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North Manchester, Indiana, 1935-1950.

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January 7, 1935

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Cleveland, Ohio

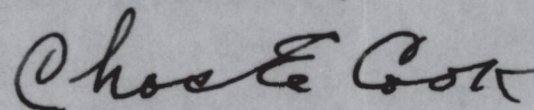
Dear Rabbi Silvers:

I recall very vividly the wonderful address that you gave to the superintendents at Cleveland last winter when we were there.

For that reason, I am thinking of you for our Commencement speaker next spring. Would you be interested in coming to North Manchester to deliver the Commencement address to our high school on May 24? Or, perhaps if you could not come on that day, we could make it a day or two before that. What do you charge for such work?

I would appreciate very much, indeed, if I might have a letter from you.

Very truly yours,



Chas. E. Cook, Supt.

CEC:BD

January 21, 1935.

Mr. Chas. E. Cook, Superintendent,
North Manchester Public Schools,
North Manchester, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Cook:

I am deeply appreciative of your kind invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises of your High School on May 24. I wish I were free to come and to address your student body. Unfortunately my congregational duties during the month of May will not permit me to accept any more out of town engagements for that month than I have already scheduled.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, and with all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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November 27, 1939

Rabbi Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

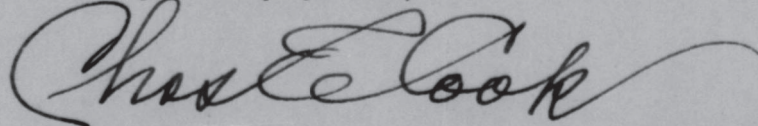
We have been looking forward for several years to the time when we could secure your services at our Commencement. The president of our school board, Mr. Isaac Oppenheim, suggested to me that I again write you and invite you to come down to North Manchester next May.

Our Commencement is on May 29, 1940. We hold the Commencement in the evening. The time is 8:00 o'clock Central Standard Time.

Dr. Silver, your many Jewish friends are very anxious for you to come, and I am sure you must come to Fort Wayne to visit your people in their worship. They have a large Jewish temple there and quite a large number of Jewish population. We have one Jewish boy graduating this year. I feel that our community would be fortunate in having you come.

Would you be so kind as to write me, stating whether you can come or not and the cost it would be to us?

Very truly yours,


Chas. E. Cook, Supt.

CEC:BD

November 30, 1939

Mr. Charles E. Cook, Superintendent
North Manchester Public Schools
North Manchester, Indiana

My dear Mr. Cook:

I am indeed very grateful to you for your kind invitation to address your Commencement Exercises on May 29. It would have given me great pleasure if I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I cannot. I am compelled to remain in Cleveland around that period in connection with important community work. I find it increasingly difficult to get away because of the increasing obligations which I have assumed here at home. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Manchester College

North Manchester, Indiana

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
V. F. SCHWALM

September 26, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are conducting a Community Lyceum Series here, including the college and the surrounding communities. We are attempting to bring some of America's leading speakers and music attractions to our town. Last year people drove in for many miles to attend our meetings.

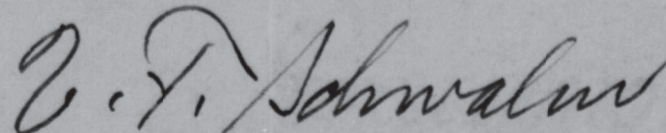
Last year we presented the Don Cossacks Choir, the St. Olaf's Choir and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Rohde. We have had men like Albert W. Palmer, Ernest F. Tittle, Rabbi Wise, Oscar Blackwelder, Henry Hitt Crane, Roy L. Smith and others here.

Would it be possible for you to speak for us at some time during the winter or early spring? We could let you suggest the date and topic for your address.

We could assure you a large audience. Our hall seats approximately 2000 people. If you can come, kindly indicate your fee for a single lecture.

I shall await your answer with eagerness.

Yours very truly,



V. F. Schwalm
President

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September 29, 1946

Dr. V. F. Schwalm, President
Manchester College
North Manchester, Indiana

My dear Dr. Schwalm:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter and to thank you for your gracious invitation. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were in a position to accept it.

I should very much love to come to you. Unfortunately, my schedule is so uncertain that I cannot, in justice to the organizations who invite me, commit myself to definite engagements. I have been traveling about a great deal and I may have to spend a few months abroad early in 1947. I must, therefore, forego the pleasure of accepting your invitation this year to come to your Community Lyceum Series.

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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RELIGIOUS LIFE COMMITTEE

MANCHESTER COLLEGE
NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA

February 24, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are making plans for our chapel programs for the 1950-51 year. We would like to have you serve as one of our chapel speakers. Dr. Vernon Schwalm, the President of Manchester College has spoken very appreciatively of you.

We would want you to address our 850 students in one of our regular chapels. The chapels meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m., C.S.T. From 30 to 45 minutes would be at your disposal.

If possible we would like you to meet one or two of our classes in Old Testament and Hebrew Literature immediately following the chapel.

We could suggest numerous dates to you, but we felt that it might be better if you would study your schedule and choose a date when it would be most convenient for you. We would prefer to have you in a Wednesday chapel service, but if this is not convenient, we would be happy to have you either Monday or Friday.

We will, of course, pay your traveling expenses and provide an honorarium of \$100.00.

Sincerely yours,

T. Wayne Rieman

T. Wayne Rieman, Director
Religious Activities

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Dear Wabach, Ind.

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March 28, 1950

Dr. T. Wayne Rieman
Director, Religious Activities
Manchester College
North Manchester, Indiana

My dear Dr. Rieman:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of February 24th. I have been out of the city most of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I am deeply grateful for your kind invitation to address your Chapel Service during the 1950-51 year, and I wish that I were free to do so. Unfortunately, I already have so many commitments for next season, in addition to my work here in my own Temple, that in justice to myself I cannot accept any additional engagements. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes and again thanking you again for your kind invitation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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