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OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN, OHIO

April 20, 1922

Rabbi H.A. Silver
The Temple
E. 55th st and Central ave..
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Haskell, representing the Oberlin College Liberal Club is to see you Sunday, April 23, with a personal invitation to address that body at a future meeting. We have asked him to include the Oberlin Menorah Society in tendering the invitation. The mere fact that you have been invited by this important student body reflects honor upon the small group of Jewish students here, and we sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept the invitation.

Cordially yours,

Samuel Isaacs,
President Oberlin Menorah.

THE OBERLIN LIBERAL CLUBS

OBERLIN, OHIO

JOINT COMMITTEE

MEN'S LIBERAL CLUB

PAUL CRESSY, President
THEODORE E. JONES, Secretary

WOMEN'S LIBERAL CLUB

MARGARET R. STEER, President
LILLIAN E. MUEHLBACH, Secretary

Oberlin, Ohio.
April 29, 1922.

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Menorah Society and the Oberlin Liberal Club are planning a joint meeting for the near future and we would like very much to have you speak to us. If possible we would like to hold this meeting on Monday evening, May the eighth. I believe the Menorah Society has already written you about such a meeting.

We will be very glad to have you choose your own subject, but we would like to know it in advance so that we can inform the members of the Club. Knowing in advance gives them an opportunity to become informed to some extent if they are not already acquainted with the topic, and thus they gain more from the lecture.

Will you let us know immediately whether you can come on May the eighth? If you cannot come at that time, can you come Monday, May the fifteenth?

We are looking forward to your visit and your lecture.

Very sincerely,

Helen Racey
Secretary.

Keep Cottage,
Oberlin, Ohio.

May 2nd, 1922.

Miss Helen Lacey,
The Oberlin Liberal Clubs,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Miss Lacey,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address your clubs on May 8th. I should love to accept it, but unfortunately I shall be in New York on that day, and I am afraid that the remaining month of May is too crowded for me to accept any more engagements. Perhaps at some future time during the coming school year I may be in a position to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

The Liberal Club of Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

PRESIDENT, DOUGLAS F. HASKELL
VICE-PRESIDENT REPRESENTING WOMEN, MISS ETHE PEABODY
VICE-PRESIDENT REPRESENTING MEN, NORMAN STODEN
SECRETARY, MISS C. HELEN LACEY
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TREASURER, JAMES W. STEER
PUBLICITY MANAGER, ROBINSON E. NEWCOMB

Talcott Hall,
Oberlin, Ohio.

November, 24, 1922

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

You will probably recall some correspondence we had last spring in trying to arrange a meeting in which you could speak to us. It seemed impossible that late in the school year.

We are writing now to be early enough to be sure of your having some free dates. We had thought of one of these three evenings, if that was convenient for you, February, 19, March, 5, or March, 19. You see the regular Liberal Club meetings come on Monday evenings, and other college affairs make a wide range of dates impossible.

Hoping that you will be willing to come and speak to us and that one or the other of these dates will suit you,

I remain,

Sincerely,

Millicent Steer.

December 2nd, 1922.

Miss Millicent Steer,
Talcott Hall,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Miss Steer,

Permit me to thank you for your very kind invitation to address your organization. I wish I were in a position to avail myself this time of it. Unfortunately we are in the midst of building a new Temple which occupies all of my spare time and my duties compel me to remain in Cleveland. I must therefore forego the opportunity which you are extending to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

OBERLIN COLLEGE THOMAS FOR PRESIDENT CLUB

William B. Chamberlain, Chairman

Noah Hall, Oberlin, O.

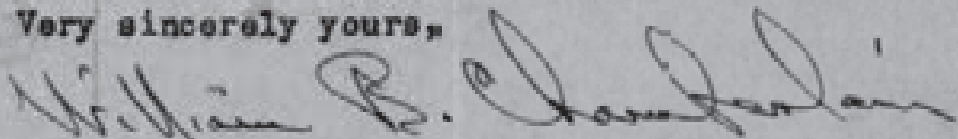
Dear Rabbi Silver,

A group of Oberlin students have organized a Thomas for President Club in the effort to create more and intelligent realism in the political discussion and action on our campus. There has been unusual interest on the part of the students and faculty in the campaign of Norman Thomas and the Socialist Party. Meetings of our club have been well attended and its educational activity well received. We believe that the results represent some real gain.

We should like very much to have you come and address an all-college mass meeting of faculty and students on the importance of building a socialist society in America, or some related topic. We realize that you will be extremely busy before you leave for Europe, but if there is any possibility of your visiting Oberlin, please let us know. It would be possible for us to arrange a meeting on practically any afternoon or evening that you might select.

We would appreciate an early reply, as we are now arranging our pre-election programme.

Very sincerely yours,



William B. Chamberlain

Chairman Oberlin College Thomas for President Club.

Oct. 11th, 1932

Mr. William B. Chamberlain,
Noah Hall,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Chamberlain:-

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter.

I am leaving this evening
together with my family for Europe and I regret
therefore my inability to accept your kind invita-
tion.

Wishing you every success,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:ME

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 24, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A letter is going forward to you today, I believe, from our Peace Society to ask whether you will come down and give a talk under the auspices of that Society in connection with what seems to many of us here to be the excessive program of naval construction now being proposed.

I am writing to say that I hope it may be possible for you to accept this invitation.

If for any reason you would prefer not to speak on this topic, I should hope that you would express that preference freely, but that such a preference on your part would mean simply a postponement of your coming down here. I have been wanting for some time to ask you to come. Whenever you do come, I hope you will speak at our brief noon-day chapel service, as well as giving a main talk in the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest H. Wilkins

EFW RF

210 North Professor St.
Oberlin, Ohio
February 24, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Oberlin Peace Society desires to set the facts on the naval situation about to be created by the Vinson-Trammell navy bill. We think that such a bill should be opposed by every possible means, and we would very much like to hold a mass meeting on the subject. We think it especially fitting that you, as a member of the Committee on Militarism in Education, should be invited to address us.

The Oberlin Peace Society is an organization of eight hundred members devoted to the study of problems of peace. So far this year we have been addressed by Devere Allen, Grove Patterson, and Editor Haskell of the Kansas City Star, among others. We would be very glad if you were to take the time to address us on this subject. We would prefer that you write immediately, if it is at all possible for you to be with us, suggesting several possible dates. A meeting is much easier to arrange under such circumstances. We are extremely anxious to have you come and speak to us. President Wilkins' letter of today will perhaps serve to explain anything which I have left unsaid. As the bill is still

before the Senate, perhaps an early meeting will have some effect in delaying its final passage, or at least in showing our Senators our opinions on the matter. We are anxious to hear from you soon about what we consider as one of the most important matters to come before us in recent years.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Ropp

Theodore Ropp
President, Oberlin Peace Society



February 27, 1934.

