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Kent State University (Kent, Ohio), 1920-1961.

KENT STATE NORMAL COLLEGE

KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN E. MCGILVREY

March 12, 1920.

Rabbi A. Silver,

The Temple, Cor. 55th & Central Ave;

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

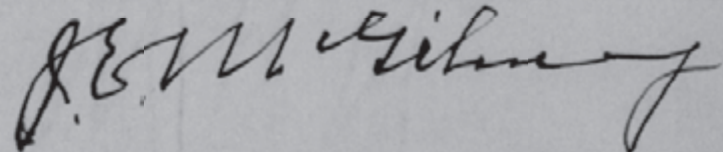
I should like very much to have you give a lecture to the student body in our summer school numbering about 1,400 students-teachers and prospective teachers in the Public Schools of the State- on any subject that will stir them to a higher conception of the service they may render in this educational crisis.

The dates of June 24th and 25th would suit us best.

If you think favorably of this and you cannot come on either of these dates, I shall be glad to consider other dates with you. If you can come please let me know your terms. I wish to assure you that this is an opportunity to render real service to Ohio and to the Nation.

Cordially yours,

JEM/F



March 19th, 1930

Mr. J. E. McGilvrey,
Kent State Normal School,
Kent, Ohio.

My dear Mr. McGilvrey,

I am in receipt of your kind letter inviting me to address your student body. I should be very happy to do so, but I feel that it may not be possible on the dates you suggest - June 24th and 25th.

There is a slight possibility of my going abroad this year and if I do, I should leave the latter part of June.

If you could give me a few dates in the early part of the month, I think I might be able to select one and avail myself of your kind invitation.

My remuneration would be \$100.00 and traveling expenses.

With kindest regards and awaiting further word from you, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,
H. L. P. 1930

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J. E. McGilvery,
President Kent State Normal School
Kent, Ohio.

Regret exceedingly previous engagement makes it impossible
for me to accept your kind invitation.

A. H. Silver.

June Seventh
1925

Mrs. Edna Rugg Patterson,
145 S. Prospect Street,
Kent, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Patterson,

Your letter of July fifth to
Rabbi Silver has been opened by me in his
absence. Rabbi Silver is in Europe and
will not return to Cleveland until the early
part of September.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

CIVIC
DEPARTMENT

THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF
KENT, OHIO

July 5 - 1925

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are anxious to secure a good speaker on Civic or Public Welfare topics for an open public meeting sponsored by this club-dept. Will you send us promptly full information as to whether you could speak to us, what your subjects and prices are, and available dates? We would like all data in hand by the 10th or 11th. Can you give us prompt reply please?

Mrs. Edna Rugg Patterson
Chairman Program Com.
145 S. Prospect St.

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KENT STATE NORMAL COLLEGE
KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 15, 1926.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The University Club of Kent is an organization made up of teachers and professional men from Kent, Ravenna, Hudson, Cuyahoga Falls and other nearby cities. On Monday, May 10th, the last meeting of the year is to be made a ladies night and it is our desire that you have dinner with us and address the club on that occasion.

Since we have no funds it will be impossible to pay more than expenses.

With the hope that you may find it convenient to accept this invitation, I am

Very truly yours,

REM/HB

R. E. Manchester
Secretary

April 19th, 1926.

Mr. R.E. Manchester,
Kent State Normal School,
Kent, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Manchester,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind invitation to address the
University Club of Kent on Monday,
May 20th. I would gladly have availed
myself of your kind invitation but for
the fact that I have another engagement
scheduled on that day - an out of town
engagement too. If I can be of any service
to you at some future time do not hesitate
to call on me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CIVIC
DEPARTMENT

THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF
KENT, OHIO

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1926-27

416 Lake St.,
Kent - Ohio.
6-2-'26.

Rabbi Silver;
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Will it be possible for the Civic Dept. of
Woman's Club to arrange a lecture date
with you some time this fall or winter of
1927? If so what will ^{be} the expense, subject and
date.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. L. B. Hastings, Chs. Program
Comm.

June 7th, 1926.

Mrs. L.B. Hastings,
416 Lake Street,
Kent, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Hastings,

It may be possible for
Rabbi Silver to come to your organization
in the early winter months. His remuneration
is \$150. If the terms are acceptable he will
be glad to forward you a list of dates and
subjects.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



CIVIC
DEPARTMENT

THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF
KENT, OHIO

6-21-26.

Francis H. Jones -
East 105th St. @ Canal Rd.
Cleveland -
Ohio -

Dear Sir :-

In answer to your note of June 1st -
We regret very much that we will not
be able to meet Rabbi Silverman this
club year.

Very truly yours -
Mrs. L. B. Hastings
Chr. Program Comm.

Kent, Ohio
Sept. 18, 1929.

Rabbi Silver,
10311 Lakeshore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The annual meeting
of the Portage County
Chapter of the American Red
Cross is to be held in
Parma during the week
of October 13th. At
this meeting we have our

formal opening of the
year's drive.

I have ^{been} delegated by the
chapter to ask you
if you could come to this
dinner meeting as its
speaker - on some
phase of Red Cross Work or
on any subject you
might consider appropriate
for such an occasion.

