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Painesville, Ohio (Lake Erie College), 1918-1952.

Painesville.

May 13-1915.

Dear Sir:

I am asked to thank you officially in the name of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for giving me so freely of your time and ability.

The results of the lecture were in every way gratifying to us and flattering to you.

May I add unofficially that you may more keenly appreciate the value of my services as chauffeur when you know that it was two hours before I reached home and then with my war-chariot trailing



object and powerless at the  
end of a tow line behind a  
plebeian truck.

My pride was supported and  
my chagrin mitigated only by  
my fixed concentration upon  
the number of Liberty Bonds  
and Thrift stamps the price  
of a new car would buy.

Thanking you again both  
officially and unofficially  
and trusting we may some  
day have the privilege of  
hearing you again I am

Most Cordially Yours,

Mary H. Collacott

Mrs. H. R.

May 20, 1918

Mrs. H. C. Collacott  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Collacott:-

I was happy to receive your note of the 13th of this month but regret to learn of your unfortunate experience as chauffeur.

Permit me to express to you my deep appreciation for the very warm hospitality which I enjoyed at your home. I hope that at some future time I shall have the extreme pleasure of reciprocating in some small measure your kindness.

With kindest regards to Mr. Collacott, I am

Sincerely yours,



Oct. 17, 1919.

Mrs. Wilbur F. Smith,  
132 Washington Street,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to address the Painesville Community on the subject that is so near to me. I regret, however, that I shall be unable to accept the invitation either for Wednesday of next week or Thursday. I am scheduled for an important meeting in Cleveland on Tuesday and have a meeting on Thursday in Chicago. I have dates free on the 27th and 28th.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

132 WASHINGTON STREET  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

Rabbi Silver

Dear Sir:

Not receiving  
a reply from you  
in regard to helping  
us this week here in  
Painesville on behalf  
of the Roman's Roosevelt  
Memorial I write  
once more to ask  
if you would kindly  
let us know any

date it would be possible for you to give us within the next two weeks. If you could come for a Sunday evening meeting, say Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, it has been suggested there might <sup>be</sup> a larger attendance than any other night. This however is only a suggestion. Mr. Kenben Hitchcock has just telephoned from Cleveland to know



what I had heard from  
you and so I simply wish  
to remind you that we  
are very much counting  
upon you to arouse interest  
here in this worthy cause.  
Believe me,

Very sincerely yours  
Julia H. S. Smith  
(Mrs. Wilbur F. Smith)



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Painesville Lodge No. 549, B. P. O. Elks

S. J. Brainard, Ex. R.; B. K. Elias E. Ldg. K.; Ralph Abramson, E. Loy. K.  
Fred B. Hull E. Lec. K.; C. C. Little, Sec.; C. W. Moodey, Treas.

PAINESVILLE, OHIO

Nov. 7th 1925

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

My dear Doctor Silver:-

Brother Ralph Abramson advises me that Mrs. Abramson has extended an invitation to you on behalf of our Lodge to speak at our Memorial Service the first Sunday in December - 6th.

We surely would feel highly honored to have you address our Lodge on this occasion.

We usually hold our Memorial Service in the Utopia Theatre at eight in the evening, inviting the public to attend same.

If you would desire to speak to our Lodge on this occasion, will you please advise me at your earliest convenience?

Respectfully

*S. J. Brainard*  
-----  
Exalted Ruler

*Other Ensignant -  
sorry -*



November Twelfth  
1925

Mr. S. J. Brainerd,  
Painesville Lodge,  
No. 549, B.P.O. Elks,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brainerd,

I regret exceedingly that another engagement is in the way of my acceptance of the kind invitation extended to me by the Elks of Painesville to participate in their Memorial Service on Sunday, December 6th.

Perhaps at some future time I may be in a position to serve you.