Dr. Ernest H. Wilkins,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wilkins:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 24th. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I sent to Mr. Bopp. I regret very much that I am unable at the present time to accept any more lecture engagements. As it is, I have taken on too much work. I hope to serve you at some future time.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

February 27, 1934.

Mr. Theodore Ropp, President,
Oberlin Peace Society,
210 North Professor Street,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ropp:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the Oberlin Peace Society and I wish I were free to accept it. I am very much disturbed about the Vinson-Trammell navy bill and I am afraid our country must assume a large share of the responsibility for the competitive naval race which is now going on.

I am so overwhelmed with work and with out-of-town lecture engagements that I really cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more at this time. Ever since my return from Abroad I have been "driven" by tasks which have faced me, particularly those in connection with the German situation. I hope that I may be free to be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BE

Copy sent to Dr. Ernest H. Wilkins

RUSSELL J. CLINCHY
MINISTER

MISS LOIS M. KUGLER
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MOUNT PLEASANT
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
COLUMBIA ROAD AT FOURTEENTH STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. M. ROSS FISHBURN
PARISH VISITOR

MISS LEONORA C. REED
SECRETARY

April 5, 1934

Rabbi Abta H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think you know my brother, the Rev. Everett R. Clinchy, and he has so often spoken of you to me that I feel I am addressing you with a bit of personal relationship.

I am Chairman of the Commission of the Congregational Churches on Inter-Racial Relations and so am responsible for the program of the Seminar on Inter-Racial Relations at the National Council of the Congregational Churches which is to be held at Oberlin College in the latter part of June.

On Friday morning, June 22nd, the Seminar on Inter-Racial Relations of the Council is to open its five-day study with the subject of the physical and mental and also the cultural and spiritual factors in the relations of men and women of different racial groups. One of the eminent psychologists of the country is being invited to present the physical and mental characteristics. I want to ask therefore if you would be willing to give a half hour address upon the cultural and spiritual factors in race relations; you would have a Seminar of about one hundred ministers gathered from all sections of the country and so would really have a national audience. I want you to speak with absolute frankness upon any phase of that subject you would care to discuss, for I am sure your contribution there would have national interest and significance. The meeting will be held in one of the buildings at Oberlin College at 8:30 on that morning of June 22nd. I realize that this is a very early hour but am hoping that it might be possible for you to come to Oberlin the night before and so spend the evening, if possible, in personal fellowship with some of us who will just then be opening the session of the National Council.

Hoping that I may have the joy of hearing that you feel you can do this for us,

Very sincerely,

Russell J. Clinchy

C:r

April 16, 1934.

Dr. Russell J. Clinchy,
Mount Pleasant Congregational Church,
Columbia Road at Fourteenth Street N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Clinchy:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 5th. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time. I am very appreciative of your kind invitation to speak in the Seminar on Inter-Racial Relations at the Council of the Congregational Churches on Friday morning, June 22nd, at Oberlin and I shall make every effort to be present. There is just one possibility that I will go abroad this summer. My plans are not yet definite. If I do, I will let you know in the next two or three weeks. If you do not hear from me I shall D.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RUSSELL J. CLINCHY
MINISTER

MISS LOIS M. KUGLER
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MOUNT PLEASANT
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COLUMBIA ROAD AT FOURTEENTH STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. M. ROSS FISHBURN
PARISH VISITOR

MISS LEONORA C. REED
SECRETARY

April 18, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am rejoicing greatly over your letter which has just come to me saying that unless you decide to go abroad this Summer you will be willing to speak at our Seminar at Oberlin on June 22nd. We want you so very greatly that I am going to go ahead with the plans for having you even though it may be at the last moment you have to tell us that you will be in Europe. I am torn between the desire to have you have the joy of the European trip and to have you with us, and I am afraid I am very selfish in what I would like the final outcome to be.

I shall let you know later regarding the details of the final arrangements for the meeting but just want you to know now how happy we shall be in looking forward to having you with us at that time.

Very sincerely,

Russell J. Clinchy

C:r

J. STANLEY DUNKEE
MINISTER
J. ELMER FRAZER
ASSISTANT MINISTER
W. ALVIN ROBBINS
ACTING ASSISTANT MINISTER
HENRY P. PFONL
MINISTER OF MUSIC

PLYMOUTH CHURCH
ORANGE STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

April 26, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A letter from Rev. Russell J. Clinchy of Mt. Pleasant Cong'l Church, Washington, D.C., tells me that you have consented to speak for thirty minutes before our Interracial Seminar at Oberlin, Ohio, June 22, 1934, at 9 a.m. The topic for that day is "Racial differences and likenesses".

A - Physical and Mental
Prof. Newell Simms, Oberlin

B - Cultural & Religious
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

How happy I am that you can do this for the Seminar. How happy I shall be for the opportunity of personally greeting you. Your books have been an inspiration to me and a delight.

Would you kindly send me by May 10, 25 to 50 words of outline, that I may use them in the syllabus to be printed.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley Dunkee

Clinchy
as
Oberlin

Mr. P. L. Cong.

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you may remember, an exchange of correspondence in February bore to you from us an invitation to speak here and to us from you a reply that you could not do so this Spring, together with a friendly suggestion of the possibility of your coming to us at some later time.

I am writing to invite you to come down next October, on any one of the following dates:

Tuesday,	October 2	
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Friday,	"	5
Tuesday,	"	9
Wednesday,	"	10
Thursday,	"	11
Friday,	"	12

On that occasion we should like to have you do two things for us.

At our regular all-student assembly, which comes at noon, we should like to have you give a fifteen minute talk on the Essentials of Judaism. This would be the opening talk in a series in which we hope to have the most intelligent and sympathetic possible presentation of the world's great religions. I know that you would set a very high standard for the entire series.

Rabbi Silver

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May 28, 1934

In the afternoon or evening we should like to have you speak, either under the auspices of our Peace Society or under the auspices of our Public Affairs Society, on some timely topic related to international problems or to problems of international reconstruction. The choice of the topic might be deferred until early autumn.

It would be a pleasure also to arrange for you to meet at lunch and dinner some of our faculty members and students.

For this double service we should be glad to offer you an honorarium of \$50.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest H. Wilkins

EHW WF

June 6, 1934.

Dr. Ernest H. Wilkins,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wilkins:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 28th. I shall be very happy to be with you on Wednesday, October 3rd and shall be pleased to speak in the morning on the Essentials of Judaism and in the afternoon or evening on a subject which I will choose at some later time.

With best wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 7, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of June 6.

We shall look forward very much to seeing you
on October 3.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest H. Wilkins

EHW WF

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 17, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward very much indeed to your coming on October 3.

As you may recall the plan includes, in addition to the assembly talk on Judaism, a talk on some timely topic related to international problems or to problems of reconstruction. In my letter of May 28 I said that this talk might be given either in the afternoon or evening. It is clear now that it should come in the afternoon at 4:30 finishing before 5:30. May I ask whether you have chosen or will now choose a topic for this talk? We should like to know in order that we may decide which of our organizations could most appropriately sponsor the talk.

I should be glad if you would plan to reach my office soon after 11:30 on the morning of the third. The assembly service itself will begin at exactly 12 o'clock, but I should like to have a few minutes with you beforehand.

I am making arrangements for a luncheon, and unless you should feel that you ought to return to Cleveland immediately after the afternoon talk it will be a great pleasure to arrange a dinner also.

Yours cordially,

Ernest H. Walker

EHW RE

September 21, 1934.

Dr. Ernest H. Wilkins, President,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wilkins:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 17. I have noted that I am to speak at the students' assembly at noon on the Essentials of Judaism, and that in the afternoon, at 4:30, I am to deliver an address under the auspices of one of the organizations of your University. The subject of my address will be The Decline of the Individual.

I plan to arrive in Oberlin before 11:30 A.M. I should like to leave immediately after my afternoon address in order to keep an engagement in Cleveland.

With all good wishes and looking forward to our meeting, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:EK

207 East College
Oberlin, Ohio
27th September 1934

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
East 150th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Mr. Michael Hoffman, President of the Oberlin Public Affairs Society informed me yesterday that in addition to your chapel address of the noon of October 3rd, you are to address the Public Affairs Society in the afternoon, on the Decline of the Individual.

May I extend my letter of the 20th to cover this talk. It goes without saying that I shall publish it, with your permission, if it is possible.

My personal problem remains as stated in that previous letter: with the lack of shorthand technique available, to secure a manuscript to insure the publication, if this latter is agreeable and feasible.

I know that manuscripts must be a large order from one so busy as you must be. And yet so much is lost to us without them.....

Very truly yours,

Richard W. Adams
Richard W. Adams

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 1, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 106th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward very much to seeing you on Wednesday. A room has been reserved for your use through the day at the Oberlin Inn. You may find it convenient to stop there when you first reach town. I shall look for you in my office soon after eleven thirty.

Yours cordially,

EHW RF

Ernest H. Wilkins

207 East College Street
Oberlin, Ohio
5th October 1934

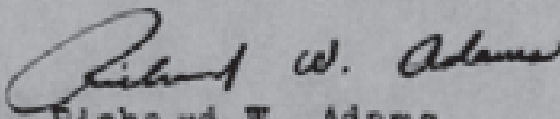
Dear Mr Silver:

Enclosed you will find your address of last Wednesday afternoon. The copies have not yet been reproduced, but as soon as they are, I shall send you several.

I have not yet had time to integrate the transcriptions of your address at the noon chapel service: two people took it in shorthand, one of them a very able person. I attempted it myself, so I have three drafts from which to work: I shall mail you the copy for your approval early in the coming week.

It is a pleasure to be able to publish such an address as the one enclosed. And I consider it a rare honor and privilege to have met you personally.

Most sincerely yours,


Richard W. Adams

207 East College

Oberlin, Ohio

23rd October 1934

Dr. A.H. Silver

The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

Enclosed you will find the completed manuscript of your talk at noon on October 3rd, which I am submitting to you for your approval before its publication.

I regret that such a long delay has occurred between the giving of your talk and this placing of my transcription in your hands, but it seems to have been inevitable.

Mr. David Chesler, a senior in the college here, and a former student in your church, told me the other day that John Strachey was to speak in the Temple this year, and that a number of other speakers were to form a series of addresses. Is there a list of speakers, with dates, available to outsiders such as myself? And are there any special rules concerning admission to such talks? I shall be very appreciative of this information, as well, of course, of your early approval of the manuscript enclosed.

Yours very truly,



Richard W. Adams

207 East College Street
Oberlin, Ohio
14th October 1934

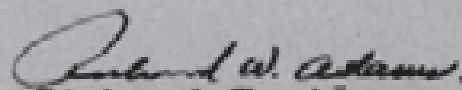
Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Enclosed you will find several copies of your popular, and deservedly so, talk on the Decline of the Individual. I would have had them in your hands earlier but that I was out of town during the past week end, and the previous one, and so have been a trifle short of time.

The shorthand reports on your talk on Judaism have not yet been put in my hands. It is entirely possible, all too possible, I fear, that the transcription may have failed. If such is the case I shall notify you as soon as the failure becomes apparent. Otherwise I should have the preliminary manuscript in your hands within a few days.

Respectfully yours,


Richard W. Adams.

207 East College Street
Oberlin, Ohio
14th October 1934


Dr. A.H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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Enclosed you will find several copies of your popular, and deservedly so, talk on the Decline of the Individual. I would have had them in your hands earlier but that I was out of town during the past week end, and the previous one, and so have been a trifle short of time.

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Respectfully yours,


Richard W. Adams.

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 9, 1936

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to support most cordially the invitation of Mr. Sisson to speak here next Thursday under the auspices of the Peace Society. The Society is one of the outstanding organizations on the campus, and I hope very much indeed that you will find it possible to accept this invitation. We here remember most pleasantly your visit two years ago, and are anxious to have you come again.

Yours cordially,

RF

Ernest H. Wilkins

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF OBERLIN COLLEGE
THE OBERLIN ALUMNI MAGAZINE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND EDITOR
MEN'S BUILDING, OBERLIN, OHIO

November 6, 1934

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for letting me use your recent address before The Oberlin Public Affairs Society, "The Decline of The Individual", in The Oberlin Alumni Magazine for November.

Under separate cover I am mailing you two copies of the issue, & will be happy to furnish others on your request.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Hall - Editor

OBERLIN PEACE SOCIETY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

November 7, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The combined Y. N. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Public Affairs and Peace Society are starting a three week institute on the problem of war next week immediately following Armistice Day. On Thursday, November 12th, we would like to start the program to be followed by a faculty-student symposium on the two succeeding weeks. It would very much like to have you address the student body in the afternoon or evening of Thursday. Your address would be considered as the opening of the three week program. It has been suggested that you talk on Danger of Hate in Europe; but that of course is up to your own discretion.

It would you kindly let us know whether you can help us in this way.

Yours truly

Albert Simon

November 10, 1936

Mr. Elbert Sisson,
Oberlin Peace Society,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sisson:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 8. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. As it is, I am scheduled to be in Michigan on November 12 and the rest of the week in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HISTORY
F. W. BUCKLER

December 7, 1936

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing as chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society which will be held in Cleveland March 31, 1937 and the two following days. In order to prepare for this meeting and in order to carry out the new policy of the Society, it is felt that this is an opportunity to start in Cleveland a Cleveland Oriental Club on the lines of the Philadelphia Oriental Club in order to bring together those members of the Oriental Society in the immediate vicinity of Cleveland. For sometime past it has been felt that provision should be made for more frequent opportunities of meeting than those provided by the annual meetings at the end of March and April. The Committee of Arrangements has, therefore, tentatively fixed the evening of Tuesday, January 19, for the first meeting of the proposed Club and it wishes to know before it fixes the place of meeting the number of members on which it can count. The proposed form of meeting will be a dinner, the cost not to exceed \$1.00 per person, and two short papers in the oriental field, one from a China expert and one on Middle Eastern affairs. In addition there will be the formal matters relating to the formation of the Club, the appointment of the officers, etc.

I shall be most grateful if you will let me know by return by the 15th of December at latest if you will be able to attend the meeting, so that I can make the necessary arrangements for dinner, etc., and of informing you of the time and place.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. Buckler.

FWB:R

December 14, 1936

Dr. F. W. Buckler,
Department of Church History,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Buckler:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of December 7. I have been away from the city and my correspondence has lagged.

I wish that I could attend your meeting on Tuesday, January 19 but I am scheduled to attend the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in New Orleans at that time and I shall probably be away from Cleveland until the end of January.

I am interested in your proposal to form a Cleveland Oriental Club and I should be pleased to attend its meetings whenever possible.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

DAVID P. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

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305-7 THE ELYRIA SAVINGS & TRUST BLDG.
ELYRIA, OHIO

January 13, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Jewish Temple
Answel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt this morning of a very fine letter from Dean T. W. Graham of the Graduate School of Theology of Oberlin College expressing their appreciation for Professor Finkelstein's excellent lectures.

In turn I desire to express my appreciation for your part which resulted in Professor Finkelstein's coming to us.

The lectureship on Judaism at Oberlin contemplates another series of lectures sometime during the second semester on the general subject of "Aspects of Modern Jewish Worship".

Would you accept an invitation from Oberlin College to be their next lecturer on this lectureship?

I know that Dean Graham would be greatly pleased if you could be induced to come to Oberlin.

Sincerely yours,

David P. Hyman

DPH:GD

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DAVID P. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

February 2, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Jewish Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would like to refer you to my letter of January 13th;
in the event that you have mislaid it, said letter in part said:

"The lectureship on Judaism at Oberlin contemplates
another series of lectures sometime during the second semester
on the general subject of "Aspects of Modern Jewish Worship".
Would you accept an invitation from Oberlin College to be their
next lecturer on this lectureship? I know that Dean Graham
would be greatly pleased if you could be induced to come to
Oberlin".

Won't you give this your serious consideration?

Sincerely yours,

David P. Hyman

DPH:GD

February 3, 1939

Mr. David P. Hyman
Hyman and Hyman
805-7 The Elyria Savings & Trust Bldg.
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hyman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I appreciate your invitation to deliver a series of lectures at Oberlin during the coming semester. I wish I were free to accept it. But I am terrifically crowded this year because of my duties in connection with the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees of which, as you probably know, I am National Co-chairman. I am devoting all my spare time to this cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

FREDERICK W. BENTLEY
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
OBERLIN, OHIO

December 9, 1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The First Church in Oberlin (Congregational) for the past few years has conducted forum meetings Thursday evenings in place of prayer meetings.

We should like very much to have you address one of our meetings this winter if you are able to do so. We have tentatively open January 11, 18, 25 and February 1. If you have more than one of those dates available, it would aid us in arranging our schedule. If none is available, perhaps you could honor us with your presence on a Thursday evening after Easter.

Our discussions are open to the public and are not necessarily confined to religious topics. We like to give our speakers all possible freedom in selecting their own subjects.

I shall greatly appreciate your courtesy in informing me whether you could accommodate us on one of the above dates, and, if so, the subject you would prefer to discuss.

Most sincerely yours,

Frederick W. Bentley

Chairman, Forum Committee,
First Church in Oberlin.

FNB/

December 13, 1939

Mr. Frederick W. Bentley, Chairman
Forum Committee
First Church in Oberlin
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bentley:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation to address the Forum of the First Church in Oberlin. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me, and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am heavily burdened, this year, with responsibilities in connection with overseas relief. This consumes all the time that I can spare from my own duties here at The Temple. I travel a great deal in connection with relief campaigns, in aid of the victims of persecution abroad, and of refugees in all part of the world. I hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

DAVID P. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

LAW OFFICES
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ELYRIA, OHIO

February 29, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

You are familiar with the lectureship on Judaism that the people of Elyria have made possible at Oberlin College. Today I received a letter from Professor Herbert Gordon May of Oberlin asking me to attempt to induce you to come to deliver the lectures on the subject "Problems of the Worship Service in Reformed Judaism". Professor May writes as follows:

"One of the outstanding problems in Christian Protestantism is the development of adequate worship programs, liturgies, symbolism, etc., which will meet the needs of contemporary life, yet not neglecting the historic background, but growing out of it. An understanding of these same problems as they appear in modern Judaism would be a great help to us in many ways. I suppose that one phase of the problem would be the adaptation of worship to the present social emphasis in religion.

We would suggest that again there be two lectures, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on one of the following Thursdays: March 29, April 11, April 18, or April 25. I have checked these dates to make certain that there will be no conflicts. All are available, although one of the first three would probably be better, since on April 25th there is some state college convention which might take away a few of the possible audience."

Since the time when this matter was first approached to you we have made considerable progress in this work. The lectureship on Judaism is now listed in the Graduate School of Theology Catalog, the last bulletin contained the following:

"Through the good offices of some Jewish friends in Elyria, Ohio, a special lectureship on Judaism has been made possible in the School of Theology. This lectureship is concerned chiefly with Talmudic and post-Talmudic law, literature, philosophy, and religion. Its function is to promote an understanding of Judaism in its relations with Christianity, the part of Judaism in the developing history of religion, and to trace the growth of the religious ideas and institutions of the Old Testament in post-Biblical Judaism".

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I appreciate very much that you are a busy man and I also appreciate very much that the demand upon your time is great. I feel that we are doing a service to the cause of Judaism and in that work we need the assistance of a man of your type.

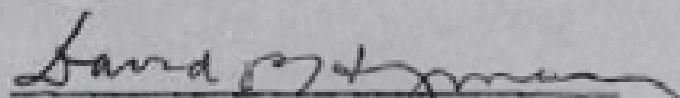
I know that we can not pay you your usual honorarium but I am hoping that you will take into consideration the good that your lectures will do to the cause of Judaism as part of your compensation. We are prepared to contribute One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and hope you will accept our invitation and that of Professor May of Oberlin.

If you desire to discuss this matter with me before giving your final decision, I should be very glad indeed to call upon you.

A direct and formal invitation from Oberlin College will be forthcoming as soon as you indicate that you will accept.



Sincerely yours,


David P. Hymen

DPH:gd

March 5, 1940

Mr. David P. Hymen
305-7 Elyria Savings & Trust Building
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hymen:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to deliver two lectures at the Oberlin School of Theology in March or in April. I appreciate the value of these lectures which your community has made possible at Oberlin and I wish I were free to cooperate with you. Unfortunately, I am a heavily burdened man. I haven't enough time to do justice to the obligations which I have already assumed. I am devoting nearly all my spare time to the work of the United Jewish Appeal which compels me to be away from Cleveland a good deal of the time. Also, this year, I have accepted the Duddleian Lectureship at Harvard which will necessitate my being at Cambridge for a week or ten days in April. I am therefore constrained to decline your kind invitation. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 19, 1940

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

My dear Hillel:

Mr. Hyman of Elyria tells us that it is not possible for you to come to Oberlin this semester. I am sorry that your schedule is so crowded, for I am sure that our men would profit greatly by a day with you.

If you have not relented, will you please give me one or two suggestions of men in the area between Buffalo and Pittsburgh and Cincinnati and Detroit whose special interest in worship has prepared them to lecture in that field?

Looking forward to seeing you at the Alathian meeting next Monday, I am

Yours, as always,

T. W. Graham, Dean

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ELYRIA, OHIO

DAVID B. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

December 7, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I received a letter from Professor Herbert C. May from the Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin as follows:

"We are hoping that it will be possible to make the next lectures on the Lectureship on Judaism part of an important series of meetings which will be held on February 4th, 5th, and 6th, upon which both the College and the Theological School plan to pay great emphasis. It is hoped that on either the 4th or the 6th, Tuesday or Thursday, we can have Doctor Silver give us three lectures. The first would come probably at 11 A. M., and be on the subject, "The Contribution of Judaism to Democracy". This would be a historical summary of the contribution of Judaism to democracy and of democracy in Judaism. At the noon Chapel Service, which lasts about twenty minutes, we would hope that he would speak on the subject, "Judaism in a World at War". Then in the afternoon, perhaps at 3 P. M., would be another lecture on the subject, "Judaism and the New World Order", which would look towards the future. We have already secured for Wednesday, the 5th, Professor Leo Ward, Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University, to speak to us on the subject of the contribution which Catholicism has to make in the present world situation, and on the third day of the meetings, either the 4th or 6th, whichever Doctor Silver does not select, we shall have a Protestant leader speaking on a similar subject with respect to Protestantism. All the religious interest groups on the campus will give these meetings their hearty support, and President Wilkins is much interested in the project, and is setting aside the week for it, emphasizing its importance for the College. This will not be the usual type of conference on relations between Jews, Catholics, and Protestants but is an attempt to try to bring out the contribution which has been made, is being made, or can be made, by these three groups to our present world situation. It will, I think, be one of the most important things on our campus this year.

There will be printed programs for Doctor Silver's lectures, as we have for the Haskell lectures, for we want it clearly understood that the lectures of Doctor Silver come under the Lectureship of Judaism, and as another of the many important lecturers brought to us by this

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lectureship. Doctor Silver is not being brought merely as a part of the series. In fact, the Theological Seminary first made the plans for a series under the lectureship of Judaism on the subject of the contribution of Judaism to democracy, and the idea of making it a part of a series such as we are now projecting came later."

We have advised Oberlin that we would indeed be pleased that there be a lectureship at this time and that we would endeavor to persuade you to come. It is also my understanding that Oberlin College will directly join us in extending an invitation to you to take part in this occasion.

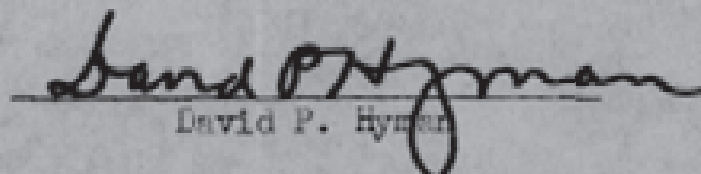
We would be happy to have Mrs. Silver come also. I am quite sure that she would find the day enjoyably spent.

You will note that the date for the Protestant speaker is dependent upon the date you select and, therefore, we would appreciate it very much if you would find it possible to come and advise us at your earliest opportunity the date you would prefer.

I know that we can not pay your usual honorarium, but I am hoping that you will take into consideration the good that your lectures will do in the interest of Judaism as part of your compensation. We are prepared to contribute \$100.00 and hope that you will accept our invitation and that of Professor May to come to Oberlin.

It was in March of 1940 that you indicated - "Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you". I am hoping that you will find it possible to be of service at this time.

Sincerely yours,


David P. Hyman

DPH:GD

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
HERBERT GORDON MAY

December 9, 1940

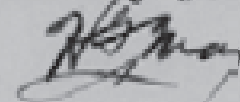
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

By this time you will have received a communication from Mr. David P. Hyman of Elyria with the invitation to be our lecturer on the Lectureship on Judaism at the Graduate School of Theology on either Feb. 4th or 6th, 1940. We hope very much that you will find it possible to come. You would be contributing to one of the most significant programs we have had at Oberlin for some time. Mr. Hyman may have told you that our Mead-Swing Lectureship is taking its cue from the Lectureship on Judaism, and is bringing to the campus that week Prof. Leo Ward, Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University, to speak on the contribution of Catholicism to democracy in the present world crisis, and also an outstanding Protestant leader to discuss the contribution of Protestantism. As Mr. Hyman will have told you, we are hoping that you will give us three lectures: in the morning on the subject "The Contribution of Judaism to Democracy," at the noon college chapel on "Judaism in a World at War," and in the afternoon on "Judaism and the New World Order." The lectures will be to both college and seminary students. Effective plans for advertising the series among the students in advance of the lectures are under way, sponsored by interested organizations.

The Lectureship on Judaism has proven to be one of the most important contributions to our curriculum, and we hope that you will be able to be its next lecturer.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, Lectureship on Judaism
Committee.

December 11, 1940

Mr. David P. Hyman
305-7 The Elyria Savings & Trust Bldg.
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hyman:

I have this day written to Professor May
accepting his kind invitation to deliver a series
of lectures at Oberlin on Tuesday, February 4.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 11, 1940

Professor Herbert Gordon May
The Graduate School of Theology
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Professor May:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of December 9. I appreciate greatly your invitation to address the Graduate School of Theology on the Lectureship on Judaism. I shall make every effort to be with you on Tuesday, February 4. Although my schedule is very crowded these days with campaigning all over the country in behalf of overseas relief (I am national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal) I nevertheless welcome the opportunity to spend the day with your students at Oberlin.

I note the subjects which you have indicated, and I shall build my lectures around them. I would appreciate it if you would let me know the length of time assigned to each one of the lectures.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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DAVID R. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

December 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you indeed for your advise relative to accepting Dr. May's invitation to give the series of lectures at Oberlin on February 4, 1941.

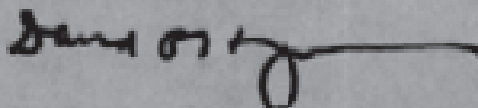
The writer shall be pleased indeed to make any arrangements for transportation either from Cleveland to Oberlin, or from Elyria to Oberlin, and back, that you desire.

A train leaves the Terminal at 7:55 and arrives at Elyria at 8:35 A. M. We can drive you to Oberlin. That is the latest train that leaves Cleveland to permit you to arrive in Oberlin in time. However, there is a bus that leaves Cleveland at 8, arrives in Elyria at 9 and at Oberlin at 9:20 A. M. The next bus leaves Cleveland at 9:35, arrives in Elyria at 10:35 and at Oberlin at 10:55, that, I am afraid, would be a little too late.

There is a train that leaves Elyria at 4:45 P. M. and another at 6:32. The bus leaves Oberlin at 4:10; 5:10 and 6:40.

From this schedule I presume that the most convenient method for you to take is the train which leaves Cleveland at 7:55 and arrives in Elyria at 8:35. We will arrange to have you met at the train at Elyria and drive you to Oberlin.

Sincerely yours,



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December 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

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Sincerely yours,

DAVID P. HYMAN

DPH:gd

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
HERBERT GORDON MAY

December 17, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

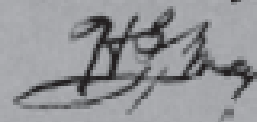
We were very glad to learn that you will be able to be with us on February 4th as lecturer on the Lectureship on Judaism. We are looking forward to your visit with us, and appreciate the fact that you have been kind enough to add this to what we know must be a very busy schedule.

The morning lecture on "The Contribution of Judaism to Democracy" will be at 11 A. M., continuing until 11:50 A. M. The noon address in the chapel on "Judaism in a World at War" is for fifteen minutes. The afternoon lecture on "Judaism and the New World Order" will be like the morning lecture a fifty minute period, beginning at 3 P. M.

I trust that this time arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Keep Cottage
Oberlin, Ohio
January 21, 1941.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Temple - Ansel Road and 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

In connection with the religious conference sponsored by the World-Fellowship Committees of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. to be held here on Oberlin Campus February 4, 5, and 6, we would like very much for you to send us a small photograph for publication purposes. Could you please send us one before the end of the month?

Since I'm one of the students chosen for the task of obtaining all photographs, I would greatly appreciate your sending your photograph directly to me.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and for your kindness in coming here to speak to us.

Sincerely yours,
Quindolyn B. Rucker
Keep Cottage
Oberlin, Ohio

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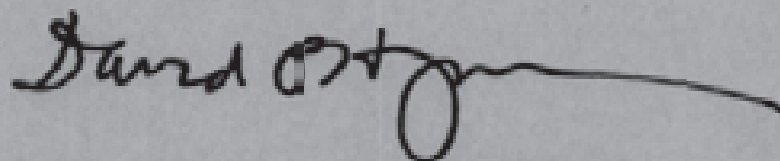
January 24, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You might be interested in the enclosed folder if you have not
already received one.

Sincerely yours,



DPH:GD
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ELYRIA, OHIO

DAVID R. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

January 31, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Is there anything I can do to assist in the arrangements for your getting to Oberlin and back to Cleveland on Tuesday, January 4th? My letter of December 16th contains the schedule of trains and buses. If you will advise what mode of transportation you are contemplating I will be very happy to meet you at the station at Elyria and take you to Oberlin.

Mrs. Hyman, who you probably will remember, was Lillian B. Kaufman, one of your confidants and former teachers, joins me in extending to you and Mrs. Silver an invitation to dinner Tuesday evening at our home.

I am very confident that Mrs. Silver will spend an enjoyable day if she accompanies you on this visit to Oberlin.

I am sending you a copy of my letter to you of December 16th which gives you the train and bus schedules.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Hyman

DPH:gd
encl.

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ELYRIA, OHIO

DAVID P. HYMAN
HARRY W. HYMAN

February 5, 1941

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

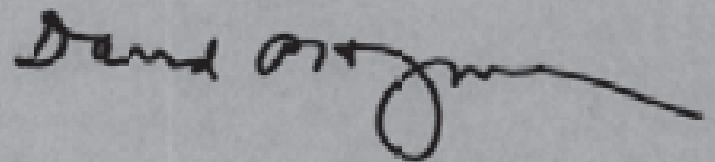
Many thanks for a very important contribution towards the cause of Judaism. The attendance at the lectures was the largest since the inception of the lectureship.

I spoke to a young Jewish Refugee student, a holder of one of the Oberlin Refugee Scholarships. He is a German boy who left Germany for England in 1933 and attended schools in England but made several trips back to Germany during that time. He had just heard you talk to the student body at the noon hour and was delighted with the position taken by you.

I am enclosing check for your honorarium.

Thanking you very kindly, I am,

Sincerely yours,



David P. Hyman:gd
encl.

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

PUBLICITY BUREAU
Allen M. Bailey, Secretary

February 6, 1941

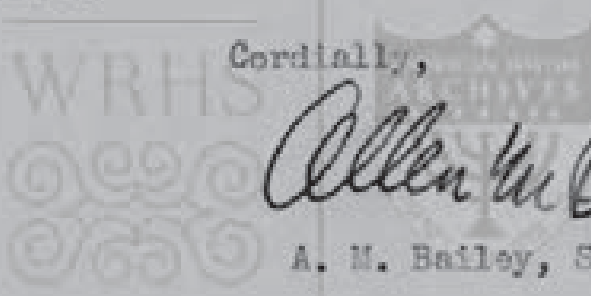
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please look this over and return as soon as possible. We must have it here no later than Monday morning.

Telephone me at 674 if this will be impossible.

Cordially,

Allen M. Bailey

A. M. Bailey, Secretary

February 6, 1941

Mr. David P. Hyman
305-7 Elyria Savings & Trust Bldg.
Elyria, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
note and for the check you enclosed.

I enjoyed my visit to Oberlin greatly
although the three lectures in one day proved a little
strenuous for me, especially coming on top of ten days
of hard Conventioneing in Washington and Atlanta. I
was very much pleased with the attendance at the
meetings, and with the response. You are doing a
splendid piece of work.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I
remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
HERBERT GORDON MAY

February 10, 1941

Rebbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Str. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks to you for coming to Oberlin as our lecturer in the Lectureship on Judaism. You performed an invaluable service for us, and also gave to the Conference on Religion and the New World Order an impetus which was to no small degree responsible for its success. You have helped make the Lectureship on Judaism continue to be a most fruitful contribution to our curriculum.

It was good of you to come, and we consider it a privilege to have had you with us.

Best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert May

February 10, 1941

Mr. A. M. Bailey, Secretary
Publicity Bureau
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Enclosed herewith is a corrected copy
of the address which Rabbi Silver delivered at
Oberlin College. I regret that it could not have
been sent sooner.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

February 15, 1941

Mr. A. M. Bailey, Secretary
Publicity Bureau
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Enclosed is the corrected abstract of
Rabbi Silver's Chapel Talk on "Judaism in a World
at War."

Rabbi Silver would appreciate receiving
printed copies of the addresses which he delivered
at Oberlin.

With best wishes, I remain

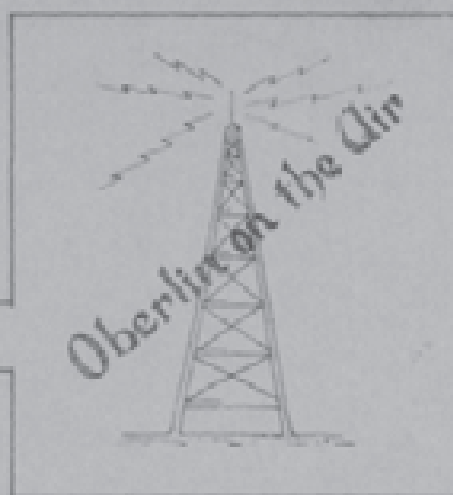
Very sincerely yours,

BJK
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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Allen M. Bailey
Chairman of Radio Programs

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are your notes and a very poor longhand account of what you said in Chapel yesterday noon at the Oberlin Religious Conference. As we are planning to mimeograph the entire series of speeches, I wonder if you could put this into your own words and return it to me for publication. Could we have it by Saturday of this week. I hope to forward to you the stenotype account of your talk Tuesday afternoon to you sometime tomorrow.

Cordially yours,

Allen M. Bailey
Allen M. Bailey

Feb. 5, 1941

October 30, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

President Wilkins here at Oberlin has just informed me that you will be able to come and speak on our Armistice Day Chapel program. Thank you ! The Peace and Public Affairs Forum considers itself fortunate in being able to bring you to the student body.

We want to leave the subject of your talk to your own discretion; we are confident that your thinking in connection with Armistice Day, coming as it does in these black times, will be fitting and appropriate. However, if this seems to be too general; if you feel that some indication of the direction of Oberlin's thinking would be of use to you, here are a few points that came up in a discussion of an Armistice Day chapel. To begin with, needless to say, it was felt that traditional observance of the old Armistice would be hollow. Instead, members of the group felt that the time could well be devoted to a consideration of the things that we ideally want to see evolve out of the present chaos, either in the domestic or in the international field. A few thought that an intelligent discussion of what we can practically expect immediately after the war would be pertinent to this Armistice Day in that it would tend to re-orient a great deal of wishful thinking and to point the direction of practical action. Further discussion brought to light the fact that some present believed that students are inclined to apathy in public affairs; that a 1941 Armistice Day program might be directed to awakening within them some sense of their minimum responsibility as citizens to keep themselves informed, to explore their own thinking in public affairs. This same problem could be approached from an ethical or religious point of view insofar as it is in just such troublous times as these that we tend to form long allegiances; therefore it behooves us to be critical of facts or arguments, temporal or spiritual, that are presented to us. Thus did the discussion run. Perhaps this summary may be of some use to you.

As to the mechanics; the talk should be of about 20 minutes duration. The Forum will be happy to entertain you at lunch immediately after the chapel program. Mr. Wilkins has very kindly offered to place his car at your disposal for transportation to and from Oberlin. Please let us know what transportation arrangements will be convenient for you. Finally, we would like for purposes of publicizing your visit something of what you plan to say; if you have a particular title to be applied to your talk, we would appreciate it if you would send it along also.

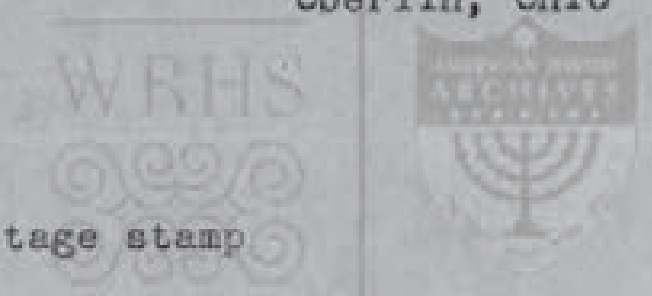
Again, thank you, Rabbi Silver ! We will look forward to seeing you on November 11.

Sincerely yours,

John Lang Rawlinson

John Lang Rawlinson
President, Peace and Public Affairs
Forum
82 East College Street
Oberlin, Ohio

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Allen M. Bailey, Secretary

November 6, 1941

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio


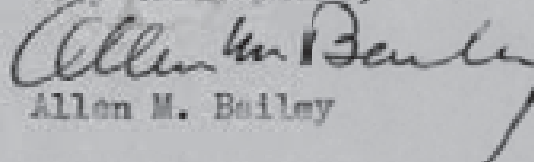
My dear Rabbi Silver:

If it is possible, and convenient for you, we should like to have an advance copy of your Armistice Day speech to be given here, to be mimeographed for the Oberlin College student body, faculty and alumni. If possible, we should like to have it one day in advance.

If you can not furnish us with such a copy in advance, but can bring one with you, we should appreciate it very much.

If you do not plan to have a manuscript, will you please advise us, so that we can make provisions for covering the speech?

Very truly yours,



Allen M. Bailey

AMB:PR

November 7, 1941

Mr. Allen M. Bailey, Secretary
Publicity Bureau
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bailey:

In reply to your letter of November 6
permit me to say that I shall probably not have
a manuscript with me on Armistice Day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Student Christian Associations of Oberlin College

Offices: Goodrich House

Oberlin, Ohio

39 College Place
November 18, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi,

Our Post War Reconstruction Discussion Group has turned its attention this semester from the international to the domestic problems of the peace. Each month we plan to take up one of the many domestic problems, devoting three Friday nights to informal discussions, and the fourth evening to a guest speaker. This November we are studying American minorities; last week we had a campus stirring discussion on the Negro; this Friday we turn to the Japanese Americans, (a number of whom are our fellow students); and for the evening of November 26th we would like to have you speak to us on the "National Minority Problem and Its Relations to the Peace".

