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Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1940-1944.

FIRST PARISH IN PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH, MASS.
1620

April 22, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A series of summer services is being planned which will bring to the pulpit of the First Church some of America's outstanding preachers. I am hoping that you can be interested in coming, and that Sunday, August 11, will be an agreeable date. The financial consideration is not large, - \$50. and hospitality for the week-end, - but the welcome will be cordial.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience, as I am anxious to have the schedule completed and ready to be announced at the time of our May Meetings?

Cordially,

Floyd J. Taylor

FJT:P

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-FIVE BEACON STREET, BOSTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 24, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will receive shortly an official invitation from Rev. Floyd J. Taylor, minister of our Unitarian Church in Plymouth, Massachusetts, to preach in that pulpit on Sunday morning, August 11, and I am writing to express my own earnest hope that it may be possible for you to accept this invitation.

Our church in Plymouth is the church of the Pilgrim Fathers, and thus in a special way the custodian of the tradition of robust and self-sacrificing faith which those exiles from religious persecution in England bequeathed to America. We are very anxious that the summer services in this church should represent not merely our own Unitarian denomination but rather that larger and more inclusive heritage of religious faith which is the true foundation of our nation's life. The invitation to you comes, therefore, with special significance from our point of view, and it is our sincere hope that you may be able and willing to respond favorably.

I am With high regard and all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

FME.B

Fredrick May Eliot

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

April 30, 1940

Dr. Frederick May Eliot, President,
American Unitarian Association,
25 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Eliot:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 24. I am enclosing herewith my reply to the invitation which Reverend Floyd J. Taylor sent me. The letter will explain the situation. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. If I cannot be of service this season, I hope that I may be at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 1, 1940

Dr. Floyd J. Taylor
First Parish in Plymouth
Plymouth, Mass.

My dear Dr. Taylor:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to occupy the pulpit of The First Church of Plymouth on August 11. It would have given my great pleasure indeed to accept your invitation. I must, however, take a few weeks of complete rest this summer as I have had an unusually strenuous year, and my health has not been of the best. I am planning to go away with my family from about the middle of July to the end of August and take a complete rest.

I am to be at Harvard University on July 10 and 11 in connection with the Theological Conference held under the auspices of the Summer School. I could arrange to be with you on Sunday, July 7, if that date is open on your calendar. If it is not, I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 6 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver D.D.
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Dr. Silver:

I am delighted that you are both willing and able to preach in my Church on July 7. I am happy to say that the skedule can be arranged in such a way as to make that date available for you.

I will send you a skedule of the services as soon as it is completed and at that time I will give you information relative to the order of service and hospitality.

Sincerely,

Floyd J. Taylor.

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-FIVE BEACON STREET, BOSTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 6, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I very much appreciate your taking the trouble to answer my note of April 24, and I certainly hope that Mr. Taylor may be able to arrange an interchange of dates so that you may preach in Plymouth on July 7. It will mean a great deal not only to the people in Plymouth but also to our general denominational plan if this can be arranged.

Dr. Jennings has persuaded me to preside at a meeting in Worcester on Thursday afternoon, May 16, at which you are to give the principal address. I suppose I shall be expected to make a few preliminary remarks, but I want to assure you that I shall take only a brief time and that the occasion will be primarily in your hands. I am looking forward with very special pleasure to this opportunity to greet you personally, and to introduce you to the representatives of the various denominations here in Massachusetts who will gather for that particular discussion meeting.

With all kind regards and best wishes,
I am

Faithfully yours,

FME.B

Fredrick M. Leid

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

FIRST PARISH IN PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH, MASS.

1620

June 19, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is a reminder that you were kind enough to agree to preach at the First Church on July 7.

I regret that I will not have the pleasure of meeting you, but I expect to be away at the time.

Our order of service is very simple. I am leaving a copy on the pulpit, and anything I fail to make clear our director of music will explain. The service is at 10:45.