With kindest regards and wishing you a splendid service, I am

Very sincerely yours,



## LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LEAGUE

(AFFILIATED WITH STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION)

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PAINESVILLE, OHIO

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January 20, 1931

Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland  
Ohio  
Dear Sir:-

It is the custom of our organization to hold our Annual Meeting in the form of a dinner the latter part of January or early in February. At this dinner we like to secure a speaker whom the people of the County will be particularly interested in hearing. We are not a new organization, but it is only the last year that we have been able to accomplish much in the fight against Tuberculosis. We were instrumental in persuading the County Commissioners to engage the services of a full time Tuberculosis Nurse by agreeing to pay half of her salary. This step was taken in September 1929 and under her direction with Dr J C Placak as examiner sixteen clinics were held during 1930 at which three hundred and forty five patients have been examined. The expenses of these clinics have all been paid by our organization. Our funds are all derived from the sale of Christmas Seals. The people of the County responded well to our appeal but because of the unemployment situation we were not able to raise the amount we set as our goal, \$4500.00.

We are anxious to arouse the interest of the people of the County in the work we are doing and if you could see your way clear to come down and speak at our Annual Meeting we feel much could be accomplished. We are leaving the date of the meeting open hoping that you will name some date on which you could come to us. We will be very glad to have some one come for you and take you back if it would make it more convenient for you.

Any talk you could give us that could be linked with the type of Community service we are giving would be just fine. Will you advise us if you could come and what your charge will be?

Yours truly,

Lake County Public Health League  
*G. B. Freeborn*  
Executive Secretary



card

Jan. 21st, 1931

Mrs. F. B. Freeborn,  
Lake County Public Health League,  
Lake County Court House,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Freeborn:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 20th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your annual meeting.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my work is so heavy at this time and my lecture engagements so numerous that I can not in justice to myself accept any more this season. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio  
February 20, 1934

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Home Economics club of Lake Erie College is acting as hostess to the Northeastern Ohio Home Economic Associations, including both high school and college students, at their annual conference on Saturday, March seventeenth. The theme of this meeting is to be based on the worthy use of leisure time.

Our organization would like very much to have you as our guest and speaker at a convenient time that afternoon. The talks are to be about a half an hour in length.

Sincerely,

*Keith Stern*

(chairman program committee)



February 21, 1934.

Miss Ruth Stern,  
Lake Erie College,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Miss Stern:

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to address the conference of the Northeastern Ohio Home Economic Associations on March 17th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have another important out-of-town engagement scheduled for that day.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio  
Dec. 9, 1934

Rabbi Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Several years ago Lake Erie College was very sincere in asking you to speak to the student body. Conflicting schedules made this impossible. This year in planning programs for the Home Economics Club, there were several requests for you, some of the girls having been confirmants of your classes. Because of this and a general interest, we ask if you would at all consider speaking to the student body on January 9 or any date of that week, your trip being sponsored by the Home Economics Club of Lake Erie College?

Very sincerely,  
Ruthie Avery Carnegie



December 12, 1934.

Miss Rubie Avery Carnegie,  
Lake Erie College,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Miss Carnegie:

I appreciate deeply your kind invitation to address your students and I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my health has not been of the best and by doctor's orders I have been compelled to reduce my lecture engagements to an absolute minimum.

Please keep me in mind for some future occasion. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



Offices of Administration  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

December 19, 1935

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have always wanted to invite you to speak for us at our college but realizing the innumerable demands upon your time and the fact that you, therefore, command large honorariums I have not heretofore had the courage to venture.

However, so many of the "leading" Cleveland preachers come to us each year - Bishop Rogers, Dr. Bird, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Krumbine, Dean Emerson - that I have been thinking recently that perhaps you also might find it possible to do us this great service. There is no honorarium whatsoever! These services are held once a month on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and the date that I have in mind to ask you to consider is the 19th of April.

Perhaps you may know that Mr. Kraft is our organist and choir director and he and Mrs. Kraft are among those who have importuned me to extend this invitation.

Believe me,

Cordially yours,

*Irvin B. Small*  
President

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



January 3, 1936

President Vivian B. Small,  
Lake Erie College,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear President Small:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 19 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the students of the Lake Erie College on some Sunday afternoon. I appreciate your invitation deeply and I wish I were free to accept it this season. Unfortunately my schedule for the next few months is so crowded that I cannot in justice to myself or to my work here accept any additional lecture obligations. Perhaps next season I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, permit me to  
remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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The child in the midst  
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Painesville, Ohio

March 25, 1936

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Rabbi Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The commencement date for the Painesville High School is Wednesday, June 3, 8 P. M. We are wondering if it would be possible for you to address our graduating class of approximately 175 and what your charge would be for such an address.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

*E. B. Whitcomb*

Senior Class Sponsor.

EBW:EH

March 26, 1936

Mr. E. B. Whitcomb,  
Harvey High School,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Whitcomb:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 25 and for your invitation to address the graduating class of the Painesville High School on June 3. It may be possible for me to come on that day. My honorarium would be \$75.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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April 6, 1936

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CHAMPION JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.

East 105th Street

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

Unfortunately your letter of March 26th did not reach us in time for an answer before our spring vacation began, so answer to your letter has been delayed to this time.

I am sorry to announce that our Board of Education feels that it will be impossible to meet the honorarium mentioned in your letter.

Regretting very much that we have to forego the pleasure of having you with us to address our senior class at Commencement time, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

*E. B. Whitcomb*

Senior Class Sponsor

EBW:AC



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 8, 1937

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Perhaps you will recall my letter of two years ago (December 19, 1935) and your reply of January 3, 1936. The reply was so friendly that I am venturing to try again, not because I have any idea that your time is less in demand but because we want you so much.

We still have our service on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 o'clock and there is still no honorarium. The open dates for this year are January 23rd, February 20th, March 13th and April 17th. *WV*

If it should be possible for you to come to us at any one of these times we should indeed be honored and deeply grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm O. Small*

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



**Offices of Administration  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio**

November 10, 1937

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In sending you the other day the list of dates on one of which I hoped you might be able to speak at our college I made an error in the April date. It should be the 24th instead of the 17th.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. B. Small*

President

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



November 12, 1937

President Vivian B. Small,  
Lake Erie College,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear President Small:

Let me thank you for your kind letters of November 8th and 10th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your student body some Sunday afternoon. Although my program for the season is very crowded, I should like to make an effort to come to you this year. I think that by Spring of 1938, my schedule will ease up a bit. I shall therefore set aside the Sunday afternoon of April 24th. I trust that nothing will interfere with my coming. You realize, of course that congregational duties come first. There may be weddings or a funeral that afternoon. However, barring such unforeseen events, I shall be with you on that day.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 13, 1937

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very much pleased to receive your kind note this morning and to look forward to April 24th as the time of your long anticipated visit with us.

Of course, I understand that your congregational duties come first and shall try to be prepared to meet an emergency which I most sincerely hope will not arise.

Cordially yours,

*Paul B. Small*

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



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 29, 1937

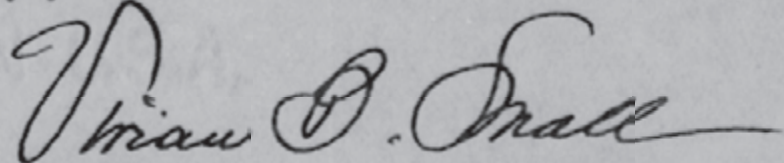
My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am truly embarrassed to write to you again about your visit to us, but I have just learned that an important occasion in town for which arrangements were made last summer threatens rather serious interference. The two events coincide not only as to the day, but as to the hour, four oclock in the afternoon.

Our friends in town have so often expressed a desire to have you come to the college that I do not want to deny them the privilege of coming to hear you. There would be so much obligation connected with the earlier engagement that the result would be sure to be detrimental to our audience from outside the college.

Could you consider May first at the same hour? It really distresses me not only to ask for such a change but to cause you the trouble of another letter. You have been so generous about the whole matter, however, that I am hopeful that you will forgive my importunity. I promise not to suggest another change!

Cordially yours,



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



November 30, 1937

President Vivian B. Small,  
Lake Erie College,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear President Small:

I find that I can make the change  
to May 1 without any difficulty and I have  
shceduled my address before your group for  
Sunday afternoon, May 1.

I am looking forward with pleasure  
to my visit. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

RADIUM BOND

April 7, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Will it be possible for you to send a picture (glossy preferred) or several newspaper mats of Rabbi Silver, who is to speak at Lake Erie College on Sunday, May 1, for use in our publicity concerning his visit? Any printed material additional to that in Who's Who in America would also be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*H. G. Baker*

H. G. Baker

*Sent  
April 13-38*





NEW STORE

187 MAIN STREET  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

April 23, 1938.

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

My dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing a copy of the Painesville Telegraph, dated January 19th, 1938. Kindly turn to page two, and you will note the reported statements of one of the professors of Lake Erie College.

We are looking forward to your visit to Painesville, on May 1st. I know you will use this information as you deem best.

As a member of the Zionist Organization, of Cleveland branch, and as President of the Painesville B'nai B'rith, I am keenly interested.

Miss Rodebech, was in charge of the recent Forum that was held at the college. There also is at the college at this time, one of the visiting German students. This by the way, was given very wide publicity in our local newspaper.

Knowing well that you are keenly interested in all phases of the above subject, I trust this information will be given consideration.

Sincerely yours,



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 9, 1938

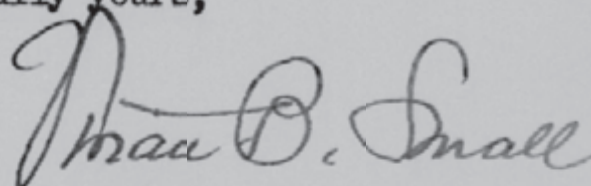
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Ever since the great occasion of your visit to us a week ago I have meant to send you a little word to repeat my assurance of our gratitude for the great service which you did us.

When you spoke of the number of public appearances you had made that week I felt guilty to have added so much to your burdens but so many of our friends outside the college as well as our own group have spoken of their appreciation that after all I have felt justified.

We hope that some time we may be fortunate enough to have you come again.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Max B. Small". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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



# THE METHODIST CHURCH

71 North Park Place

Painesville, Ohio

WILLIAM B. ROBINSON, PASTOR

RESIDENCE, 8 SOUTH PARK PLACE

PHONE 6525

MRS. JAMES A. NUGENT

SECRETARY

CHURCH PHONE 3642

October 20, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Euclid Avenue Temple,  
Ansel Road & 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon the request of the members of our Men's Club and at the suggestion of one of your members, Ralph Abramson, I am writing you to see if you will be kind enough to address the Men's Club of our church on Monday evening, December 11th.

We hope to have not only the men of our own church present but other representative men from the Methodist Churches of Lake County. We ought to have 250 or more men in the meeting that evening.

If you could speak to us concerning the European situation as you saw it during your recent trip, I know the men would be quite interested.

While we shall not be able to pay you very much for your effort I can promise you the sum of \$10.00 which, I think, will take care of your expenses. I am quite aware that this is not very much. We would offer it not in a sense of paying you for your efforts but merely an attempt to care for your expenses.

We are all hoping that you will find it possible to be with us at 6:30 that evening. If you can let us know within the next few days it will aid us greatly in our publicity.

Very truly yours,

*William B. Robinson*

WBR:N

Pastor



October 26, 1939

Reverend William B. Robinson  
8 South Park Place  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Reverend Robinson:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter of October 20 and your invitation to address your Men's Club on Monday evening, December 11. It would indeed have given me great pleasure to accept your invitation. Unfortunately my program is very crowded in view of the emergency relief needs which have arisen because of war. I am National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and I am compelled to travel about a great deal in connection with raising funds in behalf of refugees and the victims of war. I am unable to accept many invitations that I would otherwise be delighted to accept. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 23, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Remembering your great kindness in coming to us for one of our Vesper Services three years ago I am venturing to ask whether you could possibly consider a similar engagement for the afternoon of April 27th at four o'clock?

Again Mr. and Mrs. Kraft are encouraging me to make this appeal as well as several of our students. We try as I told you before to present in our Vesper Service speakers of many faiths, and it really is time for you again. I am sure that in this particular world crisis you could do us an unusual service.

Forgive me if I am asking too much but be assured that I shall be much gratified if you can accept. This is particularly because I am retiring from Lake Erie College and from professional life at the end of this college year.

Believe me, with the Season's greetings,

Cordially yours,

*Truman B. Small*

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



January 3, 1941

President Vivian B. Small  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Miss Small:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to come to you again for one of your Vesper Services on Sunday <sup>afternoon</sup> ~~evening~~, April 27. I recall with great pleasure my last visit to Lake Erie College.

I should like to come again, but I can give you only a tentative acceptance. There is a possibility that I may go to the Pacific Coast during the month of April in connection with various campaigns for overseas relief. If I leave for the Coast, I will notify you in time so that you will be able to make other arrangements.

With all good wishes for much happiness during the coming year and during your years of retirement after you leave Lake Erie College, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 9, 1941

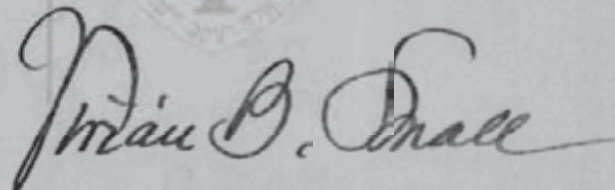
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was indeed pleased to have your encouraging reply to my invitation to speak at one of our Vesper Services.

I have read of your new appointment or perhaps I should say your enlarged appointment in connection with relief work and I am inclined to think that the possibility of going to the Pacific coast will develop into an actuality. However, I shall make no other attempt to secure a preacher for the Vesper Service in question until or unless I hear that you cannot possibly come.

With sincere appreciation of your courtesy and generosity,

Cordially yours,



Paul B. Small

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



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
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April 15, 1941

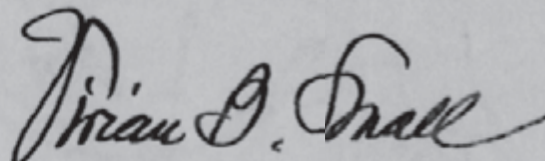
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The time is fast approaching for the Vesper Service at which you kindly consented so long ago to be our speaker.

I have learned through the Kraft's that you are safely back from the Pacific coast and while I have no doubt you are even busier than before you took that journey I am depending upon you for Sunday afternoon, April 27th. Of course, all our friends will be more than usually interested in a service at which you are to speak and if you would like to have your subject announced ahead of time I shall be glad to do so. This is not important and I would not cause you a superfluous letter but should be glad to make the announcement if it seems to you best. You will recall that the hour is four o'clock.

With much gratitude in advance,

Cordially yours,



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



April 17, 1941

Miss Vivian B. Small, President  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Miss Small:

Thank you for your kind note of  
April 15. I shall make every effort to be  
with you on Sunday afternoon, April 27.

The subject of my address will  
be: WHAT IS CHARACTER?

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK



Offices of Administration  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

August 6, 1943.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to accept our invitation to be one of our Vesper speakers during the coming year?

I realize that this is a kindness to ask of you, when you so often fill formal lecture engagements with honoraria, and we have none. However, you are mentioned often at Lake Erie, and since you have not been with us since 1941, I am hoping that one of the following dates, given in the order of our preference, may be possible for you. You will remember that our service is at four o'clock.

February 13th

April 16th

May 21st

Sincerely yours,

*Helen D. Bragdon*

Helen D. Bragdon  
President

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September 9, 1943

Dr. Helen D. Bragdon, President  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Bragdon:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of August 6. I have been away from Cleveland most of the summer and have just returned to my desk.

I wish I were free to accept your invitation to come to Lake Erie College this next season. My program for the next year, however, is very crowded with engagements in connection with war activities and overseas relief and I am constrained to decline many invitations which in normal times I would be most happy to accept. Please keep me in mind for some other season.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

My dear Rabbi Silver,

We of Lake Erie College are planning to observe Brotherhood week from the eighteenth to the twenty-fifth of February. The College Y. W. C. A. would like to have you come to talk to us as our guest speaker at our regular forty-five minute Chapel Service previous to luncheon on Tuesday, the twentieth of February.

We know that you would have an inspiring message for us and we sincerely hope that you will be



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able to come to speak to us and  
we would like to have you as  
our guest at luncheon following  
the service.

May I add that it is customary  
for us to pay the traveling expenses  
of our guest speakers.

We hope to be honored by  
your presence and visit to  
the Campus on February 20,  
1945.

Jan. 26, 1945.

Very Sincerely,  
Julia Campbell  
Secretary of Y.W.C.A.



February 5, 1945

Miss Julia Campbul  
Secretary of YWCA  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Miss Campbul:

I deeply appreciate your invitation to address your Chapel Service on the 20th of February in connection with your Brotherhood Week. I should very much like to come. I am, however, leaving for Miami to address a meeting there during that week, on the 18th of February, and I shall be away from Cleveland for ten days.

