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Ohio University (Athens, Ohio), 1929-1963.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

ATHENS, OHIO

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October 30, 1929

Mr. Rabbi Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Sir:

I am presuming to approach you with a request that I trust may receive your consideration. The Y. W. C. A. of Ohio University would like very much to be responsible for presenting an outstanding speaker at one of the convocation periods in November, either November 20 or November 27.

I can think of no one whom I would rather present to our student body than yourself. It may be that you are not interested in doing this sort of thing but if you are I do ask your consideration in the matter of accepting the invitation from us for this service. Our Association is unable to offer you an honorarium but, of course, will take care of all expenses.

I, perhaps, have more courage in approaching you on this matter inasmuch as I, myself, as Dean of Women, do a good deal of this sort of thing in colleges.

I shall appreciate an early reply from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt
Irma E. Voigt
Dean of Women

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card

Nov. 7th, 1929.

Miss Irma E. Voigt,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Miss Voigt:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address one of the convocations of the Ohio University under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. on November 20th or 27th. I wish I were free to come.

Unfortunately my schedule is so crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements for the next few months that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be able to be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 28, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Silver:

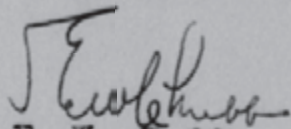
We have our convocation each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:40 and lasting for forty minutes. Occasionally we have a guest speaker. This year we have had Madame (Princess) Skariatina, Emil Lengyel, and Denton Massey.

I am writing to invite you to be our speaker sometime in February or March. You may choose your own subject, should you be willing to come. You would have an audience of about two thousand, including faculty members and students.

We could give you an honorarium of fifty dollars. This I know is inadequate as compensation for the service you would render us, but there might be some other compensations.

Athens is one-hundred ninety miles south of Cleveland. Should you find it possible to accede to my request, I shall be glad to give you a good route. I have heard you in your Temple several times and I am desirous that our students should have the opportunity of hearing one of the outstanding religious leaders in the country.

Very truly yours,



E. W. Chubb
Acting President

EWC g

January 31, 1935.

Dr. E. W. Chubb,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Chubb:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 28 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address a convocation of faculty members and students at Ohio University sometime in February or March. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my schedule for the next two months is so crowded with local and out of town engagements that I find it impossible to take on any additional responsibilities. If your convocations continue through April and May, it may be possible for me to get away from Cleveland some Wednesday during those months.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for the courtesy of your invitation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

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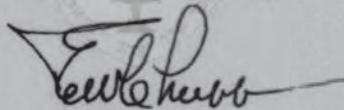
February 8, 1935

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to learn that you may be able to come to us for the convocation address in April or May. The only date pre-empted in April is April the twenty-fourth. The latter part of May is usually a crowded time. So if you could come either on the third, tenth, or seventeenth of April; it would suit us very well. If you can not come on one of these dates, the first or second Wednesday in May would be a good time to come. However, if you can possibly come on one of the Wednesdays in April, I would prefer that.

Very truly yours,



E. W. Chubb
Acting President

EWC h

February 19, 1935.

Dr. E. W. Chubb,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Chubb:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 8. If Wednesday, May 1, is an acceptable date to you, please let me know and I shall schedule it definitely for a convocation address before your student body.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 25, 1935

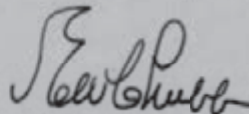
Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to learn that you can come to us Wednesday,
May 1. As I may have informed you before, we have our con-
vocation at 9:40 a.m.

Again expressing my pleasure at the prospect of your
coming, I remain

Sincerely yours,



E. W. Chubb,
Acting President

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DAY LETTER

To DR. E. W. CHUBB

Street and No. OHIO UNIVERSITY

Place ATHENS, OHIO

MY COMMUNITY HAS ASKED ME TO ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP OF JEWISH WELFARE FUND
CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGINS END THIS MONTH. STOP THIS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO LEAVE CLEVELAND BETWEEN NOW AND MIDDLE OF MAY STOP AM THEREFORE
COMPELLED TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF MY ENGAGEMENT WITH OHIO UNIVERSITY
WOULD BE HAPPY TO COME LATER THIS SEASON OR SOMETIME NEXT SEASON KINDEST

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A H SILVER

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 26, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

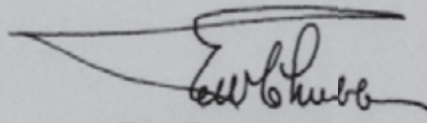
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret very much that you are unable to
come to Ohio University on May first.

Our program is completed for the rest of
the academic year, but I hope that we shall be
able to have you with us sometime during the
coming year.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



E. W. Chubb
Acting President

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 18, 1935

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

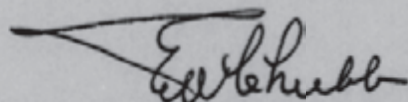
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been asked by President James of Ohio University to secure a speaker for our Sunday Baccalaureate address. The address is to be given as part of the exercises of our June Commencement. The date for the Baccalaureate address is June 7, 1936. The honorarium would be \$50. I regret that I am limited to this sum.

You may recall that I, while Acting President, tried to secure your services for a Convocation address in May, and that at first you accepted, and later were obliged to decline because of extra duties required of you in some civic capacity. I realize that it may be difficult for you to get away on a Sunday, but I assume that it might be possible for you to do so in June. We should be happy to have you serve us in this capacity, and I am hoping that you can do so.

With sincere regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



E. W. Chubb, Dean

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December 19, 1935

Dean E. W. Chubb,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Chubb:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address on June 7 in connection with your Commencement exercises. I should have been delighted to accept your invitation but I am scheduled to be at Harvard University that day, preaching in the Memorial Chapel. I appreciate your invitation greatly and I do hope that I shall have the good fortune at some future time to be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
CLARENCE C. ROBINSON
DIRECTOR

OHIO UNIVERSITY
—
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
ATHENS, OHIO

January 27, 1937

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

Honorable Rabbi Silver:

It is our intention during the Summer Session to bring speakers for the purpose of addressing our student body. We would like very much if you could find it at all possible to visit us during the week of June 21 for a series of three lectures. The Tuesday and Thursday lectures would be scheduled at 4:00 P.M. and the Wednesday talk would be given at a morning convocation.

I would like very much to know, if this were possible, what the fee would be and any other data that you might consider necessary for us to know.

I mention the week of June 21 as a starting point for negotiations. If the dates mentioned are not possible, perhaps some later week would be better for you--any one up to and including the week of July 19. We hope, however, that you will find it possible to address our students and I will appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Robinson
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C. C. Robinson, Chairman
Convocations Committee

pd

February 1, 1937

Mr. Clarence C. Robinson,
College of Fine Arts,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your student body during the week of June 21. I should have been very happy to avail myself of the opportunity but I am planning to leave for Europe early in June and will be gone for the summer.

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

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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740 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 12, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street At Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Word has just reached me that John Wesley Seay, the student president of the Wesley Foundation of Ohio has invited you to be the principal speaker at our State Wesley Foundation Meeting in the spring. I realize that many inroads are made upon your time and energy, but I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept this engagement. I have heard these young people speak of you a number of times, and it would be most helpful from their standpoint if you could find your way to come.

We have seven Wesley Foundation units within the state representing the various state and independent universities in Ohio.

Very Sincerely,

H. D. Bollinger
H. D. Bollinger

HDB:PET

February 16, 1937

Mr. H. D. Bollinger,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Bollinger:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 12. Prior to receiving your communication, I wrote to Mr. John Wesley Seay expressing my deep regret at my inability to accept the kind invitation of the Wesley Foundation of Ohio. I also expressed the hope that I may be of service to them at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

OHIO UNIVERSITY

ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

October 24, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Convocations Committee of Ohio University, of which I am Chairman, has asked me to invite you most earnestly and cordially to come to our campus for a convocation address, because all of us who have heard you are exceedingly anxious that the students here shall have this opportunity and privilege. Could you possibly come on Tuesday, May 12? That is the last convocation of the year with the exception of Senior Day, and we believe you could give the climax of the year which we hope for. We are able to offer you an honorarium of \$75.00.

I shall appreciate greatly hearing from you.

It may interest you to know that we have almost 300 Jewish students in our group at Ohio University. Many of these students are from the Cleveland area.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt

Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee

IEV/th

October 27, 1941

Miss Irva E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Miss Voigt:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 24 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your convocation on Tuesday, May 12. I should very much like to come. Unfortunately that particular date is not convenient for me. I shall have to be in Cleveland the early part of May for a campaign. If you have any other open dates, please let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

October 30, 1941

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that the May date is impossible for you,
but we want you at Ohio University if it is possible.
Could you come to us on January 12? This is on Monday.

I sincerely hope we may have struck on the right
date now.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt

Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee

IEV/th

October 31, 1941

Miss Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Miss Voigt:

Acknowledging your note of
October 30 — the date of January 12 is
quite alright and I have noted it on my
calendar.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

December 13, 1941

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Harold Salzman, a member of our Campus Religious Council and one of our freshman men who has a thoroughly sincere attitude toward the finer things in life.

I have suggested that Mr. Salzman come to see you and to talk with you about some of our plans for an inter-faith conference which we have. We both feel that it would be a wonderful preliminary to this conference if you had the time and were inclined to speak to a selected group while you are at Ohio University as our guest for convocation.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt.

Irma E. Voigt
Dean of Women

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January 5, 1942

IRVA E. VOIGT
OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS OHIO

I HAVE BEEN CALLED TO AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH WAR WORK ON JANUARY TWELFTH. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO APPEAR BEFORE YOUR GROUP ON THE 26th OF JANUARY OR I WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO COME ON ORIGINAL DATE WHICH YOU SUGGESTED -- MAY TWELFTH. PLEASE WIRE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

January 7, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am more sorry than I can express that you will not be able to be with us on January 12. In light of the inter-faith conference which we are planning for early February, we felt that your visit at this time was most opportune. However, it is not for us in the present emergency to complain.

January 26 is entirely out of the question since that is the week of our final examinations. Without any commitments I should like to know whether you would be available on April 21, 22, or 23.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt

Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee

IEV/th

January 14, 1942

Miss Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Miss Voigt:

Thank you for your kind telegram and letter. I am sorry that I had to put you to this inconvenience. From present indications I shall be free on April 21.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 13, 1942

Miss Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Miss Voigt:

Rabbi Silver has just returned from England and has asked me to inquire of you whether his engagement with you on April 21 is definite. He wrote to you on January 14 that he could come on April 21, but to his best knowledge he has had no confirmation of that date.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

AHS:BK

OHIO UNIVERSITY

ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

April 15, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that we are unable to make the change in the dates for your coming to Ohio University for this year on April 21. We do want very much to have you as one of our speakers next year. Therefore, when our plans are more definite as regards our next year's program, I shall write to you again.

Thank you for writing to me about this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Irma E. Voigt

Irma E. Voigt, Chairman
Convocations Committee

IEV/th

65 Stewart Street
Athens, Ohio
October 11, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Public Affairs Club of Ohio University has been striving in the past few years to offer the student body various meetings that can better clarify the outstanding issues of today. To further these efforts we have used speakers, panel discussions, and motion pictures.

Since the end of World War II, the world situation has become critical and the function of this club has become progressively more important. With this in mind, we are trying to bring to the campus well-known speakers who, not only can ably present their views, but whose wide influence can further arouse the interests of the students.

Knowing that you have spoken many times on the problems and promises of present day society, The Public Affairs Club of Ohio University would like to invite you to our campus to speak on Religion and it's Role Today. If there is another topic which you prefer to speak on, it will be agreeable to us.

We would like to suggest the following dates for your consideration: November 10, 15, and 17, and

December 1, 6, 8, 13, and 15. Should these be inconvenient for you, we would be pleased to have suggestions from you. We would also like to know what the charges will be.

