Johns Hopkins University YMCA
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Hammaker:

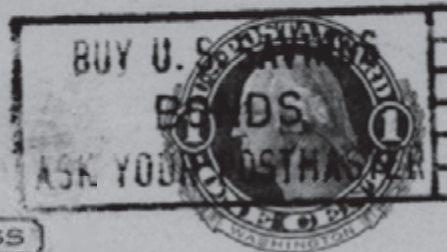
I am enclosing herewith a gloss of
Rabbi Silver as well as a short biographic sketch.
Rabbi Silver will send you his subject at a later
date.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

July 18, 1938

Dear Miss Kline:

Will you kindly send us a list of Rabbi Silver's publishers so that we know about his books, for our publicity purposes? Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The time of your visit with us approaches rapidly. Since you have been our guest before for this Series, I need only remind you that your first assignment is at the University Supper Club at six o'clock, and your second at the University Lecture at 8:15. The speaker customarily uses twenty to thirty minutes for his talk at the Supper Club, and forty to fifty minutes for the Lecture. In each case a question period ensues.

If there are subjects which you are especially keen about, we would be glad to follow your suggestion for them. Or, if you would like to give us several suggestions, we would appreciate the opportunity of choosing one for each of the meetings. For your information, some of those which we have had during this year have been: "Making Marriage A Success"; "Governmental Economic Planning"; "What Difference Does it Make What a Man Believes About God?"; "Students and the Labor Movement".

If it would not be asking too much of you, we might wish to ask your kindness in being here during the late afternoon, perhaps for an hour between four and six, at which time some of the students could meet you informally. Please let me know your candid opinion about such a group interview.

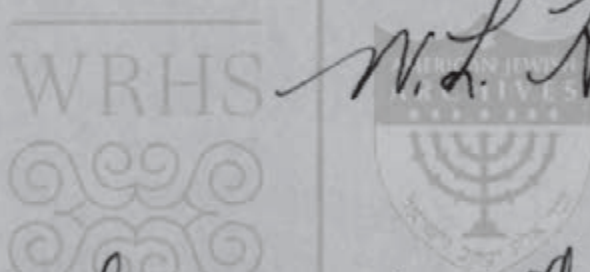
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Rabbi Silver

It would be helpful also if you would be willing to apprise me the names of any of your friends here in the city whom we might invite to be present when you are here.

If you will notify me of the time and place of your arrival, I shall be most happy to meet you.

Please know that we look forward to your visit with with keenest anticipation.

Cordially yours,

 W. L. Hammer

P. S.

We'll appreciate knowing about the topics, etc. as soon as possible. Thank you.

WLH:D

February 17, 1939

Mr. W. L. Hammaker
Levering Hall
The John Hopkins University Y.M.C.A.
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Hammaker:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of
February 15.

The subjects which have proved rather popular
with Forum audiences this year have been:

- 1) SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY
- 2) THE STRENGTH WHICH IS AMERICA

At the Supper Club, I should like to speak on
the subject: WHY OUR AGE IS TURNING TO RELIGION.

I will notify you a little later on as to the
time of my arrival.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our student committee has decided in favor of the first topic which you suggested - SOME ABERRATIONS OF OUR DAY - for the Lecture meeting at 8:15 PM. We are, of course, pleased with your suggestion for the Supper Club - WHY OUR AGE IS TURNING TO RELIGION.

You may be interested to know that Rabbi Morris Lazaron will be with us and introduce you at the Supper Club, and Rabbi Israel will do so at the Lecture.

We look forward to hearing from you as to the time of your arrival.

Most cordially yours,

W. L. Hammaker

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Again let me say to you how much we appreciated your making the trip to Baltimore for our University Supper Club and Lecture.

Several thoughtful persons have said to me that they felt your presentation was one of the best we have had in the series this year.

Please know that we remain indebted to you, and are most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Hammaker

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May 12, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

You are perhaps familiar with the fact that for two years Johns Hopkins University, in conjunction with the Baltimore Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, has been conducting the Hopkins Lectures on Religion. These lectures are given under the auspices of the University on the University campus.

The committee in its series of meetings decided that this year we should have the six lectures on Monday nights from October 16 through November 20 and that we would ask a representative of the Catholics, Jews and Protestants to speak one night each on the general subject of Attitudes Toward Other Groups. This may seem to you rather general, but it was the suggestion of the committee that this subject be broken up into a presentation of the attitudes from the theological, historical and contemporary points of view and that we suggest to the lecturers that they deal with these questions as specifically as possible with what might be considered controversial issues. The purpose of this series of lectures this fall will be to present to the general public what are the actual attitudes of the three groups toward each other, in order that we might do away with misinformation and misunderstandings that are based on rumor. Then the committee thought that we might further dramatize the lectures as well as the subject matter, by announcing in our promotional material, as well as on the night of each lecture, that the audience would have the privilege of asking questions, but that these questions would have to be submitted in writing, later edited and classified by the committee, and then presented to the lecturer a week in advance of the second series, when we would ask him to return for the question and answer period three weeks after the lecture was delivered.

