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Purdue University (Lafayette, Indiana), 1934-1958.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
December 6, 1934

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

President Edward C. Elliott of Purdue University has sensed the need on the Campus for a religious service at least once a month. We want four Protestant Clergymen, one Catholic Priest and one Jewish Rabbi. The students of Protestant faith outnumber all others here at the University, but we have quite a number of Catholics and also quite a number of students who are of the Jewish faith. In fact we have students of nearly every faith and perchance some with no religious affiliations at all.

We have had three Religious Convocations with an average attendance above 1,000. The addresses have been inspiring and the music of our choir of seventy-two singers has been a source of delight to all who have attended.

I am writing to invite you to come and to conduct our Religious Convocation on March 17. The enclosed programs will tell you something of the nature of our services as they have been conducted up to date. We could and would modify the program in such a way as to conform with your wishes. I would want you to feel perfectly free to direct me in making plans and in arranging the service to meet your wishes.

Your compensation would be \$200.00, your expenses to be paid by you.

We are eager to have you and I shall await an early reply, hoping that you can and will favor us with your presence on the date mentioned above, and that you will bring to us a message which will inspire the people of Purdue to greater faith and better living.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley  
Chairman of Committee on  
Religious Convocations



December 13, 1934.

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Department of Mathematics,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Laurence:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 6th and for your invitation to address a Religious Convocation of your University on Sunday, March 17th. I am greatly tempted to accept your invitation as I enjoy addressing university religious services. I cannot, however come on Sunday, March 17th. I am free to come on the following Sunday, March 24th or April 28th as well as any Sunday in May. If any of these dates fall in with your program, let me hear from you.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
February 1, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were disappointed to learn that it will not be possible for you to come as our speaker at Purdue's Religious Convocation to be held on Sunday, March 17, 1935. I am happy indeed to say that Rabbi Wise has consented to come on that date.

The results of our effort to interest the students and faculty of Purdue in these occasions when we have as a guest some great religious leader have been very gratifying. President Elliott has authorized us to make plans for the next academic year.

I am writing at this time to ask if it will be possible for you to come Sunday, October 27, 1935. Your compensation, as I suggested before would be \$200.00, your expenses to be paid by you.

In case you can not come in October I shall be glad to have you suggest a possible date. Perhaps I would be able to make some shift. We use the fourth Sunday of September, October and November. The University calendar makes it necessary for us to use the third Sunday of January, February and March. We are eager to have you and I shall await an early reply, hoping that you will respond to our call to come to Purdue with a message which will inspire us to greater faith and living.

Very truly yours,

Laurence Hadley  
Laurence Hadley,  
Chairman of Committee on  
Religious Convocations.

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February 5, 1936.

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Department of Mathematics,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Laurence:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 1. I find that it will not be possible for me to come to Purdue University's Religious Convocation on October 27. But I should be free to come on the third Sunday of January or February, 1936. If either of these dates is convenient for you, please let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
February 12, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was pleased when I learned from your letter of February 5 of your willingness to come as speaker at one of our Religious Convocations next year. Please reserve for us the third Sunday of February 1936. (February 16, 1936.)

Please indicate by your reply that the date named is satisfactory to you. I shall look forward eagerly to your coming.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley,  
Chairman of Committee on  
Religious Convocations.



February 15, 1936.

Dr. Laurence Hadley.  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I have definitely set aside the third Sunday in February 1936 (Feb. 16) for the Religious Convocation of Purdue University. I shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the opportunity of meeting you and your student body.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

January 10, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I am scheduled to address the Religious Convocation of Purdue University on February 16. I wonder whether it would be possible to shift the date. An important conference has been called in Washington for Sunday, February 9 to consider the problem of German-Jewish refugees. As an officer in the organization concerned with this problem, I am obligated to attend it. This would mean that I would have to be out of my pulpit on two successive Sundays which I would rather not do. I would be free to come to Purdue on March 15, 22 or 29. If you can accommodate me with this change of date, I would be deeply grateful.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

January 20, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of January 10. There seems to be no possibility for changing the date of your coming to any Sunday in March. The only possibility for a change is to delay the date of your coming one week making it February 23. I am by no means sure that we can make that change but I shall try to do it for you if it would be to your advantage. I appreciate the fact that you wish not to be away from your own work on two consecutive Sabbath days. Please write me by return mail if you wish to have me make an effort to change the date to February 23 and I shall send word back very promptly as to our final decision.

