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Marion, Ohio, 1920-1953.



Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Twenty-five
years ago the fourteenth day
of February, inspired by
Rabbi Gries of sainted memory,
Flossa Kleinmaier (my husband's
dear departed mother) organized
a Council of Jewish Women in
this city. February thirteenth
also marks a year since her

departure from this life and
closes as well the first year
of the Council's life without
her fine-spirited leadership.
It has been a year of sore trial
in which all have striven
together to hold aloft the
banner of Jewish woman-
hood, which she bore so high.

On this occasion, which
is doubly meaningful to
us, we turn to you, (and
fittingly so) to inspire us anew
that our feet may not stumble
and our banner be brought
low. We desire our Twenty-fifth
anniversary to stand out for
all time in our memories.

and therefore ask that you address
us on the night of February 14th.

If you consent to speak we
intend inviting as our guests
the Federation of Women's Clubs
of Marion, the Jewish community
here, as you perhaps know, being
quite small and ^{are} we desirous
of having a worthy audience for you.

I hope I may hear from you
soon that you will accept our
invitation so that we may complete
arrangements for the meeting.

George, father and I will be
very happy to have you as our guest
during your stay here.

With very kindest regards, I am,
Sincerely,

(Mrs. Geo.) Pauline S. Kleinmaier,
Chairman

born on Twenty-Fifth Anniversary
Council of Jewish Women

Marion, Ohio
January ninth
nineteen and twenty.

January eighteenth
1921

Mrs. George J. Kleinmaier,
434 South State Street,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Kleinmaier,

I am in receipt of your kind letter inviting me to address the 25th anniversary of the Council of Jewish Women of Marion, on the 14th of February.

I should have been most anxious to accept your kind invitation were it not for the fact that I am scheduled to be in Albany that day and shall be compelled to leave Cleveland on Sunday evening, the 13th.

It will give me great pleasure indeed to be of some service to you at some future time.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE MARION COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MARION, OHIO

Nov. 30, 1924

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Marion Federation of Women's clubs has an open meeting once a month, at which time they have a worth while lecture on some phase of study or work in which the club women are interested.

So many of our members have expressed a desire to have you lecture at one of our meetings. The Council of Jewish Women, one of our strong groups, has been particularly desirous that we secure you.

Therefore I am writing to ask you, if you could lecture on the first Tuesday afternoon of March, what would be your theme, & lecture subjects available?

We do not charge for these monthly lectures, therefore we are limited in the amount we can spend, but we want you so much that we thought

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MARION, OHIO

it would be worth while to ask what
your consideration would be to come to Marion.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Depew Head) Florence B. Head
(Pres.)



December 2nd, 1924.

Mrs. Depew Head,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Head,

Permit me to thank you for
your letter of November 30th and for
the kind invitation to address the
Federation of Women's Clubs at Marion, Ohio.
I should love to accept your invitation, but
I am scheduled to be in Richmond, Va. the first
Tuesday in March. If at any future time I
may be of service to you, please write to me.
My honorarium is \$100.00.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Marion County Federation
of Women's Clubs.

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THE MARION COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MARION, OHIO

Jan. 12, 1925

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi,
East 105 Street at 42nd Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear sir:—
The Federation of Women's Clubs
has asked me to secure a date with
you sometime the latter part of February.
Could you give us Thursday evening,
February twenty-sixth? If not, what
date is available about that time of
the month?

Will you please give me some of
your lecture subjects also which lecture
you will most likely give for us?
Please send me any data about yourself
that I can use for publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Thome C. Head
(Mrs. Depew Head)

THE MARION COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MARION, OHIO

Jan. 22, 1925

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:—

I wrote you about ten days ago in regard to a lecture date for Marion. You had written me saying you would give us a date at some time.

I fear the letter has been lost, so I am writing you again, as the ladies are already enthusiastically selling tickets for your lecture, and I want to announce the date soon.

In my letter I asked you if you could give us Thursday evening, February twenty-sixth. If that date is taken,

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What evening could you give us,
close to that time?
Also can you give us the title
of your lecture.

Sincerely yours,

Anna De Head
Mrs. Depew Head



January 29th, 1925.

Mrs. Depew Head,
Marion County Federation of
Women's Clubs,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Head,

I regret exceedingly that
I shall be unable to avail myself of
your kind invitation to address the
Marion County Federation of Women's
Clubs. My health has not been of
the best and I cannot in justice to
myself accept any more engagements
this year.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE MARION COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MARION, OHIO

Feb. 2, 1925

Abba Hillel Silver
Ratti, The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ratti Silver: -
I hope you will not
think I am too persistent in my
letters to you.

I was more than disappointed when
I received your letter yesterday saying
that you didn't feel you could come
to Marion this winter.

Now I am going to tell you my
position, then of course you will have
to use your own judgment.

In December, when I wrote you in
regard to an engagement, you wrote me
you would be glad to come to Marion
providing we could get a date that
was not already taken. The members of

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the federation were so delighted, that the announcement was made public, and a number of season & individual tickets sold & on the strength of your coming.

Perhaps I should have secured a definite date before announcing your willingness to come, but I felt sure we could find an open date with you.

The Council of Jewish Women, which is a member of our federation, has been working so hard to get you and to sell tickets for your lecture. So I think you can see my position.

I don't wish to urge anyone to do more than he can; but I have been wondering if you would not consider a

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date later in the spring. We could
have an engagement as late as the
first of May. Perhaps when the
weather is better & you are feeling better
you could include Marion. Please let
me know, and again I say I hope
you will not think me "one of these
persistent women who won't take 'no' for
an answer." But my position is a
little difficult, & I think you will
agree with me it is some job to
keep several hundred women satisfied
& happily working together.

Sincerely yours,

Marion B. Head

(Mrs. Depew Head).

Any night in the week except Wednesday &
Sunday, we can use. M.H.

February 3rd, 1925.

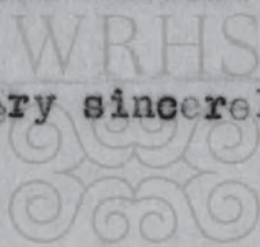
Mrs. Depew Head,
Marion Federation of Women's Clubs,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Head,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter of February 2nd.
If my health will permit, I will be
with you on Monday evening, April 27th.
My subject would be "Is Progress a Myth?"

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



CARL W. SAWYER, M.D.
WHITE OAKS FARM
MARION, OHIO

Marion, O. Apr. 16, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St, Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio
My Dear Friend;

We are very anxious to have you deliver an address at the Rotary dinner, here in Marion, on April 27th. Would it be possible for you to be with us at that time?

We understand that you are to deliver an address before the Federation of Womens Clubs on this same date. If you could arrange to talk to us our meeting would be at 11:45 at the Hotel Harding. You can leave Cleveland over the New York Central on their Cincinnati train coming to Galion and we could have an automobile there to meet you, or if you wish to get up early in the morning you could arrive here about 7:59 A.M.

Hoping that you will find it possible to be with us and assuring you that we shall be pleased to assist you in every way in getting here, I am, awaiting your reply,

Very truly yours,

Carl W. Sawyer, M.D.

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RECORDING SECY.

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THE MARION COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
MARION, OHIO

341 MT. Vernon Avenue,
April, 20, 1925.

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi.

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir;

The Marion County
Federation of Women's Clubs is expecting you as per your
agreement Monday evening, April the twenty-seventh.

Our President Mrs. Depew Head, would like to know whether
or not you have any publicity which we may have for the news-
papers Friday and Saturday preceding your Lecture.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.)

Pearle C. Schuringfurth,
Corres. Secy.

April 21st, 1925.

Dr. Carl W. Sawyer,
White Oaks Farm,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Sawyer,

Permit me to thank you
for your kind letter of April 16th
and for the invitation which you
extend to me to address the Rotary
Club on April 27th. I am scheduled
to be in Akron on the evening of the
26th and will probably not leave for
Marion until noon. I trust that at
some future time I may be of service
to you.

With kindest regards and
thanking you again for the courtesy
of the invitation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

April 21st, 1925.

Mrs. Pearle C. Schweinfurth,
341 Mt. Vernon Avenue,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Schweinfurth,

Under separate cover
I am sending some publicity. I
wonder whether you have selected the
subject for my address. If not, I
shall speak on "Is Progress a Myth?"

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Paid Message

April 25th, 1925

Mrs. Depew Head,
Prest. Marion Federation Women's Clubs,
Marion, Ohio.

Will arrive Monday afternoon from Akron.

Pleased to be with you for dinner.

A. H. Silver.



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Council of Jewish Women

Marion, Ohio, Section.

MARION, OHIO,

October 5, 1926

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver,

The Marion Section of the Council of Jewish Women would like to have you give a lecture in this city, under their auspices. If it would be possible for you to come, would you please advise us as to what date would be available and what the fee would be.

Yours very truly,

Ruth H. Kleinmaier
Secy Marion Section
458 S. State St.,
Marion, Ohio.

Admission delay
cannot come
this year - crowded

Members
of
The Temple?

November Twenty-second
1926

Mrs. Ruth H. Kleinmaier,
Secretary, Marion Section
Council of Jewish Women,
Marion, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Kleinmaier,

I have been withholding response to your kind letter of some weeks ago in the hope that my plans might shape themselves to make it possible for me to accept your invitation to come to Marion to address the Council of Jewish Women. I regret to advise you, however, that I shall not be able to come this season? I have a very full lecture schedule this year and many other of important events occurring in Cleveland during the coming months will require much of my time.

I trust that another season may afford me an opportunity to serve you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Strelitz, Halberstein & Mitchell

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CITIZENS BUILDING

MARION, OHIO

J. MALCOLM STRELITZ
(1889-1952)
JOSEPH L. HALBERSTEIN
EDWIN L. MITCHELL

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October 7, 1953.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish community of Marion, Ohio, comprised of some twenty-eight families, has recently undertaken and has now completed construction of a new Temple. This building, while unpretentious and of simple design, represents, as you can readily understand, a great forward step for us here in Marion, and embodies the realization of an ambition carried in our hearts for many, many years.

It is because this building is of such great significance to us that I have been requested to write to you to solicit your assistance in our plans for its formal dedication.

Our members feel sincerely that the auspiciousness of the occasion not only warrants but requires that we procure as principal speaker for the formal dedication services the most widely recognized religious leader of our faith. Accordingly, we turn to you.

The dedication service is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at whatever time is most convenient to the speaker.

Because we could not in any measure offer compensation commensurate with the service rendered, and also because all available funds have been used in the construction of the building, we are prepared only to offer payment of your out-of-pocket expense.

Believe me, Rabbi, your granting of this favor will constitute an immeasurable service in sustaining the high morale of our members, and will be appreciated and remembered by our community for many generations to come.

May I hear from you soon?

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. Halberstein
Trustee

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General
Assembly

October 14, 1953

Mr. Joseph L. Halberstein
Attorney at Law
Citizens Building
Marion, Ohio

Dear Mr. Halberstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 7th and to thank you for your gracious invitation to address the dedication services of your new Temple. I wish I were free to come, but unfortunately I am scheduled to address the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here in Cleveland on that day.

I send you warmest felicitations on the dedication of your new religious edifice. I hope that it may be a source of great inspiration in the life of your community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER