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Norwalk, Ohio, 1932-1941.





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A. L. BAYMORE  
VICE-PRESIDENT AND  
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HOME OFFICE  
NORWALK, OHIO

March 13, 1922

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th Street and Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver: -

The members of the Kiwanis Club would deem it a great honor  
if you consented to address them at their noon day meeting.

The Club meets every Wednesday at 11:45.

Mr. Charles W. Mears will speak before the Club on March Fifteenth.  
We would like, if possible, to book you for March Twenty Second.

Unfortunately the Kiwanis Club cannot afford to pay you more  
than \$50.00 and traveling expenses, which we hereby offer you.  
We recognize it is insufficient, but we hope you will permit the  
good that you can and will do, by appearing before the Club,  
in a measure be some additional compensation for your trouble  
and inconvenience.

The writer has heard you speak on several occasions and earnestly  
prays that on March Twenty-Second, you will consent to stir the  
minds and hearts of the Norwalk Kiwanis Club.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Baymore  
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March 21st, 1922.

Mr. A. L. Baymore,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baymore,

Thanks very much for your letter of the 13th. I think I may see my way clear to come and address the Kiwanis Club of Norwalk, but I cannot come on the date which you suggest. I can come on Wednesday, April 5th or Wednesday May 3rd. Please let me know if either of these dates are acceptable to you.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,



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KIWANIS CLUB OF NORWALK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Citizens National Bank Building

WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCHEON.

MARCH 22, 1922 ----- ELKS CLUB ----- 11:45 A.M. ~~SHARP~~.  
FIFTY CENTS PER PLATE.

Important Notice to

Norwalk Kiwanians:

In accordance with the announcement made at our last luncheon, the first one of the speakers par excellence who have been booked to address us during the coming weeks, will be with us March 22. He is

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## ABBA HILIEL SILVER, ##  
## RABBI OF THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, O. ##  
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Of him the Cleveland News recently said: "Sprung from a rabbinical family noted for scholarship, he was but twenty-four years old when he came to Cleveland in 1917 to take the post vacated by the death of Rabbi Moses J. Gries. His eloquence and faith, coupled with works, soon made him the leader of spiritual and civic thought in the community."

Norwalk people who have heard Rabbi Silver are unanimous in declaring him to be one of the most eloquent public speakers they have ever listened to, and that as such he has no peer in Ohio. He will be at our luncheon Wednesday noon. Will you?

COME AND BRING A GUEST WITH YOU, and please send your reservation cards to the Secretary AT ONCE.

Yours arrhythmically,

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE,  
W. H. Griffin, chairman.

*S. A. Schwarz - Get this today - Forbs*



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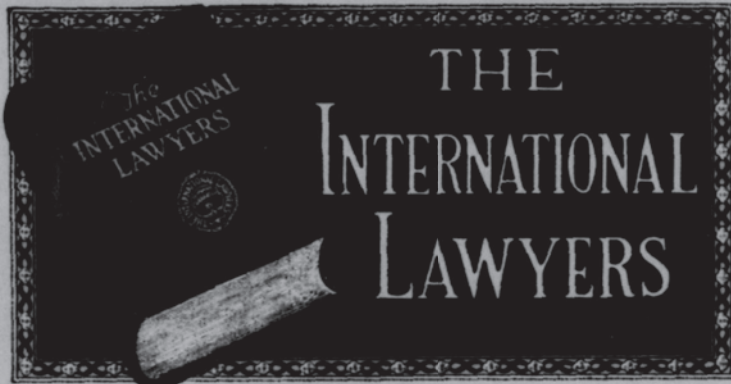
THE TEMPLE EAST 55 AND CENTRAL CLEVELAND OHIO

RESERVE WEDNESDAY MAY THIRD TO ADDRESS KIWANIS CLUB LETTER FOLLOWS

A L BAYMORE

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A. L. BAYMORE  
VICE-PRESIDENT AND  
GEN'L MANAGER

HOME OFFICE  
NORWALK, OHIO

March 24, 1922

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver: -

In re: - Address Norwalk  
Kiwanis Club  
Wednesday, May 3,  
11:45

We thank you heartily for your courteous consideration to our appeal to have you address the Norwalk Kiwanis Club.

We cannot tell you how happy we are that you have agreed to come on Wednesday, May Third.

You have hundreds of warm admirers in this City so that you may be assured of a very enthusiastic and sincere welcome.

The date is Wednesday, May Third and the luncheon is at 11:45.

We regret exceedingly that we cannot offer you more than \$50.00 and expenses, as we know the amount is inadequate, but as indicated in our previous letter the good a man of your ability can do for a community such as Norwalk cannot be measured in dollars.

We should be glad if you will indicate at your convenience the nature of your subject and meanwhile we shall have a fraternity brother of yours, Asher Kahn, write you, as there may be some further information you may desire that will be helpful to you.

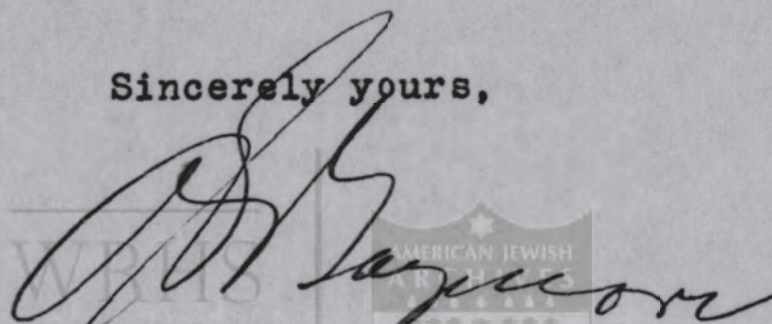


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Page Two.

Thanking you again for your splendid spirit,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.L. Baymore". The signature is written over a faint, circular watermark or stamp that contains the text "AMERICAN JEWISH" and a menorah symbol.

A.L. Baymore  
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March twenty-ninth, 1922

Mr. A. L. Baymore,  
Norwalk Kiwanis Club,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Baymore,

I plan to speak before your organization, on Wednesday May 3rd, on the subject -  
"Organization for Service".

Looking forward with pleasure  
to seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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NORWALK, OHIO

Apr. 25, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

The entertainment committee of the Norwalk Kiwanis Club, before whom you are to speak next Wednesday, have asked me to write you and find out whether it would be possible for you to get to Norwalk at 9:45 that morning, necessitating your leaving Cleveland at 7:30, so that they might meet you and become acquainted before the luncheon.

I have taken upon myself the duty of meeting your car, at whichever time you come in, and will appreciate it if you will advise me whether or not you can get here at that time, or if it will be later. I had the pleasure of meeting you once, being present at your initiation into Zeta Beta Tau, and was more than pleased to hear that you were to speak here. The club anticipates a real treat on that occasion.

I trust we may see you next week in time to become acquainted before the luncheon. Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Arthur Kahn*

ADK/K



Long Distance telephone - May 12th at 4:45 p.m.

Write Kiwanis Club of Norwalk, Ohio:

Confirming arrangement to speak for them, Wednesday, May 17th at noon.

Would like to have you there by 11:45 or 12 noon.

If you care to motor down - take road by way of Elyria and Oberlin -  
the East Road - all good pavement.



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May 13, 1922

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 55th St. and Central  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very kindly for your telegram advising us that you expect to address the Norwalk Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, May 17th.

Should you desire to come to Norwalk by rail, we suggest that you take the Lake Shore Limited car leaving Cleveland at 9:30 and arriving in Norwalk at 11:40. You can return on the Limited car at 1:45 which will arrive in Cleveland at 3:40.

However, there is a splendid paved road every inch of the way from Cleveland to Norwalk, by way of Elyria, Oberlin, Kipton, Collins and Wakeman.

The Norwalk Kiwanis Club is on edge to hear you and we pray that nothing may intervene to prevent you from keeping the engagement.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

A.L. Baymore  
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P.S. The Lake Shore Limited is the Lake Shore Electric Railway leaving the Public Square at 9:30 A.M.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM YOU CAN BE BACK IN CLEVELAND BY FOUR OCLOCK

A L BLYMORE

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May 29th, 1922.

Norwalk Reflector Herald,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send one or two copies  
of your paper of May 17th, 1922, to Rabbi A.H.  
Silver. Same would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



October 24th, 1922.

Mr. C. C. Patterson, Supt.,  
Norwalk Public Schools,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Patterson,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the Commencement Exercises of the Norwalk public schools on June 8th. I would gladly accept your invitation except for the fact however that I cannot at this writing know what my plans will be next June. It may be very likely that I shall go abroad at the end of May. I do not wish to tie myself or to cause you embarrassment later on.