In connection with your coming I wish to request the following:

1. Please send at your early convenience the subject of your address;
2. Information concerning your work and achievements such as books written by you, degrees conferred upon you or other awards;
3. Places where you have served one or more times as college or university preacher (such as Chicago University);
4. Your travels abroad in case you had that opportunity;
5. Please send a picture from which a cut may be made or better, lend us a cut if you have one.

We give considerable publicity to the coming of our Convocation speakers. We want in each case to have our distinguished visitors greeted by a well-filled auditorium.

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of Union Theological Seminary spoke to a large and appreciative audience yesterday in spite of the fact that the weather was unfavorable.

Looking forward eagerly to your visit to the Purdue campus, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

Laurence Hadley, Chairman of  
Committee on Religious  
Convocations

January 31, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Department of Mathematics,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I am sorry that you could not schedule me for some Sunday morning in March. It will be quite impossible for me to come to Purdue on February 23 as I have other engagements for that day. We will therefore have to leave it as originally scheduled, February 16.

The subject of my address will be "Some Aberrations of Our Day." I am enclosing herewith a short biography which will cover most of the questions which you ask in your letter. In answer to question 3: I have been university preacher at Harvard, Brown and Chicago universities - *Supreme* I have addressed convocation meetings at Michigan, Louisiana, Cincinnati, Western Reserve, Oberlin, Iowa and Minnesota universities.

I spent a sabbatical year abroad in 1932-33 and have spent my summers abroad practically every year in the last twenty years. I have asked my secretary to send you a picture.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
February 10, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing one of our old convocation programs so that you may see the order of service followed here. Next Sunday's program will not come from the press until after the middle of this week.

The prayer to be read in unison is one which we used last year when Rabbi Wise was here. It is not the same as the one on the enclosed program. I have invited Rabbi Simon of Lafayette to sit on the platform with us and lead in the reading of this brief prayer chosen for next Sunday.

Between the hymn and the scripture reading it is our custom to have a few words of welcome and of appreciation of the coming of our visiting speaker. President Elliott does this very well indeed, so well in fact that I think it adds much to the service. In case he cannot be present someone else will take his place.

Following this brief introduction it is our wish that you should take entire charge of the service, beginning with the scripture reading and ending with the benediction.

There is no train from Indianapolis Sunday morning arriving in time for our convocation program. On account of this fact you should plan to reach Lafayette Saturday afternoon or evening (February 15.) There is a Big Four train which leaves Cleveland at 8:15 Saturday morning and arrives in Indianapolis at 2:15 in the afternoon. You would then be able to get a train for Lafayette at 2:30 arriving here about 4:00 p.m. There is another train from Indianapolis to Lafayette about two hours later. You would be sure of making connections with one or the other of these two trains.

You will find, I think, a train leaving Cleveland about noon Saturday which arrives in Indianapolis not far from 6:00 o'clock. There is no train from Indianapolis after that until midnight. You can, however, get a bus from Indianapolis to Lafayette leaving there about 8:00 p.m. and arriving here at 10:45.

Please write me when to expect your arrival so that I may either meet you myself or have someone else do so. A reservation will be made for you for the night at the Purdue Memorial Union Building.

Looking forward eagerly to your coming,  
I am

Very truly yours,

*Laurance Hadley*  
Laurance Hadley





Jefferson  
Madison  
Lord Baltimore  
Roger Williams

"Make Am. Safe for Differences"

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KINDLY INFORM US COLLECT ON WHAT TRAIN YOU WILL ARRIVE=

VICTOR ALBJERG DR HADLEYS ASSISTANT.

Rabbi Silver arriving Lafayette  
3:56 this afternoon!

See'y



PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
February 21, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your splendid message of last Sunday at the Purdue Religious Convocation was greatly appreciated. Many fine expressions of approval have come to me.

I write at this time to ask you to come again next year. Your compensation will be the same as it was this year -- \$200.00, out of which your expenses are to be paid.

We would like to have you with us on February 21, 1937. If that date is impossible, I shall endeavor to make some shift in order to meet your convenience. October 26, 1936 or November 29, 1936 might possibly be available, but I cannot say definitely at this moment.

Please let me hear from you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

March 3, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Department of Mathematics,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 21. I am happy to know that my address was well received by your people.

It is quite difficult at this writing to say whether I will be able to come again in 1937. It is very difficult to schedule myself so far ahead. However, I shall make every effort to come. The date of February 21 is not an open date as I have already given it to the Chapel Service of the University of Chicago. If you have any dates in March or April, please let me know and I shall set aside a Sunday morning in those months.

I need not tell you how profoundly I appreciate the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to Purdue. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

*Paid*

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
March 12, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that it is not possible for you to come to us on February 21, 1937. Since writing you it has developed that November 29, 1936 is open. — I am writing you, therefore, to ask if it will be possible for you to come either on November 29, 1936, or on February 28, 1937. The former of these two dates, November 29, 1936, would be more satisfactory to us.

In case neither of these two dates indicated above is possible kindly let me know soon and I shall confer with my committee concerning the possibility of your coming on the first Sunday in March, 1937. The Easter Convocation comes in March next year, and we very much preferred not to have two convocations in one month. You will see from this why I much prefer either the date in November or the one in February.

Please be assured that our wish~~es~~ for you to come is very genuine, and that we shall do all we can to <sup>meet</sup> ~~get~~ your convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

March 16, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I received your kind letter of March 11. I need not tell you that I am deeply gratified at your invitation to come back to Purdue. I feel highly complimented that your people have not, as yet, wearied of me.

I should like to come to you very much. The two earlier dates which you give me, however, October 24 and November 28, are quite impossible for me. I could come on February 20. I note that you have offered it to Dean Wicks of Princeton and that you will not know definitely for some time whether he can come on that date. If he cannot come, I shall make every effort to be with you on that date and I hope sincerely that we will not have the complications which arose last year.

Trusting that you are well and with all good wishes to you and to President Elliott, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:EK



March 18, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 12. I shall be very happy to come to you on Sunday, November 29, 1936. I hope that nothing will interfere with my coming.

With all good wishes to you, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Department of Mathematics  
March 27, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
East 105 St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that you have consented to come to Purdue again for a convocation next year. I am particularly pleased that you chose November 29, 1936. We shall look forward with real satisfaction to the inspiration which you will bring to us at that time.

About three or four weeks before the date of your coming, I shall write to you asking for the subject of your address, the time of your arrival, etc.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley



## CONGREGATION TEMPLE ISRAEL

Seventh and Alabama Streets  
Phone 3484

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

May fifth  
1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing on behalf of the Lafayette committee for the Emergency Peace Campaign to inquire whether you would honor us by giving the principal address at the evening meeting of the Peace Rally which is to be held here on Thursday, May 21st.

For some time we have been negotiating with the national committee of the Emergency Peace Campaign in order to arrange a suitable meeting under their auspices, but it has been impossible to find a time which would fit into their schedule without conflicting with previously scheduled activities of Purdue University and other local organizations. We have therefore determined to go ahead with the same plans independently and invite speakers and discussion leaders for the full day's program on our own behalf. Our Emergency Peace Day program is to be held in the Armory on May 21st. We have, cooperating with us on the committee, representatives of the Reserve Officers as well as the university R.O.T.C. We are hopefully looking forward to a very large and effectively educational rally.

Your religious convocation address here made such a memorable impression that numerous requests have come from university and non-university people that our committee should immediately investigate whether you might be available as the speaker for this meeting.

I am to report to the committee at the earliest possible time both as to whether you could accept the engagement as well as a statement of the expense which would be involved. I should appreciate very much if you would be good enough to let me know your reply by collect telegram.

With kindest greetings in which Mrs. Simon joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
Meyer H. Simon

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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To Rabbi Meyer H. Simon

Street and No. 2701 South St.