The specific date during
the week of October 18th

We have left open to suit the
convenience of a speaker.

It would give our Chapter
in Portage County real
pleasure if you could come
to Ravenna at this time.

I shall appreciate an early
reply from you.

Yours Truly,

Marion A. Williams
Kent, Ohio

carol

Sept. 19th, 1929.

Mr. Marion A. Williams,
Kent, Ohio

My dear Mr. Williams:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Sept. 18th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Portage County Chapter of the American Red Cross. I wish I were free to avail myself of your invitation.

Unfortunately the week of the 13th is the week of our High Holy Days and I must remain in Cleveland in performance of my ministerial duties. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

JAMES OZRO ENGLEMAN
PRESIDENT
KENT STATE COLLEGE
KENT, OHIO

March 27, 1931.

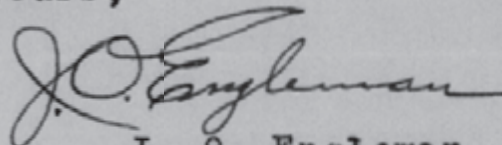
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It is the custom of our college to have a baccalaureate service for our graduating classes on Sunday afternoon preceding their commencement. Such service will be held in the college auditorium here on Sunday at 3 P. M., May 31st. It would please me much to have you preach the sermon or bring the message appropriate to the occasion for the class that day.

Kindly advise me whether you can accept the invitation to give the address on that date, and advise me further what honorarium you would expect.

Sincerely yours,



J. O. Engleman
President

JOE/HB

card

March 30th, 1931.

Dr. James Ozro Engleman,
Kent State College,
Kent, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Engleman:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 27th and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver the baccalaureate address before the graduating class on Sunday afternoon, May 31st.

I am very pleased to accept your invitation and I shall look forward with pleasure to the event.

The matter of the honorarium I will leave entirely with you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

JAMES OZRO ENGLEMAN
PRESIDENT
KENT STATE COLLEGE
KENT, OHIO

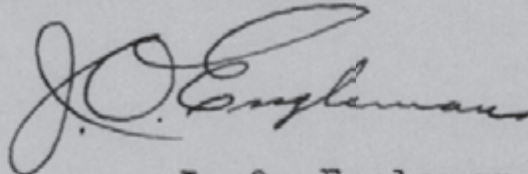
April 1, 1931.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am greatly pleased to
have your acceptance of our recent
invitation to you to deliver the
baccalaureate address here, Sunday
afternoon, May 31st.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. O. Engleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

JOE/HE

J. O. Engleman
President

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

of
OHIO
Athens, Ohio

John Wesley Seay
President

17 Kurtz Avenue
Athens, Ohio
January 4, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am writing as the program chairman of the state Council of Wesley Foundations of Ohio whose spring convention meets at Kent State University on April 30 and May 1 of this year.

We should like to secure you as the speaker at the banquet on Friday evening, April 30, if it is at all possible.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know soon whether or not this date would be possible for you, and also what the charges would be for such an occasion.

As a matter of information, let me say that within the Methodist Episcopal church the Wesley Foundation is the organization which ministers to Methodist preference students on the campuses of state universities. The delegates at this convention need the insight and the inspiration that you can give them with regard to the relationships existing between education and religion. It is my sincere hope that you will find it possible to be with us.

Very truly yours,

John Wesley Seay

President

January 8, 1937

Mr. John Wesley Seay, President,
The Wesley Foundation of Ohio,
17 Kurtz Avenue,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Seay:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 4. I would appreciate it if you would let me know a little bit more about your convention. Are the delegates college students or supervisors of student activities? How many delegates normally attend these conventions? You readily understand why I ask these questions. I receive so many invitations and inasmuch as I cannot accept them all, I must make an intelligent selection.

As regards the honorarium - whatever your custom has been in this regard heretofore would be quite satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

of
OHIO
Athens, Ohio

John Wesley Seay
President

17 Kurtz Avenue
Athens, Ohio
February 2, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that this letter is so late in answer to your letter of January 8. The combination of school work, church activities, and flood troubles has kept me on the go continually. However, I know that you must know something about our organization before you accept the engagement, and, therefore, this letter will give you something of an idea about our plans and program.

The Wesley Foundation is a student organization for college men and women. Our purpose in existing is to make a "Home away from home" for college young people who see the need or are in need of religious guidance. Any Methodist or Methodist preference student may be a member of the Wesley Foundation, and is urged to take an active part in religious activities, such as gospel teams, vesper services, religious plays, and a study of the things that religion has to offer young men and women.

The State Wesley Foundation is really a council. Its members are the officers of the local organized foundations in the seven institutions of Ohio where Wesley Foundations are located. There are usually fifty or sixty members who compose the council, and they are the student leaders who will try to carry back to their local units the things that they feel the state meeting has given them. That is why I feel that you can do us a great deal of good. You can give us some ideas and plans that we may work toward in our local units. In addition to the students, the supervisors of student activities are also present. In other words, the students and the supervisors gather together, and by expressing their ideas, the two groups acquire some of the finer points of the other group's ideas.

I hope that this information has given you a clear enough picture, and it is my sincere hope that you will feel it important enough that you will accept. Of course, every man thinks that his own organization or group needs more attention than any other, but I feel that you can make our meeting in April very much worthwhile and very constructive.

Very truly yours,

John Wesley Seay
John Wesley Seay

February 8, 1937

President John Wesley Seay,
The Wesley Foundation of Ohio,
17 Kurtz Avenue,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear President Seay:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 2. I wish I were free to come to you. I regard it as a privilege to have been invited. However, since your first letter to me, my Temple has planned an elaborate program for the month of April in connection with my twentieth anniversary with The Temple. Involved in this celebration is also a major financial effort in behalf of the institution which will require my constant attendance here.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

of
OHIO
Athens, Ohio

John Wesley Seay
President

17 Kurtz Avenue
Athens, Ohio
February 20, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your letter of February 9, in which you stated that it will be impossible for you to attend our state meeting at Kent State. I am very sorry that you will cannot be with us.

I hope that you have all the success possible in your work, and that possibly sometime in the future you will be able to be with our group.

Very truly yours,

John Wesley Seay

John Wesley Seay



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

K.G. LEEBRICK, PRESIDENT

KENT, OHIO
Box 325

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

May 7, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
No. 2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

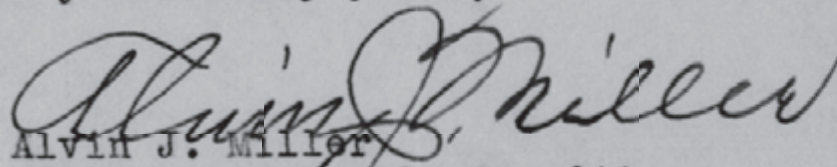
For our Thanksgiving week assembly program next fall, which should be held a day or two before Thanksgiving Day, the Assembly Committee would like to present to our student body an outstanding religious leader with a strong religious message. The assembly could be held in the forenoon or the afternoon with about 40 to 45 minutes devoted to the address.

Will you kindly advise me whether you could favor us in this way.

Also please indicate what would be the cost to the University.

During the winter it was our good fortune to have one of your friends, Mr. Bernard Goodman, appear in Kent on a program held in the Methodist Church in which there appeared a representative of the Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant Churches and the Jewish Synagogue and Temple. At that time I conferred with Mr. Goodman as to the possibility of having you come to the University. He thought the arrangement could be made. Our committee hopes it will be possible.

Very cordially yours,


Alvin J. Miller
Chairman Assembly Committee

AJM/hgt

May 13, 1941

Professor Alvin J. Miller
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My dear Professor Miller:

This is to confirm the acceptance of your kind invitation to address the Thanksgiving week assembly of Kent State University. I shall be very happy to come to you on Tuesday, November 18. I can come either in the forenoon or in the afternoon, to suit the convenience of the University.

As far as the honorarium is concerned, I leave that entirely with you. What is customary with the University will be perfectly agreeable.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

K.G. LEEBRICK, PRESIDENT

KENT, OHIO

Box 325

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

November 13, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
No. 2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you at this time simply to call to mind the Thanksgiving address for which you are scheduled at Kent State University, on Tuesday, November 18, at 10 o'clock.

We shall appreciate it very much if you would send us some biographical or other publicity material for the local newspaper. If convenient 2 or 3 mats would be valuable also.

Many people outside of the university will be interested in your address and we would like to give them the opportunity of hearing you.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

Alvin J. Miller
Chairman Assembly Committee

AJM/ht



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

K.C. LEEBRICK, PRESIDENT

KENT, OHIO

Box 325

November 15, 1941.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to call to mind again the address at Kent State University for which you are scheduled on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00, A.M.

This is the annual Thanksgiving Day Assembly service and is distinctly religious in character. We have two such assemblies in the school year, at this time and at Easter. We meet in the University auditorium.

Our A Capella Choir will sing two sacred numbers, - "Now Thank We All Our God" and a Tchaikowski composition.

I shall be happy to meet you anywhere in Kent you suggest. If you come by auto it would probably be simplest if you come direct to the Administration Building which is the central building on the campus driveway. There I can readily be called by phone. My office is in Kent Hall #110.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to having you with us.

Very gratefully yours,

Alvin J. Miller
Alvin J. Miller
Chairman Assembly Committee

P.S.

We expect to have Rabbi Lazaron, Father Donovan and Rev. Clinchy, all of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with us week after next.

November 17, 1941

Mr. Norman Shaw, City Editor
The Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Shaw:

The enclosed is a brief abstract of an address which Rabbi Silver will deliver tomorrow at a convocation of faculty and students at Kent State University. Mr. Frank Stewart requested that I send it to you inasmuch as he will not be at work tomorrow. This abstract is not being sent to any other paper.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

K.C. LEEBRICK, PRESIDENT

KENT, OHIO
BOX 325

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

November 19, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
No. 2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Both faculty and students are giving expression to the conviction that yesterday's Thanksgiving Day Assembly was the greatest we ever had here. We are most grateful to you for the service you have rendered the university, the faculty and particularly our college youth.

