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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 14, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver

This is to renew the invitations which have been extended to you during the past two years to deliver a convocation address at the University of Minnesota.

You may recall that we have here a Students Religious Council, made up of a group of undergraduate students and a Religious Workers' Council, which includes the pastors of the various churches in the University community. These two groups undertake to bring to the campus once each quarter a representative Protestant, a Catholic and a Jew.

At their last meeting you were their unanimous choice as the Jewish speaker for next year.

May I, therefore, extend to you an official invitation to deliver a convocation address some Thursday morning in February or March 1931?

A very modest honorarium of \$100. would be available.

Sincerely

J. C. Lawrence
J. C. Lawrence

Assistant to the President

Feb. 19, 1931.

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June 4th, 1930

Mr. J. C. Lawrence,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Lawrence:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 14th. Please pardon the long delay in answering it as I have been out of the city a good deal of the time.

I appreciate very much your kind invitation and I shall make an effort to come to you. Would Thursday, Feb. 19th, 1931 be a convenient date for you? Please let me know what hour in the morning the Convocation is held.

With kindest regards and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 11, 1930

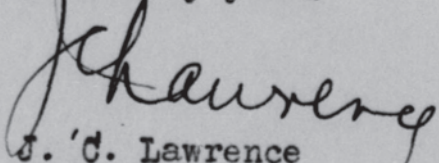
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver

We are delighted to have your letter of June 4 accepting our invitation to deliver a convocation address at the University of Minnesota. Thursday, February 19, is listed on our calendar as Charter Day. Thursday, February 26, would be a more suitable date for us if it is quite as agreeable for you. If your plans will not permit your coming to us on February 26, we will arrange to shift the date of our Charter Day and assign February 19 to you. The convocation period is from 11:30 to 12:50 each Thursday morning.

We will appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours



J. C. Lawrence
Assistant to the President

June 16th, 1930

Mr. J. C. Lawrence,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Lawrence:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of June 11th.

February 26th would be equally satisfactory to me. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure of my visit to the University of Minnesota.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY DEAN

February 5, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver

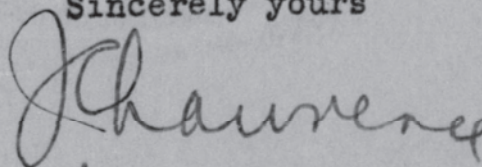
We are looking forward to your forthcoming visit to the University of Minnesota on Thursday, February 26.

It would be helpful if you could send us at this time the subject of the address which you expect to deliver here. The convocation occupies a regular class period of fifty minutes. Of that time the speaker is allowed thirty-five to forty minutes.

Our student newspaper editor is inquiring for a photograph of you. Is it possible for you to send us one? If you have a biographical sketch which you are willing to send to us, we will be pleased to receive it.

If you will let us know where you may be found on the morning of your engagement with us, we will be glad to send the University car to call for you and bring you to the President's Office about 11:15. The exercises begin promptly at 11:30.

Sincerely yours



J. C. Lawrence
University Dean

Feb. 9th, 1931

Dean J. C. Lawrence,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dean Lawrence:-

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

The subject of my address will be:
"How to Measure Life."

I have requested my secretary to forward
you a photograph and a short biographic sketch.

I shall communicate with you immediately
upon my arrival and will arrange to be at the University
in time for the 11:30 Convocation.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Feb. 9th, 1931

Dean J. C. Lawrence,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dean Lawrence:-

In accordance with your request I am
enclosing herewith a photograph of Rabbi Silver
together with a short biographical sketch.

As our supply of photographs is limited
may I ask that after this one has served your purpose,
that you return it to us.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

4001 13 Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 19, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A luncheon after the convocation address has been arranged by the Student's Religious Council and Menorah Society for February 26. It is customary for the speaker to meet with student representatives and for him to give a short informal speech or to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon may we hear from you by letter or by wire.

Yours very truly

Frances Larson, Secretary
Student's Religious Council

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Regret can not attend your luncheon have made a previous engagement.

A. H. Silver

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS

April 20, 1931

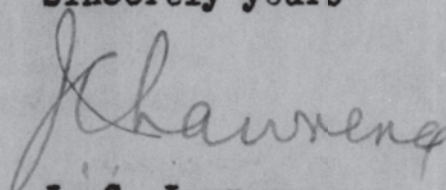
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Miss Irene Rothenberg
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Rothenberg

Attached you will please find the
photograph of Rabbi Silver which you were good
enough to send us at the time of his visit to
the University of Minnesota. I am sorry for
the delay in returning it to you.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. C. Lawrence".

J. C. Lawrence
University Dean

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ALBERT G. MINDA, D. D., RABBI
HARRY A. GLASSER, M. A.
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 28, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

I am glad to know that you are going to be at
the University for the baccalaureate service
on Sunday, June the seventh.

I understand that you will arrive in the city
on Saturday afternoon, June sixth. Frances
and I would like very much to have you as our
dinner guest on that evening. Will you kindly
let me know whether this is agreeable to you.

Looking forward to greeting you, I am

As ever,


Albert G. Minda

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June 2, 1953

Rabbi Albert G. Minda
Temple Israel
Emerson Ave. So. at 24th Street
Minneapolis 5, Minnesota

My dear Albert;

Thank you for your kind note of May 28th inviting me to have dinner with you on Saturday evening. I am not sure when I shall be able to get away on Saturday, and consequently, I cannot plan for dinner. However, I am looking forward to seeing you while I am in Minneapolis.

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Minda, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS 14

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

June 10, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here are the clippings
from the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers
reporting your baccalaureate address of
last Sunday afternoon.

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Sincerely yours,

William T. Harris, Jr.
William T. Harris, Jr.
Director,
University News Service

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