Place Lafayette, Indiana

Deeply appreciate your invitation. Regret however my inability to accept it. Have previous engagements scheduled for that day. Kindest regards

H. H. Silver

Sender's address  
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY  
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Sender's telephone  
number

October 14, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I have a problem which I want to present to very similar to the one I presented last year. Perhaps you can be of some help to me. Back last March, you graciously extended an invitation to me again to address the Purdue University Convocation and I accepted for Sunday, November 29. Within the last few weeks, the Minneapolis Community Fund which has invited me in previous years to open their Community Fund Campaign in that city but whose invitations I could not accept have been urging me to accept this year. Their campaign opens with a big community rally on Sunday afternoon November 15. If I accept it, it will mean that I will have to be out of my pulpit on that Sunday and two weeks later, again, for the Purdue engagement. I don't think my people will like that very much. Is there any possibility of shifting my Purdue engagement to sometime later on in the season, say to March or April? If there is not, I shall, of course, keep my engagement with you. If there is, it would be a great accomodation to me and to the Minneapolis Community Fund. I trust that you will be perfectly frank with me.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Nov. 2, 1936

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To Dr. Laurence Hadley

Street and No. LaFayette, Indiana

Place

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM AM FREE TO COME TO YOU SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

HAVE HAD CHICAGO UNIVERSITY RELEASE ME ON THAT DATE PLEASE ~~WIRE~~ WIRE

FINAL DISPOSITION KINDEST REGARDS

A H SILVER

Sender's address  
for reference

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RABBI ABBA H SILVER, THE TEMPLE  
EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

AM EAGER TO RELIEVE YOUR SITUATION IF POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE  
YEAR ALL CLOSED ONLY CHANCE IS AN EXCHANGE CAN YOU COME  
SUNDAY FEB 21 1937 IF YOU CAN I WILL TRY TO MAKE THE CHANGE  
BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE IT UNTIL I HEAR FROM BISHOP HUGHES=  
LAURENCE HADLEY



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Nov. 5, 1936

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To DR. LAURENCE HADLEY

Street and No. PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Place LAFAYETTE INDIANA

I AM PROFOUNDLY SORRY THAT I MUST DISAPPOINT YOU AT THE LAST MINUTE  
CONDITIONS IN MY OWN CONGREGATION MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO  
COME TO YOU ON NOVEMBER 29 I HOPE THAT I MAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU  
AT SOME FUTURE TIME KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's address  
for reference

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER RABBI

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

POSSIBILITIES FOR CHANGE OF DATE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED WITHOUT  
SUCCESS I AM VERY SORRY I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS DOES NOT  
MAKE YOUR COMING ON NOVEMBER 29 IMPOSSIBLE HOWEVER IF IT  
DOES PLEASE NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY=

LAURENCE HADLEY.

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November 11, 1936

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To Rabbi Silver

Street and No.

Place

SUITABLE SPEAKER NOT AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE HAVE TRIED SIX WITHOUT SUCCESS  
WOULD DELAY OF ONE WEEK RELIEVE YOUR SITUATION AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU  
TO COME IF SO PLEASE COME DECEMBER SIXTH CAN MEET YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS  
THAT MORNING AT SEVEN:FIFTY TO CONSERVE YOUR TIME AND ENERGY

LAURENCE HADLEY

*Wac 6*  
Sender's address  
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November 11, 1936

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To Dr. Laurence Hadley

Street and No. Purdue University

Place Lafayette, Indiana

WILL COME DECEMBER SIXTH DO NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS YOU FURTHER

KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's address  
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MORNING AT SEVEN FIFTY TO CONSERVE YOUR TIME AND ENERGY=  
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# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

November 12, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My feeling of obligation and gratitude to you for sacrificing your own interests by coming to us for December 6 can not be expressed in words by me. I hope and pray that your own work will not suffer while you are serving us.

No public statement had been made, but the few to whom I had mentioned the possibility of your not coming expressed genuine regret. This was particularly true of Jewish students. You will be most welcome I assure you.

Please send me within ten days or so the subject on which you will speak so that I may give wide publicity to your coming.

You will be please<sup>d</sup> I am sure to learn that our choir has been almost doubled. We now have one hundred and twenty-five singers.

Please do not hesitate to ask me to meet you in Indianapolis that Sunday morning if it be your wish. I shall be most willing and glad to drive to Indianapolis and bring you to Lafayette. Our Big Four agent has told me that there will be a pullman coach at Cleveland which you may enter any time after 9:30 P.M. Saturday. The train does not leave Cleveland until 2:35 A.M., but it reaches Indianapolis at 7:50 Sunday morning. There is no train from Indianapolis on Sunday morning which reaches Lafayette before Convocation time. In case you decide to come on Sunday morning, you should have your breakfast before reaching Indianapolis so that our trip to Lafayette may begin promptly. It would be my wish that we arrive here in time for you to have a half hour of rest and relaxation before time for Convocation.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi-----page 2

We shall be glad to have you remain on our campus longer, however, there is a train back to Indianapolis which leaves Lafayette about 12:20. You can easily catch this train in case you wish to do so. This train carries a diner, so that you will be able to have dinner at your usual time.

Should I have a robe ready for you or do you wish to bring your own? Most of our speakers wear a gown or clerical robe, however, there is nothing compulsory about it. Do as seems best to you.

With kindest regards and deep appreciation, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

L. Hadley



November 20, 1936

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 12. The subject of my address will be: WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE? The subtitle is: "The Human Yearning For Other Horizons".

If it will not inconvenience you, I would appreciate it if you or someone else would meet me in Indianapolis and take me to Lafayette.

I shall bring my own academic robe with me.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

November 27, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of November 20 reached me in due time. The subject of your address is fascinating and stimulating. I hope that we shall be able to furnish you a full house on December 6 to hear you discuss the topic which you announced.

You may rest assured<sup>d</sup> that I will be at the Union Station in Indianapolis at seven forty-five on Sunday morning, December 6. You should have your breakfast on the train before reaching Indianapolis, so that we may not be delayed on our way to Lafayette. The Convocation hour is 10:30. Without undue haste we shall be able to reach the campus by ten o'clock or perhaps a little earlier. I shall be eager to arrive in time so that you may have a half hour or so for rest before the Convocation begins.

The program for the Hour of Worship will be very like that of last year. I am enclosing a copy of last year's program so that you may refresh your memory as to the order of service. President Elliott will be present and will express briefly a word of welcome to you. The remarks by President Elliott will be given just before the scripture reading. Following these remarks, we hope that you will take complete charge of the services to the end, giving the benediction and also the prayer.

I have been unable to get in touch with Rabbi Simon of Lafayette. It is my wish that he be present to lead in the reading of the prayer, "Grant us peace-----."

Looking forward eagerly to your coming, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
L. Hadley

Enclosure:

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY CONVOCAATION FOR WORSHIP

ELIZA FOWLER HALL

February 16, 1936

10:30 A. M.

Organ Preludes: Mr. J. Robert Hammond, Organist.

Processional Hymn: The people standing until after the second hymn.

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| 1. O beautiful for spacious skies,<br>For amber waves of grain,<br>For purple mountain majesties<br>Above the fruited plain!<br>America! America!<br>God shed His grace on thee;<br>And crown thy good with brotherhood<br>From sea to shining sea! | 1. O beautiful for heroes proved<br>In liberating strife,<br>Who more than self their country loved,<br>And mercy more than life!<br>America! America!<br>May God thy gold refine,<br>Till all success be nobleness,<br>And ev'ry gain divine!     |
| 2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,<br>Whose stern, impassioned stress<br>A thoroughfare for freedom beat<br>Across the wilderness!<br>America! America!<br>God mend thine ev'ry flaw,<br>Confirm thy soul in self-control,<br>Thy liberty in law!     | 4. O beautiful for patriot dream<br>That sees beyond the years<br>Thine alabaster cities gleam,<br>Undimmed by human tears!<br>America! America!<br>God shed His grace on thee,<br>And crown thy good with brotherhood<br>From sea to shining sea! |

The Prayer: In Unison.

Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable us to be messengers of peace unto the peoples of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and the advocate of peace in the councils of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between all the inhabitants of our land. Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Thy name hallow every home and every heart. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of peace.

The Choral Introduction: Holy Is the Lord God of Hosts.

Hymn:

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| 1. Faith of our fathers living still<br>In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:<br>O how our hearts beat high with joy<br>Where'er we hear that glorious word!<br>Faith of our fathers! holy faith!<br>We will be true to thee till death!       | 2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,<br>Were still in heart and conscience free;<br>How sweet would be their children's fate,<br>If they, like them, could die for thee!<br>Faith of our fathers! holy faith!<br>We will be true to thee till death! |
| 3. Faith of our fathers! we will love<br>Both friend and foe in all our strife;<br>And preach thee, too, as love knows how,<br>By kindly words and virtuous life:<br>Faith of our fathers! holy faith!<br>We will be true to thee till death! |  |

The Scripture.

The Prayer. (People standing.)

The Choral Amen.

The Anthem: "~~Bless the Lord~~".....Appolito E. Ivanoff  
University Choir

The Address: "Some Aberrations of Our Day".  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.

The Anthem: "~~Father, Thy Children Bow in Adoration~~".....Sullivan  
University Choir

The Benediction. (People standing.)

Choral Amen.

Postlude.

Other anthems well  
be used.

Brief  
Remarks  
by Pres.  
Elliot



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

March 11, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing at this time to ask if you would like to return to us for a Convocation again next year. Perhaps your coming has <sup>added</sup> ~~had~~ so many complications that you wish not to come. However, I hope that such is not the case. Permit me to say that your messages have been most satisfactory and inspiring. It is the wish not only of myself but of the entire committee that you come again. The vote of the committee was unanimous.

Your compensation would be the same as it was this year, (\$200.00 out of which your own expenses would be paid.)

October 24, 1937 would be decidedly my choice, however November 28 is an open date. Please feel free to choose the one which is less likely to lead to conflicts in your crowded program.

If neither of these dates is possible, would February 20, 1938 be possible in case that proves to be an open date. I have offered it to Dean Wicks of Princeton, but I cannot know definitely for some little time as to whether or not he can come at that time.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

March 23, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A letter, dated March 18, from Dean Wicks informs me that he can not come for our Convocation for Worship on Sunday February 20, 1938. I am delighted that you can come on that date. We shall consider the matter settled, and I am sure Purdue students and faculty will be happy when they learn that you are coming again next year.

I shall write you about a month before the date of your coming as is my custom, asking for the subject of your address and other details concerning the time of your arrival and departure. President Elliott always asks me to have such information on hand.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

Laurence Hadley

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

January 26, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are looking forward eagerly to your coming for Religious Convocation on Sunday, February 20. Kindly send subject which you have chosen. Any new achievements which have come your way would be of interest in giving publicity to our next Convocation.

We have slightly changed our program of worship. Instead of using the short prayer suggested by Rabbi Simon to be read in unison, we are using a brief responsive reading chosen from the Psalm. If you have any preference between the brief prayer and the brief responsive reading, I shall be glad to know it, since either would be satisfactory to us.

Indiana weather at this time of year is very uncertain. If highly desirable to you, I could wire you early Saturday morning (February 19) advising you as to whether you would be safe in reaching Indianapolis early Sunday morning to be met there by me. If weather conditions seemed to make it a safe venture, I would be glad to meet you as we have done once or twice before. However, it should be definitely understood that in case of threatening weather, you would come Saturday evening. Would such a tentative plan be of interest and value to you?

You would be interested to know that interest in our Convocations has grown constantly and satisfactorily. We have had a packed house at each Convocation this year. Dean Gilkey spoke recently to an entirely filled auditorium with some standing and some turned away. We shall provide an equally good audience for you.

I am indeed glad to be able to announce to Purdue that you are coming to us again on February 20. Please let me hear from you within a few days.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

Laurence Hadley

January 31, 1938

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 26. I, too, am looking forward to the convocation at Purdue University on Sunday, February 20.

I shall speak on the subject: "What Is Permanent in Character?".