Hospitality will be arranged for you, but I can not give you details at the moment. If you will send to Mr. William P. Libby, the Chairman of our Parish Committee, the address which will reach you between July 1 and that Sunday, he will advise you of the arrangements.

May I repeat that we appreciate your coming to Plymouth.

Sincerely yours,

Hoyd J. Taylor

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Rev. Floyd J. Taylor
Plymouth, Mass.

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June 27, 1940

Plan to leave by plane at noon
arriving Providence 5:05. Will leave
Plymouth either that day or early
Sunday in time for the service.
Kindest regards
Reba Hill Silver

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MAKING CERTAIN THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR YOUR
COMFORT IN PLYMOUTH ON WEEKEND OF JULY 7TH. PLEASE WIRE
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Brook Road, Manomet, Plymouth, Mass.

August 16, 1944

Rabbi Abba H Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr Silver:

We enjoyed your visit here with us a few days ago. I was so glad to have this chance to meet you. I mentioned the Ayres Lecture on the Evolution of the Soul that we have in my church every November. I have just received word that the man who was to give the lecture this fall is unable to come. I wonder if you could undertake the task for us?

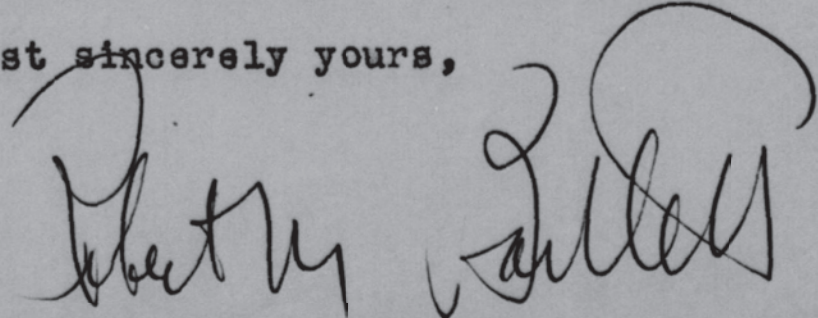
The lecture comes in November, the date to be set after conference with the lecturer. It is held on an evening. The lecturer usually speaks about 40 minutes and there is a discussion period. The honorarium is \$200. The lecturer pays his own travel. We should be glad to entertain you overnight in our home. The lecture is printed and distributed at our expense. It has quite a circulation. So we would need the copy of your manuscript about 3 weeks before the lecture so we could see it through the printer.

I think the best time is late in November, between the middle and Thanksgiving.

I shall be glad to mail you copies of the former lectures. This is the twentieth. Others in the series have been Arthur Compton, Kirtley Mather, William Hocking, Rufus Jones, David Seabury, John Haynes Holmes, Willard Sperry etc. I hope that we can add your name to this list and have the privilege of hearing you. I realize that we are not giving you very much time, but I do hope that you can see your way clear to come. Please let me hear at my Plymouth address.

I trust that you are surviving this long heat wave, which is severe even here at the shore.

Most sincerely yours,



They all deal
with the origin,
significance,
value, &
future of
human life
approached from
different
angles

August 21, 1944

Dr. Robert M. Bartlett
Brook Road,
Manomet,
Plymouth, Mass.

My dear Dr. Bartlett:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 16th. Mrs. Silver and I enjoyed greatly the pleasure of meeting you and your lovely family and of visiting in your charming home.

I deeply appreciate the honor of your invitation to deliver the Ayres Lecture on the Evolution of the Soul in your church in November. I wish I were in position to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I have undertaken so many duties in connection with various war relief projects that I have not the time to prepare the kind of a lecture that I should like to on this subject. I have hardly had time to prepare my regular Sunday Morning sermons and I have been frequently out of my pulpit.

I know that you will understand, and I hope that you will keep me in mind for some future occasion.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you will continue to have a pleasant and restful summer, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DR