Trusting that I shall have occasion to be of service to you at some future time, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



# Norwalk Public Schools

C. C. PATTERSON, Superintendent

NORWALK, OHIO

October 20, 1922

Dr. A. H. Silver,

% Temple, Cor. Central & 55th St.,

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

There are many of us in Norwalk who remember most pleasantly your address before the Kiwanis Club. We are at the present time concerned with getting a speaker for our Commencement address on Friday, June 8 at 8:15 in the evening. We would be very happy to have you make this address if you could spare the time.

May I have an early reply from you stating whether you could make this address, and what your terms maybe?

Assuring you that I know of no speaker who would be welcomed more heartily by all classes of people than you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*C. C. Patterson*  
Supt. of Norwalk Public Schools.

CCP/LS



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
NORWALK, OHIO  
HENRY E. WOODARD, MINISTER

*Not ans.*

126 East Main Street,  
Norwalk, Ohio,  
Nov. 9, 1922.

Rabbi Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

You no doubt think that the means I used in my attempt to get you to Norwalk to speak to our Brotherhood were strange. My reason is a simple one. I know in how much demand you are and how hard it would be to come to a small place like Norwalk. Still we wanted you and determined to use what means we could to get you. We had some wonderful friends in Rochester, N. Y. while I was at Theological Seminary whose names were August. They were acquainted with many, and relatives of some of your people. So my first thought was to write to them. That was the reason for Mr. Garson's speaking to you as he did.

He writes that at present you are unable to come but that you might be able to come in the spring. That would be fine.

Would you kindly put this letter on your files and if sometime in the spring you are not too much in demand, write to us. We can arrange almost any time for you except Thursday evening. We would be happy to set aside almost any plans to suit your time.

If you wished you could write directly to Superintendent of Schools C. C. Patterson who is the president of the Brotherhood.

With many thanks, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Woodard*



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
HURON COUNTY

NORWALK, OHIO

January 7, 1925

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple, E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:-

In accordance with our telephone conversation today, I am extending to you invitation to address our Playground Association Banquet, the evening of February 12th.

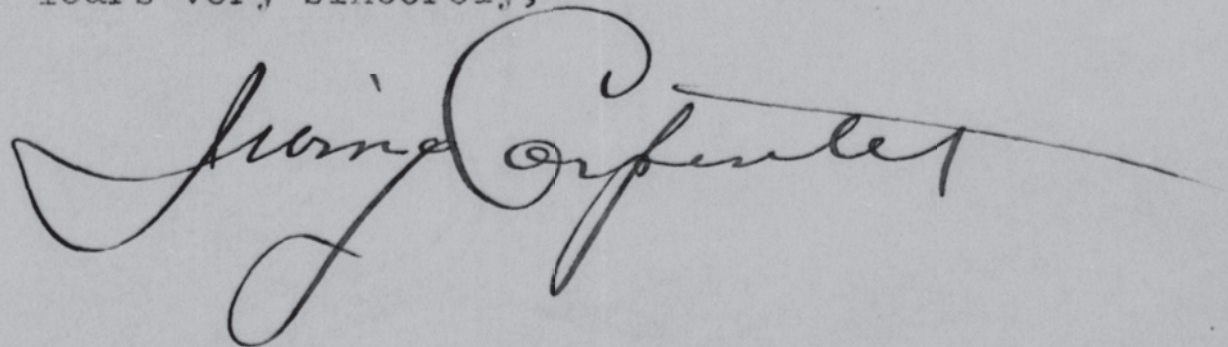
This is a community enterprise in which all our city is interested and this will be the third annual banquet of its kind which we have held on Lincoln's birthday. There is an urgent demand for you to make this address. I believe the program committee last year sought to make an arrangement with you, but previous engagement prevented your accepting.

Your address will be the only one of the program. There will be some music and possibly some information relative to our Playground organization.

We will be glad to pay you such compensation as you are accustomed to receive for such services, and to provide for all expenses.

Trusting that you may be able to accept our invitation, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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MR.



January 11th, 1925.

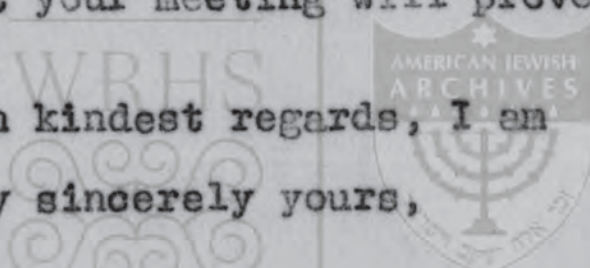
Judge Irving Carpenter,  
Court of Common Pleas,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Judge Carpenter,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your very kind invitation to address the Playground Association on the evening of February 12th. In looking over my schedule I find that my own Temple is holding an important function that night and I am expected to be present. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. I trust that your meeting will prove highly successful.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





# Norwalk Public Schools

C. C. PATTERSON, Superintendent

Norwalk, Ohio

April 9, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am commissioned by the Kiwanis Club to ask you if it would be possible for you to come to Norwalk on Thursday, June 11, at 11:45 to deliver a short address at the noon-day luncheon of the Kiwanis Club. If you could spare the extra time necessary, the Kiwanis Club has authorized me to offer you an additional \$25.00 for the address.

You may not remember that you are to deliver the commencement address that evening to the graduating class of the Norwalk High School.

We remember with the keenest pleasure the very splendid address you delivered some years ago to the Kiwanians.

We shall appreciate very much an early reply to this letter as we are making up our program now for the month of June.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. C. Patterson*

CCP/LW



*card*

April 13th, 1931

Mr. C. C. Patterson,  
Norwalk Public Schools,  
Norwalk, Ohio,

My dear Mr. Patterson:-

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of April 9th.

I regret that I shall not be able  
to address the Kiwanis Club at noon on June 11th. I  
shall not be able to leave Cleveland in time to keep  
a noon engagement.

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

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



# Norwalk Public Schools

C. C. PATTERSON, Superintendent

Norwalk, Ohio

Sept. 24,  
1931

Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:- I am enclosing a check for \$100 payable Oct. 29 in payment for your services at commencement time. The funds will be available at that time.

It is with an unusual pleasure that I take this opportunity to thank you again for your most inspiring address. Mr. Cole, our High School Principal, said that it was the best commencement address we had ever had and that opinion was shared by numerous patrons of the school. I fully concur in this opinion. Will you accept my apology for this delay in sending this check.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Charles C. Patterson



Sept. 28th, 1931

Mr. C. C. Patterson,  
Supt. Norwalk Public Schools,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Patterson:-

Permit me to thank you for your very  
kind letter of Sept. 24th and for the check which  
you enclosed.

I note that the check is dated the 29th  
and I shall not present it for payment until that time.

I want to thank you for the nice things  
which you say about my Commencement address. I enjoyed  
my visit to Norwalk tremendously.

With kindest regards and best wishes,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



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# Kiwanis Club of Norwalk

Luncheon Every Thursday Noon Elk's Club

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October 12th, 1933.

Rabbi Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio. *OK*

Dear Sir:

Following our conversation of last evening, I hope that you may be able to speak before the Kiwanis Club of Northern Ohio in Norwalk on November 23rd.

There will be approximately four hundred Kiwanians present, representing twenty-seven Kiwanis Clubs. The meeting will be held in St. Paul's Auditorium at 6:30 P. M.

I hope you may be able to speak to us although it will be impossible for us to pay more than \$50.00 or \$75.00.

Will you kindly write me immediately and I hope you may be able to come.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary  
HSB ML



October 14, 1933.

Mr. Harold S. Bowen,  
Kiwanis Club of Norwalk,  
Citizens National Bank Bldg.,  
Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bowen:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 12th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Kiwanis Clubs of Northern Ohio on November 23rd. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have another engagement on that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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August  
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Abba Hillel Silver  
105th St. Temple.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The writer and members of the Kiwanis Club were wondering if it would be at all possible for you to speak at our Kiwanis luncheon some time this fall.

Our local club is noted for it's large attendance and I am sure that your time will be well spent and greatly appreciated.

Hoping you can see your way clear to contribute your services any Thursday this fall that would be convient for you.

I would be very glad to come to cleveland and pick you up on the morning of the luncheon and take you back.

Trust this finds you well and hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Leo Spitzer*

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August 11, 1941

Mr. Leo Spitzer  
Spitzer Furniture Company  
35 East Main Street  
Norwalk, Ohio

My dear Mr. Spitzer:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of August 5. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me about addressing the Kiwanis Club some time this Fall. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately my work in connection with overseas activities, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal is so heavy that I am compelled to decline many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK