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Ohio Northern University (Ada, Ohio), 1922-1939.

The College of Liberal Arts.
The College of Education.
The College of Engineering.
The College of Law.
The College of Pharmacy.
The School of Religion.

Ohio Northern University
Y. M. C. A.
Ada, Ohio

The A. D. Juilliard School of Music.
The School of Commerce.
The School of Agriculture.
The School of Expression.
The Preparatory School.
The School of Physical Education.

Oct. 26, 1922.

Rabbi Silver,
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Young Men's Christian Association of Ohio Northern University is working under a policy this year with the welfare of every group on the campus at heart. We are working several features to attempt to remind the student of the deeper things of life, one of which is the weekly devotional service. We are, whenever possible, bringing to the campus men of known repute to address the men in these meetings.

I wish in this letter to extend to you the invitation of the Y. M. C. A. and also of the administration of the school represented by Dr. Smith, to come to Northern for at least one day.

The program which we would ask you to follow would include a talk to the men on Wednesday night and, if you could stay over for chapel Thursday morning, a talk to the student body. There are about fifty Hebrew men in the University and you would have an opportunity to meet these men as a body and address them

Being a student organization we have been obtaining our men for taking care of their transportation expenses, and have not been able to offer them anything better.

Allow me to urge you to consider this matter favourably. We would be very glad to have you on our program, we can arrange for you any week after the 22nd of November.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future I remain,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Milne
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November 7th, 1922.

Mr. W. A. Milne,
Y.M.C.A.,
Ada, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Milne,

Please pardon the delay in
acknowledging your letter of the 26th.
I have been out of the city much of the
time.

I want to thank you for your
kind invitation to address your organization.
I wish I were in a position to accept it.
Unfortunately my program for the year is so
crowded and the tasks incidental to the building
of a new Temple so many, that I cannot in justice
to myself accept any more engagements. Perhaps
at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Nov. 9, 1922.

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

My Dear Mr. Silver:

I received your letter of the 7th. and we too are sorry that it is not possible for you to be with us soon. However the invitation remains and if you at any time in the near future see your way clear to visit us we will be glad to have you come. Could you give me the name of another man of the Jewish faith whom you could recommend to give an address as a student body? If there were some one maybe a little closer to us it might be easier for him to come. As secretary of the Y. it is my desire to bring men to the student body who will have an appeal to all classes of students.

Thanking you for your kind reply and hoping that we may hear from you again I am,

Very Sincerely yours,

M. A. Milne.

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November 10th, 1922.

Mr. W. A. Milne,
Y.M.C.A.,
Ohio Northern University,
Ada, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Milne,

I would suggest that you
get in touch with Rabbi Solomon Goldman
of the Jewish Center, E. 105th & Grantwood
Avenue, Cleveland. He is a fine speaker
and has a message for college men. If he
is free, I think he would be happy to come.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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ALPHA EPSILON PI
FRATERNITY

Wednesday, April 5

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As representative of the Alpha Epsilon Pi
fraternity, the only Jewish organization on
the Ohio Northern University campus, I
cordially add our own humble invitation
to speak at chapel to that of Dr. Robert
Williams. We would be honored by your
acceptance.

Ohio Northern has long stood for liberalism and tolerance in its treatment of the Jewish students. And we consider it a distinct privilege to be members of the O.N.U. college community today.

Your chapel appearance would do much to further strengthen the bond between the administration and our group and help promote better understanding of Jewish problems.

We look forward with eager anticipation to your appearance on our campus.

Sincerely yours,

Morris S. Berke

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

ADA, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 4, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been suggested that you would be very willing to come to Ohio Northern for a chapel address sometime this spring and, of course, we shall be greatly honored to have you with us as we know how busy you are with your numerous engagements throughout the country.

We would give you an hour on any one of the following dates, the hour being from eleven to twelve o'clock noon. April 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16.

It would be quite possible for you to come in from Cleveland in time for an eleven o'clock meeting and you would be able to get back again in time for dinner on the same day.

Will you kindly let us know what your charges would be for your coming here and also whether you can come.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Williams

Robert Williams, President

AEW

April 7, 1939

Dr. Robert Williams, President
Ohio Northern University
Ada, Ohio

My dear Dr. Williams:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to deliver an address to the student body of Ohio Northern University. It would indeed give me great pleasure to accept such an invitation. Unfortunately the next two months are especially crowded ones for me. I am both national and local chairman of a large campaign to raise funds for the needs of our refugees abroad. I am committed to fifteen out of town engagements in the next seven or eight weeks, and our local campaign will not end before May 10. You will readily understand the pressure under which I have been working.

If you will keep me in mind for a meeting of your student body next season, and if you will write me early in the Fall, I shall make every effort to come to you for I know that I shall enjoy the experience very much.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 8, 1939

Mr. Morris S. Berke
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity
Ohio Northern University
Ada, Ohio

My dear Mr. Berke:

I appreciate your letter of April 5 and I wish I were free to come to Ohio Northern this season. I wrote to Dr. Williams yesterday expressing my keen appreciation of the invitation extended to me and my deep regrets at my inability to accept at this time. I am heavily involved in the campaign for overseas relief. I am both national chairman and Cleveland chairman of the campaigns. Most of the campaigns in the United States are held in the months of April and May and I am scheduled to open many of them. I suggested to Dr. Williams that he keep me in mind for next year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

ADA, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 14, 1939

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

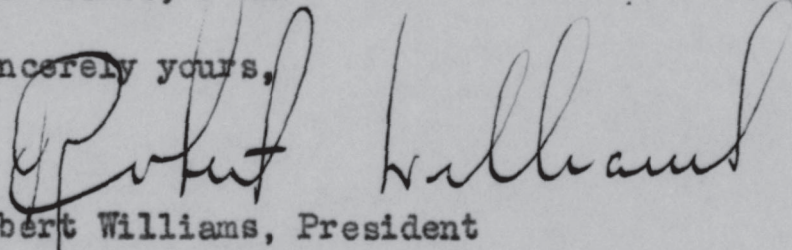
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall last spring our asking you to come to Northern and you found at that time it would be impossible because of your very heavy duties elsewhere. May I renew our invitation with the hope this time that it will be possible for you to accept?

Our Chapel program is now being made up for the Winter Quarter which opens on December fourth. The first convocation is on December fifth and each Tuesday and Thursday thereafter except the weeks from December twenty-second to January third which is our Christmas vacation. May we hear from you giving us the most convenient date for you to speak in our Chapel?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert Williams, President

Tues. Feb. 6.

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November 2, 1939

Dr. Robert Williams, President
Ohio Northern University
Ada, Ohio

My dear Dr. Williams:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of October 14. I have been away from the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I should very much like to come to Ohio Northern University and address one of your convocations. In going through my calendar, I find that I am free on Tuesday, February 6. Would that be a convenient date for you? If it is, I shall schedule it. There is but one possibility that I may have to go to the Pacific Coast that month. In that case, I trust that you will permit me to change the time to a later one, if possible.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

ADA, OHIO

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November 11, 1939

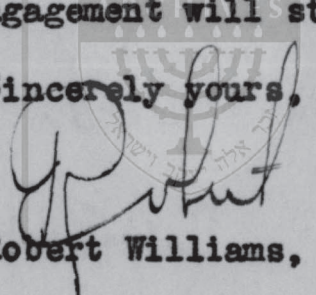
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a pleasure to hear from you
on the second of November and to know you have set
a date, tentatively, to be at the Chapel at Ohio
Northern University on February sixth.

It will be a real pleasure to greet
you and I hope that this engagement will stand.

Sincerely yours,


Robert Williams, President

AEW