The committee is very anxious that you might serve as the Jewish lecturer in this series this year and is in a position to pay an honorarium of fifty dollars for each lecture, or one hundred dollars for the two nights, plus expenses. May I suggest that if this suggestion meets with your approval, you give us the lecture on Monday evening, October 30, and then come to Baltimore again on Monday evening, November 20, for the question and answer period. We very much hope that you will accede to this request and that I may have a favorable reply at your early convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. Gottschall
A. W. Gottschall

AWG:R

P.S. If the dates suggested do not meet your convenience, I am sure that possibly arrangements can be made with the other lecturers for a shift in dates to suit the convenience of all the men. I might also state that we are asking Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr of Harvard University and Rev. Dr. Maurice Sheehy of The Catholic University of America, to appear on this same series.



June 12, 1939

Mr. A. W. Gottschall, Southern Area Secretary
The National Conference of Christians and Jews
715 Southern Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Gottschall:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time, and I have been ill part of the time.

I deeply appreciate your invitation to share in the Hopkins Lectures on Religion. I wish I were free to come to you on October 30 and November 20, but as you probably know, I am heavily burdened, this year, with the duties involved in my office as National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. We are engaged in a very difficult task of trying to raise twenty million dollars. I am compelled to devote all my spare to traveling round the country opening campaigns and helping to organize communities for this important work. I am therefore compelled to decline many an invitation the acceptance of which would have given me great pleasure.

Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:K

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THE SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 26—CHANNING POLLOCK

Well-known author, playwright, publicist, social observer and world traveler. Long a dramatist seeking purely entertainment value, he now writes with a social purpose. Has just returned from an extended tour of the Orient. Author of thirty-one plays, among them, "The Fool" and "The Enemy" (a broadside against the folly and futility of war).

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NOVEMBER 9— EFRAIM M. ROSENZWEIG

Rabbi of Madison Avenue Temple, Scranton, Pa. Extensive interests, participating intensively in all. Among his activities are mental hygiene organizations, peace groups, civil liberties units, adult education, and vocational guidance. Popular as lecturer at Student Christian Movement Conferences. A favorite of the Hopkins delegation at Eagles Mere (June 1937). Interested in Jewish-Christian Relations. A newspaper columnist on community affairs.

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DECEMBER 7— HALFORD E. LUCCOCK

Yale Divinity School Professor of Homiletics, relator of religion to life and literature. Author of such books as "Jesus and the American Mind", "Christian Faith and Economic Change", and "Contemporary American Literature and Religion". Is much sought after as lecturer on the meaning of religion both in personal living and in social problems.

JANUARY 11—NORMAN THOMAS

Prominent American Socialist, a quadrennial candidate of that party for President. Constant worker for the rights of labor and the oppressed. Formerly a Presbyterian clergyman. He is author of many thought-provoking books such as "Human Exploitation", "War—No Profit, No Glory, No Need" and "After the New Deal, What?"

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December 7—HALFORD E. LUCCOCK
(Professor, Yale University,
Divinity School)

January 11—NORMAN THOMAS
(Former Socialist Nominee for
President)

February 15—JAMES G. McDONALD
(Former High Commissioner for
German Refugees)

March 8—FRANK PORTER GRAHAM
(President, University North
Carolina)

April 12—DANIEL POLING
(Pastor Baptist Temple, Philadel-
phia, President, World Christian
Endeavor Society)

May 3—Pending.

FEBRUARY 15— JAMES G. McDONALD

Authority on international affairs, widely acclaimed for his work as League of Nations High Commissioner for German Refugees, and as co-organizer and chairman of the Foreign Policy Association. Has been and is intimately associated with efforts for world peace. Has met and known many of the great figures of the post-war world, including Hitler, Mussolini, Briand, and Lloyd George. Is now a member of the editorial staff of the New York Times.

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MARCH 8— FRANK PORTER GRAHAM

President of the University of North Carolina. Specialist in history and economics. Holds several honorary degrees. Known for his leadership in higher education and social philosophy.

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APRIL 12—DANIEL POLING

Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Philadelphia civic leader, editor, novelist, radio speaker, friend of youth. At 18, was preacher on Sunday, college student, football star and cub reporter during the week. Militant leader and organizer of significant youth movements. Today, despite a broken back he carries many jobs: President of the International Society for Christian Endeavor, Editor-in-chief of the Christian Herald, etc.—serving in all as champion of youth.

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MAY 3—PENDING

All meetings on Tuesdays:—Supper Club 6:00 P.M., Lectures 8:15 P.M.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The University Supper Club

The meetings of the Club are held at Levering Hall, The Johns Hopkins University, at 6:00 P.M. on the dates announced. Membership preference is given to students, but a limited number of faculty, alumni and friends of the Association are welcome.

Admission by ticket only.

Season Ticket

Student Ticket	\$3.00
Others	\$4.00

Single Admission

Student	\$.50
Others	\$.75



The University Lectures

These lectures are held at the University Baptist Church at 8:15 P.M. following the University Supper Club and are open to the general public.

Season ticket	\$1.00
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