Yours very truly,

Stanley Yates

Stanley Yates
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October 13, 1949

Mr. Stanley Yates
65 Stewart Street
Athens, Ohio

My dear Mr. Yates:

Thank you for your letter of October 11th and the invitation to address the Public Affairs Club of Ohio University. Unfortunately, my schedule for this year is already so overcrowded that it is not possible for me to accept any additional engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

at Ohio University

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ATHENS, OHIO

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Board of next year's "Faith In Action Week" here at Ohio University have asked me to convey to you their most cordial invitation to be their guest-speaker at the campus-wide convocation, which will be the main feature of the entire program.

While no definite dates have been decided upon, Monday, February the twenty-eighth or Monday, March the seventh appear to be the most favourable days for this convocation. However, the Board will be glad to consider any other date of that period of the year, which may be more convenient to you.

We should consider ourselves extremely fortunate if you would accept this invitation because we know that your address would make a deep and lasting impression upon our university community of approximately five thousand people.

Of-course, Ohio University will defray your travel-expenses and will be prepared to pay a modest honorarium.

I shall be most happy to receive your affirmative reply.

Faithfully yours,

Leo Lichtenberg
LEO LICHTENBERG

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~~Feb. 28~~

July 28, 1954

Rabbi Leo Lichtenberg
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
Ohio University
97 University Terrace
Athens, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Lichtenberg:

Thank you for your kind invitation to address a convocation for "Faith in Action Week" at Ohio University.

I regret, however, that it will not be possible for me to accept your gracious invitation for the coming season. I wish you every success.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

March 19, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sometimes people are prone to think that the extra-curricular activities of college students are always frivolous ones. You and I know that many of these activities are well-planned, serious ones.

One of the most outstanding student-sponsored events of this type at Ohio University in Athens is the Mother's Weekend -- two days of planned activities honoring our mothers. As a part of the weekend program, a group church service is held Sunday morning at Memorial Auditorium. Each year some outstanding clergyman or layman speaks on a subject appropriate for the occasion.

Because of your reputation as an inspirational speaker, we would like very much to have you deliver the sermon at this year's group service on Sunday morning, May 18, at 10:30. Could you arrange to be with us to share your thoughts with the Ohio University students and their mothers?

If you would like to come to Athens on Saturday, May 17, we shall be glad to have you as a guest of the University at our guest house. A small honorarium of \$75 is available for our speaker to help cover his traveling expenses.

Could you let me know your decision by March 28? We certainly hope that you will be able to make the trip to Athens. Having

you with us for this important campus event would indeed be
a real pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

Arlene Pilat

Chairman of the Mother's Weekend
Worship Service
Boyd Hall

Arlene Pilat
Boyd Hall
Athens, Ohio



Ohio University

March 27, 1958

Arlene Pilat
Boyd Hall
Athens, Ohio

My dear Miss Pilat:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to deliver the sermon at the services of Mother's Weekend on Sunday morning, May 18th.

It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I am committed to be in my own pulpit that Sunday morning and I have a number of other congregational duties to perform that day.

I regret deeply therefore my inability to be with you.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 17, 1960

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

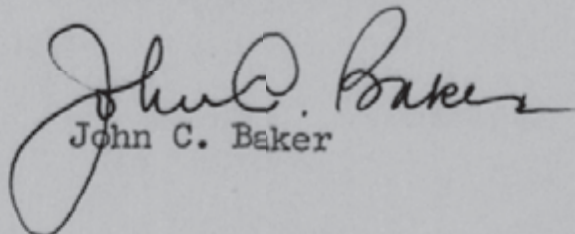
Dear Rabbi Silver:

For years I have been hoping that our paths would cross and we would become acquainted. Since this has not happened by accident, I am anxious to achieve it by design.

Would it be possible for you to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to our graduates and their families and friends on Sunday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m. in our Memorial Auditorium, Athens, Ohio? We hope very much that you will come down the night before, bring Mrs. Silver with you, and give us an opportunity to acquaint you with Ohio University. This year our graduating class will number around 900 to 1,000 students. As you know, many of them come from the Cleveland area, and come from families who did not have college advantages in their past. This means a great deal of interest on the part of our students and their families in the Commencement and Baccalaureate programs. My guess is that you would have an audience of around 1,800 to 2,000 people.

Of course, the easiest way to come to Athens is to drive. If, however, you want to fly to Columbus or come down by train, we would send a University car to meet you. Many friends at Ohio University join with me in hoping that you will be able to accept our invitation.

Cordially yours,


John C. Baker

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March 21, 1960

Mr. John C. Baker
President
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Mr. Baker:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 17th and for your gracious invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Ohio University on Sunday, June 5th. I shall be very happy to do so and I shall look forward with pleasure to our meeting.

My memory takes me back to forty-six or forty-seven years ago when, as a representative of the University of Cincinnati, I participated in an oratorical contest on the campus of Ohio University. I think I walked away with the second prize - twenty-five dollars - which at that time was a considerable wind-fall to a student working his way through college.

I hope that Mrs. Silver will be able to come along although at the moment I do not know. We shall, in all probability, fly or take the train to Columbus and I would appreciate if someone of the University would meet us there and drive us to the campus at Athens.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
PUBLIC OCCASIONS

March 31, 1960

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted when President Baker informed me you had accepted his invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, June 5. He has asked that I take care of the detailed arrangements of your visit.

It is customary for the Baccalaureate speaker to remain for the Commencement exercises at 2 p.m. the same day, June 5, to give the invocation and benediction. I hope this will be possible with you.

Normally the Baccalaureate speaker appears in cap and gown and I inquire whether or not you can bring your own. If not, would you please give me the following statistics so we can order one for you: head size, chest measurement, weight, height and college from which you received your doctorate.

We would appreciate it if your secretary would send us a picture and biographical material for publicity purposes.

When you know your plans for arrival in Columbus and departure therefrom, I would be happy if you would inform me so we can make proper arrangements for the University car to serve you.

We will reserve a room in the University Guest House for you and Mrs. Silver in the hope that she can join you in your visit to us. We look forward to your visit with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Maurel Hunkins

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Director of Public Occasions

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April 27, 1960

Mr. Maurel Hunkins
Director of Public Occasions
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hunkins:

As requested in your letter of March 31st,
I am enclosing a glossy photograph and
brief biographical sketch of Dr. Silver.

Regarding the cap and gown, Dr. Silver will
write to you at a later date.

Very sincerely yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enclosures (2)

OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
PUBLIC OCCASIONS

April 30, 1960

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. Silver
THE TEMPLE
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. May:

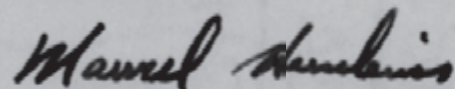
Thank you very much for your letter of April 27 with the enclosures requested.

I wonder if you could save Dr. Silver's time and accommodate us with some additional information. It is very desirable that we order his cap and gown if he needs one along with the faculty order we will be placing May 10.

For purposes of printing a program, I need to know whether he will accept our invitation to serve as chaplain for the invocation and benediction at the Commencement Exercises from 2 to 4 p.m. the afternoon following his Baccalaureate sermon which is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For your convenience in answering these queries, I enclose a page on which you may indicate the requested information with a copy for yourself. I trust this will minimize the time consumed from Dr. Silver's busy schedule.

Sincerely yours,



Maurel Hunkins
Director of Public Occasions

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May 16, 1960

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
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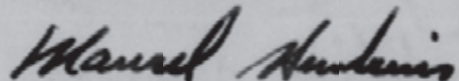
Dear Mrs. May:

I appreciate very much receiving the information requested on Rabbi Silver's appearance at our Baccalaureate service.

The only details remaining are the time of his arrival and whether Mrs. Silver can join him. I will await word on these at your convenience.

With thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Maurel Hunkins

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May 24, 1960

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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It was good to learn from President J. C. Baker that you accepted his invitation to be the baccalaureate speaker at Ohio University on June 5th. The few Jewish families here in Athens, including the members of the faculty, were also pleaded and delighted with this news.

Since the baccalaureate service is at 10:30 A. M., I am sure you and Mrs. Silver, if she accompanies you, plan to arrive here some time on Saturday. We would like to have a small reception for you at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rosenberg during the time you are here, and I hope your schedule will permit you to be with us.

I mentioned this to Dr. Baker, but at the time the schedule for your stay here had not been completed. So if it can't be an Oneg Shabbat, it may be a M'lavah Malkah. I will discuss this further with Dr. Baker within the next few days and set a definite time.

In the meantime I hope that our invitation will meet with your approval. We all look forward to hearing you.

Cordially,

Jacob Mirviss, Director

May 27, 1960

Mr. Jacob Mirviss, Director
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Mr. Mirviss:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in wishing to arrange for me a reception. I must, however, forego the pleasure of such a reception. I have not been too well and I would like the few hours that I will spend in Athens, Ohio to be quiet and restful. Mrs. Silver is not accompanying me. I plan to arrive late Saturday and will leave immediately after the Baccalaureate.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

May 31, 1960

Mr. Maurel Hunkins
Director of Public Occasions
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hunkins:

Replying to your letter of May 16th, Mrs. Silver will not accompany Rabbi Silver on his visit to Ohio University.

Dr. Silver plans to leave Cleveland at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 4th on the New York Central train arriving in Columbus at 2:35 P.M., and it is his understanding that someone will be at the station to meet his train and to drive him to Athens.

Very sincerely yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

OHIO UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, OHIO

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June 2, 1960

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
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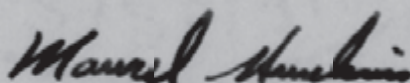
Dear Mrs. May:

Thank you very much for your letter
received today regarding Rabbi Silver's
arrival plans.

He will be met at the Columbus station
and returned at his convenience Sunday
afternoon.

With many thanks for your efficient
help.

Sincerely yours,



Maurel Hunkins

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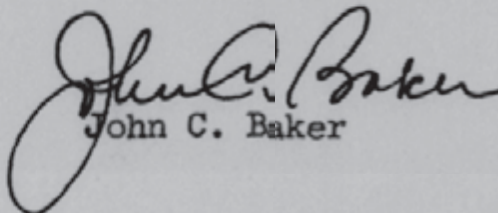
June 15, 1960

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many, many thanks for coming to Athens and giving our baccalaureate sermon. We were stirred and delighted with your talk and only regret that you were not able to stay with us longer than you did. Personally, I always regret having so little time in June to get better acquainted with our distinguished visitors; nevertheless, there are a lot of details to be taken care of which I just can't avoid. I sincerely hope that our paths will cross again in the future.

Cordially yours,


John C. Baker

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CAMPUS RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
OHIO UNIVERSITY
O. U. EXCHANGE BOX 338
ATHENS, OHIO

May 10, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In an attempt to generate a greater concern for the dignity of all mankind within the religious foundations and the student body of our campus, we, the Campus Religious Council, should like to invite you to be with us sometime during the next school year. Since the majority of our students are gentile and have never been introduced to Judaism and especially its more recent expressions in life, it is our feeling that you could do a great deal for us in opening new doorways to our thinking. Having heard you speak, a greater understanding among the religious groups and a greater range of intellectual involvement should certainly better our student body.

Realizing that you have a very full schedule, we ask that you suggest about three times that you would like to come here to Athens. Then we could choose from them according to our school calendar. This should prove to be the most satisfactory way for us to fit into your schedule if you do wish to come.

We should like to offer you a \$250 honorarium and, of course, to cover your traveling expenses. We certainly do hope that you will be able to be with us some time between the middle of September and the end of May. For, an up-to-date presentation of the Jewish tradition as it relates to the present age would certainly help us in our searching.

In order to give us time to make the necessary plans, would you please reply to this letter within three weeks? Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely yours,

John Holden
President

Address: (Until June 4)

57 E. State St.
Athens, Ohio

Address: (After June 4)

1860 E. Pleasant Valley Rd.
Cleveland 31, Ohio

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July 5, 1963

My dear Mr. Holden:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to visit Ohio University during the next academic year and to participate in your Religious Speakers Series. I wish I were free to come. The likelihood, however, is that I shall be out of the country during most of the year and I am, therefore, not making any engagements for the coming season. Perhaps I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. John Holden, President
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