Fraternally yours,

Alvin J. Miller

Chairman Assembly Committee

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

KENT, OHIO

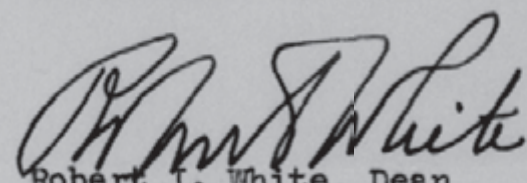
October 11, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The purpose of this letter is to inquire into the possibility of your addressing the Rotary Club of Kent at noon on Tuesday, February 1. The club has a membership of approximately one hundred with about fifteen of those coming from the University. I am a relative newcomer to these parts but I have heard you on several occasions, once down here and several times in Cleveland, in addition to hearing extensively of you from such men as President Bowman of this University and Superintendent Schinnerer of Cleveland. Not only am I convinced the men would enjoy hearing you but I am equally certain that your presentation to them would do much towards that which Rotary is supposed to do, namely, bring into the thinking and lives of these business and professional men some considerations which otherwise would be overlooked in the rush of their daily living. In checking the budget I doubt if I would be able to offer an honorarium of much more than \$25.00 which I realize is far below what it should be. Perhaps I would be able to supplement some other sources. Anyway, as program chairman of the organization, I shall be most happy if you are able to come and I feel that this membership would provide you a good audience. Thank you for your consideration and time in this connection.

Sincerely,


Robert I. White, Dean
College of Education

RIW/ec

October 14, 1948

Dean Robert I. White
College of Education
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My dear Dean White:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 11th and your kind invitation for February 1st. Unfortunately, my schedule of engagements in addition to my congregational responsibilities are such that it is impossible for me to accept any additional commitments. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in thinking of me and regret my inability to be with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

November 5, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Assembly Committee of Kent State University of which I am Student Chairman would like to invite you to Kent State University to speak at their annual Thanksgiving assembly on November 23, 1948.

We here at Kent State are trying this year to contact ourstanding clergymen to speak at our religious assemblies. As you are well known all over the United States as a speaker and leader in your field it would give the student body great pleasure to hear you and what you would have to tell the college youth.

I would appreciate it very much if you would write me in the near future and inform me as to the possibility of your appearing here.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick Scadding
Frederick Scadding
Kent State University

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 13, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

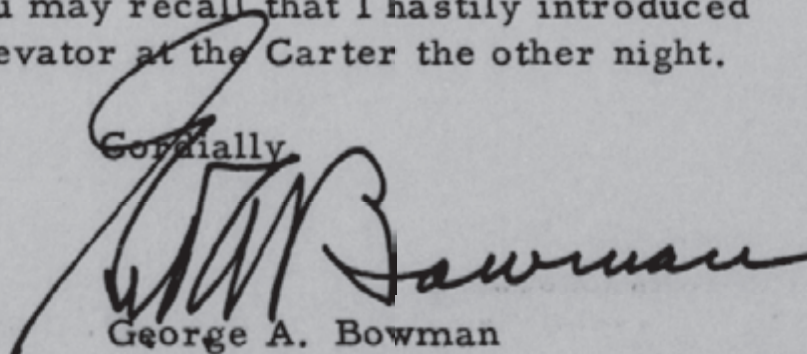
For several years I have hoped that we could have you here for a commencement exercise. We get a large number of students, as you no doubt know, from greater Cleveland. Will your schedule permit you to make our commencement address this spring? The exercises are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13.

We have usually found that an address of about twenty-five to thirty minutes fits well into the program, although we do not place any restriction upon the guest speaker. I would like to have the speaker dwell upon the responsibilities which have been thrust upon our country in the world situation and the implications for the young men and women who are coming out of our schools and colleges just now. I hasten to add that this is a hope on my part and not a requirement.

If your schedule will permit you to come, I am sure that we can meet the usual honorarium. We would very much like to have Mrs. Silver come with you and attend a luncheon which Mrs. Bowman and I have for a group of our staff immediately following the exercises.

You will not remember me. I was for seven years superintendent of schools in Lakewood and met you on more than one occasion. You may recall that I hastily introduced myself to you on the elevator at the Carter the other night.

Cordially,



George A. Bowman
President

GAB:bm

April 14, 1953

Dr. George A. Bowman
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bowman:

I deeply appreciate your letter of April 13th and your gracious invitation to deliver the commencement address to your graduating class on Saturday, June 13th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to have come to Kent State University. Unfortunately, however, I have a very crowded schedule that week. I am delivering the Baccalaureate address at the University of Minnesota on the 7th and at the University of Iowa on Friday, the 12th. I am afraid that it would crowd me entirely too much to accept a third address that week. This season has been a rather strenuous one for me and I am beginning to feel the effects of it. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Wesley Foundation

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY . KENT, OHIO

CHARLES V. IRELAND, DIRECTOR
MINISTER AT THE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD J. WIAINT, MINISTER
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley House
511 E. Main St.

October 12, 1953

Dear Rabbi, .

I am writing in behalf of the Kent State University Religious Emphasis Week committee to ask if you will be our keynote speaker for a week of religious emphasis next January.