Thank you for your kindness in inviting me. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Offices of Administration  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

January 7, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you no doubt know it is our custom here on the Lake Erie College campus to have each month one Sunday afternoon Vesper Service, attended not only by college students and faculty but also by quite a few members of the community. I believe it has been our privilege to have you on the campus within recent years. We should very much like to have you as our guest and preacher on Sunday, March 13, 1949, at 4:00 p.m.

The talk is usually about twenty minutes in length. The honorarium would be twenty-five dollars, and whenever possible we hope that the speaker will stay for Sunday supper at the College, accompanied by a member or members of his family.

Our college choir is always featured at the Vesper Service. I am enclosing a recent program, as well as a copy of one of our bulletins. The preacher generally appears in ministerial gown and hood. Mr. Edwin A. Kraft, our Organist and Director of Music, joins me in the hope that you can be with us on the March 13th occasion.

Cordially yours,

*Margaret Hargrove*  
Margaret Hargrove  
Dean of the College

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

*Please decline - may not be in  
country -*



January 10, 1949

Dean Margaret Hargrove  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Dean Hargrove:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to acknowledge your kind letter of January 7th due to his absence from the city.

There is a possibility of Rabbi Silver's being out of the country during March, and it is therefore impossible for him to accept any engagements at this time. I know that he would have enjoyed addressing your group, and perhaps at some future time he will be able to come to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Harry  
Rev. Hill

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Painesville Methodist Church

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Lake City Christian Youth  
Council

Yours & E

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September 8, 1949

Rev. Harry Hull  
Painesville Methodist Church  
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Reverend Hull:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to express his regrets at his inability to address the Lake County Christian Youth Council in Wickliffe, Ohio, on March 19th. His schedule for the coming year is already so overcrowded that it is impossible for him to assume any additional commitments.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Offices of Administration  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

July 15, 1950

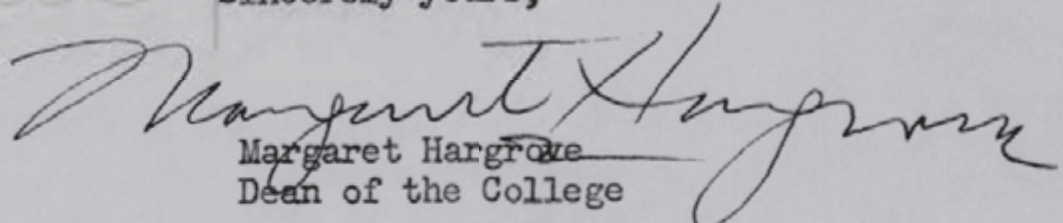
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you no doubt know it is our custom here on the Lake Erie College campus to have each month one Sunday afternoon Vesper Service attended not only by college students and faculty but also by quite a few members of the community. We were sorry that you could not accept our invitation for our March 1949 service. At this time I should like to extend a cordial invitation to have you as our guest and preacher on Sunday, November 19, 1950 at 4:00 p.m. This will be the service just preceding Thanksgiving.

The talk is usually about twenty minutes in length. The honorarium would be twenty-five dollars, and whenever possible we hope that the speaker will stay for Sunday supper at the College, accompanied by a member or members of his family.

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Sincerely yours,

  
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July 17, 1950

Miss Margaret Hargrove, Dean  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Miss Hargrove:

Rabbi Silver is at present in Europe, and I am therefore taking the liberty of replying to your letter of July 15th and your gracious invitation to him to address your Vesper Service on Sunday, November 19th. I am sure that he would have been pleased to be of service to you. Unfortunately, he already has an engagement for that date in Buffalo, New York, and will be unable to accept your kind invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



January 3, 1952

Dr. Paul Weaver, President  
Lake Erie College  
Painesville, Ohio

My dear Dr. Weaver:

I am writing to you in reply to the request of Mr. Heckerman that I come to Painesville on May 18th to address a Vesper Service of the College. I wish I were free to come for it is some time since I have had the pleasure of visiting your campus. However, there is a possibility of my leaving the country at that time, and under the circumstances, I cannot make any engagements for the spring. I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With best wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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