Our group consists of about sixty members -- mostly students, but professors as well. We believe we are rendering a real service to ourselves, the college and the V I 2 Unit here in keeping the campus alert to the aims and problems of reconstruction.

We are most desirous of meeting with you and want the campus to know you. If you cannot make it the 26th of November at 8:30 P.M., what other time would be convenient for you? Our group furnishes expenses to guest speakers.

Sincerely, Yours,

Stan Schuman

Stan Schuman, Chairman

November 21, 1945

Mr. Stan Schuman
59 College Place
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Schuman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 18 to Rabbi Silver inviting him to address your Post War Reconstruction Discussion Group on November 26. Rabbi Silver is out of the city and will not be back in Cleveland until Monday or Tuesday of this week. I shall be happy to refer your letter to him at that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

OBERLIN COLLEGE

OBERLIN, OHIO
Department of Religion

May 21, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

President Stevenson recently expressed a strong desire that we extend to you an invitation to be one of the speakers in our series of College Vesper Services in the next academic year. Would it be possible for you to come to Oberlin on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 1952? The Vesper Service is at 4:45 in the afternoon and the normal period provided for the sermon is about thirty minutes.

We are providing an honorarium of \$75.00 for the speaker on this occasion.

May I introduce myself as the new Director of Religious Activities at Oberlin College and add that it has been my wife's pleasure and mine to have heard you three times at Temple Emmanuel. Consequently I have some idea of the pleasure that it would be for the Oberlin community if you could speak to us.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Ball

Dr. George H. Ball
Director of
Religious Activities

GHB:ef

May 26, 1952

Dr. George E. Ball
Director of Religious Activities
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Ball:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 21st and for your gracious invitation to address your College Vesper Services on Sunday afternoon, October 26th. While the date is considerably far off, I shall accept your kind invitation in the hope that nothing will interfere with my attendance. I shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you and sharing in the Vesper Services.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OBERLIN COLLEGE

OBERLIN, OHIO

Department of Religion

May 28, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are delighted to know that you can be with us on Sunday, October 26 for our College Vesper Service. Perhaps a month or so before that time we will get in touch with you about the details of the Service. I enclose an order of worship of one of our preceding services to give you a general idea of the form of our Vesper Service. Individual items can be changed to suit your desire.

What a joy and an inspiration it will be for us to hear you. It will be a good day for Oberlin.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Ball

Dr. George H. Ball
Director of
Religious Activities

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OBERLIN COLLEGE

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Department of Religion

October 1, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is now less than a month that separates us from your appearance at our Vespers Service at 4:45, October 26. We look forward to it as one of the important events of this term and some students have already spoken to me about your coming.

Would it be possible for you to send us a glossy photograph of yourself from which we could have some news paper mats made? If you have mats already made, we could use four of them instead of the photograph for our publicity purposes.

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Could you also please send us your title and any scripture that you would like to have read. These two latter items we usually need about 10 days before the Service so that they may be part of the printed order. We will enclose a program of this past Sunday's service. The order of worship can be changed in any way that you would like. Our practice in the past has been to have a student give the invocation and read the scripture, with the president of the college offering the prayer. If there is some other arrangement that you would like, it can readily be made.

Again, may I close with an expression of the joy which we anticipate in hearing you, and specifically for my wife and myself include our highest regards. We shall never forget the great sermon which you preached on the MacArthur episode at the Temple.

Sincerely,

George H. Ball

George H. Ball

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October 9, 1952

Dr. George H. Ball
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hall:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 1st. For my address on October 26th, I shall use the subject, "What Is Permanent in Character".

For the Scriptural reading I would suggest the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 19, verses 1 through 4, 9 through 17, and 32 through 37.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to being with you.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 29, 1952

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose check representing honorarium for
your visit here last Sunday. Pardon the delay in sending
it to you, but I have been in New York for the last two
days.

You certainly gave us a very fine message, and
we deeply appreciate your having taken the time from your
busy life to come to Oberlin.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

WES:BP

William E. Stevenson

October 30, 1952

Dr. William E. Stevenson
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Stevenson;

Thank you so much for your note of October 29th and for the check which you enclosed.

It was a pleasure for me to address the Chapel Service. I always enjoy talking to young college men and women. It was an additional pleasure for me to see you and Mrs. Stevenson.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 14, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple, East 105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Many years ago you were so kind as to appear on the lectureship on Judaism at Oberlin College. Said lectureship was sponsored by the B'Nai Brith of Elyria, Ohio.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Professor Herbert May of the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College indicating a hope that they might have Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as the lecturer at its next series of lectures.

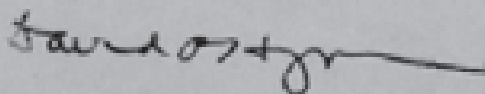
He suggested Wednesday, April 24, 1963, as the date and 11:00 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. as the time for the lectures. For subjects he suggested as follows: for the morning lecture, "The Significance of Moses for Judaism," and for the afternoon lecture, "The Course of Reformed Judaism as I have Experienced It."

Doctor May suggests that you may desire another subject for the morning lecture and that you may perhaps want to phrase the subject differently.

As in the past, we have been contributing to our lecturers an honorarium of \$100.00. We appreciate that this does not begin to compensate them for their services and expenses. However, we feel that your presence at Oberlin will aid the cause of Judaism. Furthermore, Oberlin would like to have you come. We hope that you will be able to do so and hope that the date and subject will be satisfactory to you. Should any change be indicated, please do not hesitate to advise.

Awaiting your reply and hoping it will be a favorable one,
I am

Very truly yours,


David P. Hyman

DPH/caa

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December 24, 1962

My dear Mr. Hyman:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 14th. I wish I could accept the invitation of the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College to address the school on Sunday, April 24th. Unfortunately, my schedule for the Spring months is very uncertain. I may be out of the country for a good deal of the time. I am, therefore, not committing myself to lecture engagements during that period. I know that you will understand.

With all good wishes and with Chanukah greetings, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. David P. Hyman
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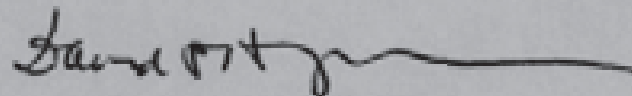
Dear Rabbi:

After receiving your letter I contacted Professor Herbert May of the Theological Seminary, Oberlin College. I spoke to him again this morning.

While we regret your inability to deliver the lectures this year, we are pleased to learn that you will make a special effort to be our lecturer next year. I want to express the appreciation of our committee and that of Oberlin College.

Thanking you very kindly, I am

Sincerely yours,



David P. Hyman

DPH/imj