As director of the Wesley Foundation and minister at the University, I am acting as the co-ordinator for our religious emphasis this year. Our committee desires a speaker who will give us a message of real challenge, and also one who is nationally known as we expect to have an assembly which will draw more than 2000 students.

Specifically, we want you to come to Kent on Monday, January 25, 1954, to be our speaker for a week of religious emphasis which will center around the word, "SEARCH". We are planning four days of seminars, assemblies, house meetings, etc., with a team of leaders in such fields as education, marriage, prayer, and politics, to be set off by a campus-wide "mass meeting" or assembly which will stimulate interest in the week's program. Two years ago Dr. Ralph Sockman came to us for this purpose through the auspices of the University Christian Mission which was helping us with our first attempt of this kind. He spoke to about 2700 students, representing three-fourths of our student body. Because Religious Emphasis Week is such a new experience in the traditions of this campus, you can understand our concern to have a speaker who can give us the support and help we need at this crucial time.

Our second campus-wide program must be planned without the resources of the UCM, therefore we are financially limited. Dr. Sockman made his contribution through the Mission, free of charge to us. We do not expect you to do this, of course, but we do want you to know at once that this must be considered in our planning. We will be in a position to pay expenses and a moderate honorarium. We know that your schedule is extremely heavy, and do not want to ask for more of your time than you could give.

Rabbi Alan S. Green is to be here that week to represent the Jewish faith in seminars, evening meetings, etc. We would expect your main contribution to be the opening convocation. We will be glad to help plan transportation to and from Cleveland for you.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Ireland
Charles V. Ireland
for the REW committee

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October 22, 1953

Reverend Charles V. Ireland
Director, Wesley Foundation
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My dear Reverend Ireland:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 12th and for your gracious invitation to speak on the Kent State University Religious Emphasis Program on Monday, January 25th.

It would have given me great pleasure indeed, if I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately, I am committed to an important meeting here in the city on that day and it will not be possible for me to come to you. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service.

With warm regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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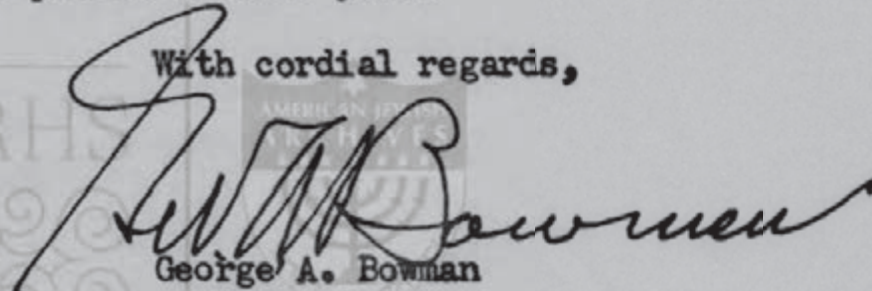
March 11, 1955

My dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall our expressed hope on other occasions to have you as guest speaker at our annual spring Commencement exercises. This year they occur at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11.

I am pleased to renew our invitation, hoping that you will wish to come to us and that your schedule will permit it this year.

With cordial regards,


George A. Bowman
President

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

March 17, 1955

Dr. George A. Bowman, President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My Dear Dr. Bowman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter
of March 11th. I shall be very pleased to
be with you at the Commencement exercises
on Saturday morning, June 11th.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 18, 1955

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

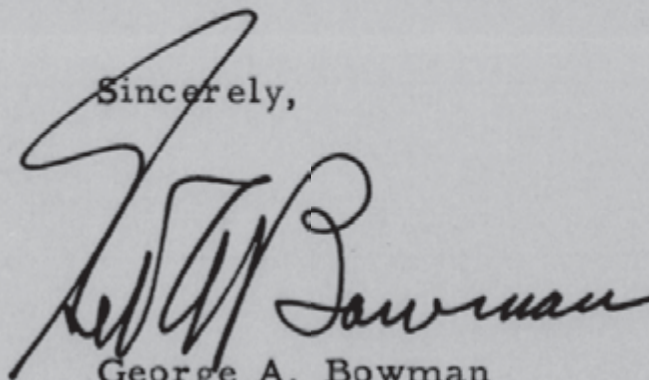
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted this morning to have your letter accepting our invitation as a guest and speaker at our annual June Commencement exercises at 10:00 a.m. on the 11th of the month.

I shall write you in more detail later. Our speakers usually take from 25 to 30 minutes. Following the exercises, we have a luncheon at the President's house. We should very much like to have you and Mrs. Silver attend. I am hoping that it will be possible for you to arrange your schedule to be with us for the luncheon. There would be no obligation to remain beyond the luncheon time if you should desire to get away as early as 2:00 p.m.

With appreciation and cordial personal regards,

Sincerely,



George A. Bowman
President

GAB:ef

March 24, 1955

Dr. George A. Bowman, President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bowman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of March 18th.

