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NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI March 27, 1945 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland Synagogue Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: At the suggestion of President Walter Ryle, I am writing to inquire if it is at all possible to have you discuss the question, "Religion in a Changing World" before my class, "Current Problems in Education," during the summer session of the State Teacher College. Each summer I have directed this course, selecting a new theme for each session. The theme for this summer's work will be "Our Responsibility to American Youth. (A descriptive copy of the course is enclosed.) . We would be pleased to know whether or not you may accept this invitation, and under what conditions. If such an appointment could not be met by you, would you please suggest a person whom you consider capable enough to handle this subject before public school teachers. I shall be happy to have a reply at your earliest convenience. Sincerely Felix Rothschil Demonstration School njc

April 25, 1945 Dr. Felix Kothschild, Director Demonstration School State Teachers College Kirksville. Mo. My dear Dr. Rothschild: Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 27 and for your gracious invitation. I regret that I delayed so long in answaring your letter but I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has lagged. I regret deeply that I will be unable to come to you during the summer session of the State Teachers College. I am committed to other important work during the summer. You may get in touch with Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who is head of Temple Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh, Pa. He would be an excellent man to discuss the subject of "Religion in a Changing World." With all good wishes and hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, I remain Most cordially yours. AHS: BK