I shall be very happy to join you for
lunch on June 11th following the Commencement
exercises. Mrs. Silver will not accompany me.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

April 5, 1955.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

With respect to your Commencement address
here in June, I would greatly appreciate receipt of a
glossy print of yourself. Also if you have decided on
the title of your address, I would like to have it.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

George C. Betts
George C. Betts,
Public Affairs Officer.

GCB:JG

"The Crisis of Our Age"

sent glossy
4/6

April 6, 1955

Mr. George C. Betts, Public Affairs Officer
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Mr. Betts:

Enclosed is the glossy print of Rabbi
Silver which was requested in your letter of
April 5th.

Very truly yours,

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

enclosure

April 29, 1955

Mr. George C. Betts
Public Affairs Officer
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Mr. Betts:

Rabbi Silver has decided on the title,
"The Crisis of Our Age" for the address that
he is to deliver at your Commencement exercises
in June.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

June 2, 1955.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

If you have prepared a text for your
Commencement address here on June 11, we would
appreciate very much receiving a copy in advance
for our News Bureau.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,



George C. Betts
George C. Betts
Public Affairs Officer

GCB:JG

sent 6/9/55

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 6, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

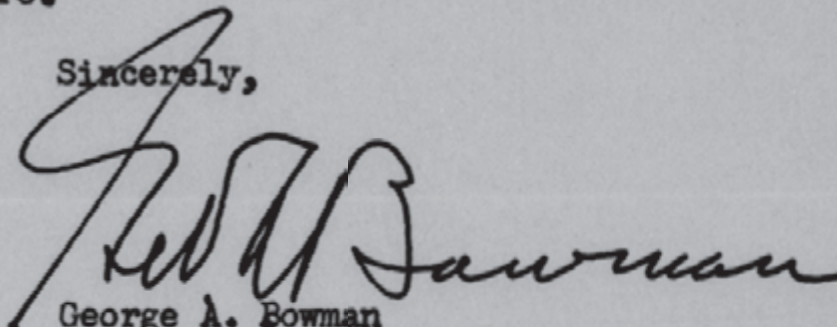
My dear Rabbi Silver:

This note is just to remind you of the hour of Commencement this coming Saturday: 10:00 a.m. I believe it would be well for you to reach my office not later than 9:30 o'clock. The Administration Building, in which this office is located, is at the top of Hilltop Drive. A place will be provided for parking your car nearby.

I am assuming that you have your own academic regalia.

We are expecting you for the luncheon at the President's House immediately following the Commencement exercises. You are to feel free to leave as early as your later plans require.

Sincerely,


George A. Bowman
President

GAB:am

P.S. - We are on Eastern Daylight time--the same as Cleveland.

GAB

The B. F. Goodrich Company

AKRON, OHIO

June 13, 1955

Office of
Secretary and
General Counsel

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available*

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

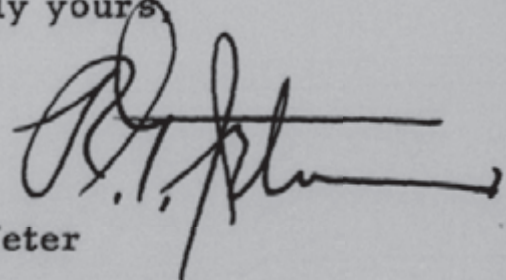
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was my privilege last Saturday to attend the commencement exercises at Kent State University, where my son-in-law was being graduated.

Your address was excellent. If a copy is available, I should appreciate receiving it. My son-in-law expects in September to commence study for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, and I know he would treasure a copy of your address.

My kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



R. G. Jeter

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

June 15, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of the commencement address you delivered for us on June 11.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how very much I appreciated your thoughts. There have been many fine comments from various sources.

Most sincerely,

Julia Waida

Julia Waida
University Editor

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July 7, 1955

Mr. R. G. Jeter
The B. F. Goodrich Company
Akron, Ohio

Dear Mr. Jeter:

Please forgive the delay in acknowledging your kind letter of June 13th. Rabbi Silver was out of the city a good deal of the time during the month of June, and his correspondence unfortunately lagged. Now he has left for Europe, and he has asked me to respond to your very thoughtful letter.

Unfortunately, we have no copies available for Rabbi Silver's Commencement address at Kent. We regret that we cannot be of service to you.

Rabbi Silver wished to convey his warmest regards to you.

Very truly yours,

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

United Christian Fellowship

William K. Laurie
Minister and Director

UCF House
540 S. Lincoln St.

Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

October 17, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I had the privilege of sitting with you on the platform at the last major Kent State University commencement and now know the pleasure of writing to you as Co-ordinator of Religious Emphasis Week for this campus in 1956.

The dates of this year's R.E.W. is January 9 through 12. We are planning a program under the general theme of "Know Your Faith". A number of seminars and evening platforms have been planned. We have already despaired of knowing sufficient good fortune of having you take the time from your busy schedule to share the whole Week with us. However, we would like to ask if your time would permit your being with us during one afternoon and evening and a part of a following day?

✓ The specific date we have in mind is Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 10, and as much of Wednesday, January 11, as you could spare. If this is impossible, then our second choice would be Wednesday afternoon and evening, January 11, and as much of Thursday as you could spare. The thing we would like very much to have you do is:

- 1) a student seminar on your first afternoon with us in the area of faith and the forces that divide us;
- 2) a platform address on the evening that you would be with us, on the topic, "Does Judaism Make A Difference?", pointing us to the impact Judaism has had upon our society, past and present.

You may be interested to know that Henry Hitt Crane is going to speak on Christianity's impact, on Monday evening.

- 3) Depending on how much time your schedule can give us the following day, we would like to make you available to classroom visitations and a faculty seminar.

It is our very real hope that you might find it possible to be with us.

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Participating Denominations:

Baptist • Congregational • Disciples of Christ • Episcopal
Evangelical and Reformed • Evangelical United Brethren • Presbyterian

We have been convinced for a long time, and your being with us during last summer's commencement confirmed our conviction, that our students here can profit greatly by being put in contact with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

William K. Laurie

William K. Laurie
Co-ordinator, R.E.W. 1956

WKL:cb



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October 20, 1955

Rev. William K. Laurie,
Kent State University
UCF House
540 S. Lincoln Street
Kent, Ohio

My dear Reverend Laurie:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 17th.

I should like to come to Kent, but I am afraid I cannot give you as much time as your program calls for. I am too heavily scheduled with out of town engagements this season. It will be possible for me to come to you on Wednesday, January 11th. I will not be able to be with you on Thursday. I should be glad to have the Seminar on the afternoon of Wednesday and a platform address in the evening. I will have to return to Cleveland that night.

If this falls within your plans, please let me know.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

United Christian Fellowship

William K. Laurie
Minister and Director

UCF House
540 S. Lincoln St.

Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

October 21, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It is good to know that you will be able to be with us for Wednesday, January 11, in our Religious Emphasis Week. I have reported your reply to the Committee and it has served as an additional inspiration to them as they continue planning for the Week.

In light of your being with us only Wednesday, I should like to share three things with you.

- 1) We have tentatively planned for a small, informal, faculty supper in the faculty dining room through which you can meet informally with interested faculty and perhaps raise some question for informal discussion with them regarding any topic you feel is appropriate. We feel this is important so that you might not only meet students through the seminar, but also faculty.
- 2) How early on Wednesday would you be able to be with us? If early enough (and with your approval) we would like to make you available for invitations for a few classroom visits.
- 3) Regarding the seminar: I mentioned to you that it was in the area of faith and the forces that divide us. We would hope that you might direct the group's thinking in the forces which seem to divide our society between Gentile and Jew.

These three matters I leave in your hands, as well as the platform address, the details of which you already know. I must again share with you the Committee's (and my own) happiness in knowing that you are coming. If any further questions arise, I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

William K. Laurie

William K. Laurie
Co-ordinator,
Religious Emphasis Week, 1956

November 28, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are indeed happy that you will be able to take part in the forthcoming Religious Emphasis Week on Kent State University's campus, and we are looking forward to this event with great anticipation. Our opening assembly will be on Monday, January ninth at 10 o'clock A.M. The guests for the week will be introduced at this time. There will be a supper meeting Sunday evening, January eighth for students to get acquainted with the speakers in an informal manner. Will you let us know if you can join us at this time.

Kent is a fairly centrally located city. If you cannot make your connections directly to Kent, we shall be happy to meet you at any of the following places:

Cleveland Airport
Canton-Akron Airport
Cleveland Union Terminal
Any Kent or Akron Train Station.

Please inform us as to your plans of arrival.

Housing will be provided for you in faculty homes and/ or the dormitories. We will be most happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Whiteman

Marilyn Whiteman
Lowry Hall
Kent, Ohio

Bernie Smith

Bernie Smith

Co-Charimen Hospitality Committee

R.E.W. Publicity
Religious Office
Kent State Univ.
Kent Ohio
Nov. 28, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Arundel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

In reference to Religious Emphasis Week at Kent
State University.

Will you please send us a short biography and a list
of books you suggest we have in our book store for that
week. If possible, we would like you to send three "glassy
print" photographs to be used for publicity purposes.

Your earliest attention will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Rayna Torrence
Publicity Co. Chairman.

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Books on Judaism

Agus, Jacob Bernard
Guideposts in modern Judaism.

Bloch, 1954

Bernstein, P. S.
What the Jews believe.

Farrar, Straus, 1950

Cohon, S. S.
Judaism, a way of life.

Cincinnati, Union of American Hebrew Congregations
1948

Gordis, Robert
Judaism for the modern age.

Farrar, Straus, 1955

Herbert, Will
Judaism and modern man.

Farrar, Strauss, 1951

Joseph, Morris
Judaism as creed and life.

N. Y. Mcmillan, 1903

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Kertzer, M. N.
What is a Jew?

Cleveland, World pub. co., 1953

Steinberg, Milton
Basic Judaism.

N. Y. Harcourt, Brace, 1947

December 4, 1955

Kent State University
Religious Office
Kent, Ohio

Attention: Rayna Torrence, Publicity Co-chairman
R.E.W. Publicity

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a biographical sketch and three glossies of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, together with a list of books, as you requested in your letter of November 28th.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

encl.

United Christian Fellowship

William K. Laurie
Director

December 7, 1955

Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Religious Emphasis Week planning is about complete; thus the Committee finds itself in the position of being able to take final action regarding finances. I would like to share with you their thinking regarding an honorarium for you. Would \$100 for the day be sufficient? You have undoubtedly a great amount of experience with these things and must be aware that Religious Emphasis Weeks are usually run on a modest budget. We would wish that this honorarium might be more, but the over-all financial picture will probably come into some kind of focus if it is not more than this.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your reaction to this figure.

Again, we look forward to your coming on Wednesday, January 11. I am wondering, too, if you know yet about what time you might arrive. I look forward to hearing from you, since requests for classroom visits by you are already arriving.

Sincerely,

William K. Laurie

William K. Laurie
Co-ordinator
R. E. W. 1956

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Evangelical and Reformed

Baptist

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Congregational

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Evangelical United Brethren

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Disciples of Christ

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Presbyterian

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Episcopal

Universalist

December 22, 1955

*in time for 4:00^{al}
wed 1/11*
4:00 *semin*
4:30 *supper*
5:30 *+ evening
address*

Rev. William K. Laurie
Kent State University
UCF House
540 S. Lincoln Street
Kent, Ohio

My dear Reverend Laurie:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your note of December 7th as I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

The matter of the honorarium is entirely satisfactory.

I plan to motor from Cleveland to Kent arriving in time for the 10:00 o'clock meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

10:00 - open
*no 10 o'clock assembly on Wed.
meet with class + discuss*

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CHARGE DAY LETTER

DEC. 29, 1955

phoned 9:10 A.M. (SL to SM)

TO: REV. WILLIAM K. LAURIE
K KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
UCF HOUSE
540 S. LINCOLN STREET
KENT , OHIO

RABBI SILVER PLANS TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR THE FOUR
O'CLOCK SEMINAR WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11th. ~~stump~~
DEEPLY REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE YOU MAY HAVE BEEN
CAUSED BY THE ERROR ~~IN~~ OUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 22nd.

WRHS
6666

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

MISS S. LEVINE
SECRETARY TO DR. SILVER

Received in envelope of
United Christian Fellowship
Kent State University
Kent Ohio - 11/4/56

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is just a letter to explain your part a little further in the Religious Emphasis Week At Kent State University. We're all looking forward to the week and are in the process of winding up the last details. Aside from your seminar at 4:00 on Wednesday, the faculty dinner following, and the assembly in the evening, we are hoping you will be available during the day for classroom visits. Three professors have asked that you speak to their classes.

11:00 Philosophy

9:00 Music Appreciation "The Contribution made by Jewish music".

2:00 World Literature "Hebrew Contributions to World Literature" and "Moral Ideas of Hebrew Origin Found in World Literature".

We hope that you will also be able to speak in these classrooms. Again we appreciate your cooperation and are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Religious Emphasis Week
Committee

January 4, 1956

Religious Emphasis Week Committee
United Christian Fellowship
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Gentlemen:

In connection with Rabbi Silver's visit to Kent State University he regrets very much that he will not be able to have more meetings than he indicated previously.

His schedule calls for a seminar at 4:00 o'clock, a faculty dinner following, and an address in the evening.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver

United Christian Fellowship

William K. Laurie
Minister and Director

UCF House
540 S. Lincoln St.

Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

January 16, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
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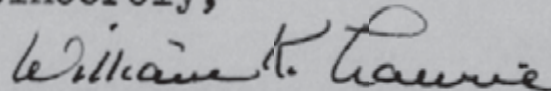
Dear Rabbi Silver,

In the retrospect that a few days afford I look back on our Religious Emphasis Week here feeling that a real impact was made. A large reason for that was your being with us. All three of your meetings with our people were significant ones and we are the richer for your having come.

I especially appreciated the little chat we had while awaiting your driver. This is the kind of thing which happens too seldom and all too briefly. It was my privilege to come to know you somewhat better.

The whole Committee joins me in expressing to you our deep appreciation for your having come.

Sincerely,



William K. Laurie
Coordinator, R.E.W. 1956

WKL:cb

September 13, 1961

Dear Madam,

On November 18th a state wide
brother-sisterhood and Pan-Hel conference
will culminate with a splendid
supper. Most national officers
will attend in addition to Kent's
top administrators.

We would like the Ratti to be
the main speaker that evening
dealing with a general topic:
'Communication'.

All expenses for he and his wife
could be paid plus any reasonable
fee requested.

I will phone you at 11:30 a.m.
Saturday for a tentative reply.

Thank you for your forthcoming
efforts.

Sincerely yours
Theodore G. Joseph

DSZ

September 22, 1961

Mr. Theodore Y. Joseph
300 East Main Street
Kent, Ohio

My dear Mr. Joseph:

Rabbi Silver regrets very much that he is unable to accept your gracious invitation to address the Interfraternity conference on November 18th. Previous engagements make it impossible for him to accept it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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

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Name of Bride

Address of Groom

Address of Bride

Groom's Telephone No.

Bride's Telephone No.

Date of Wedding

Time

Where Held

Organist ☐ Yes ☐ No ...

Member ☐ Yes ☐ No

Remarks