I will be pleased to hear from you on Saturday morning, February 19 regarding weather conditions. If conditions are not favorable, I shall leave Cleveland Saturday morning for Lafayette.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX



MEYER H. SIMON, Rabbi  
2701 South St.  
Phone 6349

ANDREW FRIED, Secretary  
614 North Sixth Street  
Phone 2136

## CONGREGATION TEMPLE ISRAEL

Seventh and Alabama Streets  
Phone 3484

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

February 3, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is a real pleasure to your numerous friends in Lafayette to know that you are to return to address the Religious Convocation at Purdue University.

Our B'nai B'rith lodge, of which I am president, nurtures the hope that your schedule might permit you to remain until the evening of that Sunday and that you would consider addressing a joint meeting of Jewish people of this vicinity. We should be highly honored if you would find it possible to do so. I feel sure you would have a good audience of two to three hundred people, and, needless to say, it would be a memorable occasion for us.

With warmest greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Meyer H. Simon*



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

February 15, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Kindly drop me a line by return mail telling me your plans for your return trip. President Elliott expects me to know the time of your arrival and when you plan to leave the Purdue campus.

In my letter of some days ago I neglected to say that we now have a suitable Doctor's gown, silk trimmed in black velvet, so that you need not bring yours unless you prefer wearing your own.

The weather conditions are satisfactory at present. We shall hope that they will continue to be. However, I shall send you a telegram Saturday morning as we had planned.

In case it becomes necessary for you to come Saturday evening, you should take the bus leaving Indianapolis about nine P. M. I shall, under those circumstances, meet you at the Lafayette Bus Station at eleven P. M.

Please remember to have your breakfast on the train before leaving Indianapolis on Sunday morning. We shall not have time for breakfast after your arrival.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

February 16, 1938

Dr. Laurence Hadley,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Hadley:

I plan to leave Lafayette for St. Louis  
on the 4:53 P.M. train - that is on the Wabash  
Railroad. I am scheduled to speak in St. Louis  
on Monday morning and afternoon.

I shall await your telegram on Saturday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

February 20, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.  
Cleveland, Ohio

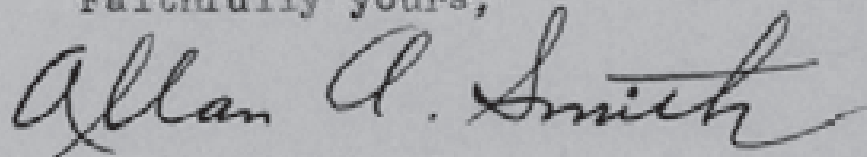
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your perfect message was extremely comforting and inspirational. I shall always carry the memory of your superb thoughts and your marked sincerity. It is a year today since my beloved mother passed on, and because of my heavy heart, I am particularly thankful that I could hear YOU.

Will you please let me know the titles of your most recent books and magazine articles, and the publishing company of the former? I am a newly appointed instructor in the Sociology Department at Purdue.

With kind, personal wishes for your continued happiness and success, I am

Faithfully yours,



AAS\*

ALLAN A. SMITH, Ed. D.

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LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
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February 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

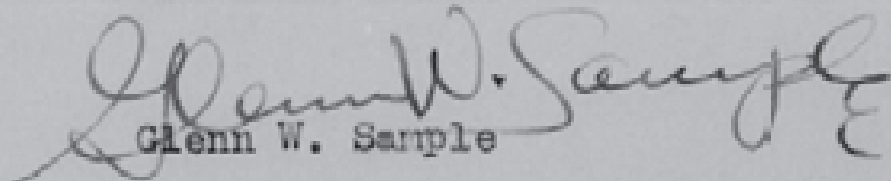
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed you will find a news story which I wrote regarding your excellent address Sunday at our February convocation for worship services here at Purdue. The Indianapolis Star, Indiana's largest circulating morning newspaper covering nearly all the state, this morning carried about one-half a column based upon the material contained in this story.

I imagine that the press associations will pick up parts of the Star's story for the Monday afternoon papers of the state. Of course the local papers have carried and will carry considerable material. I am sending you this bit of information and the enclosed news story in response to the request that you gave me yesterday morning.

Again I wish to say that you gave a very inspiring address.

Sincerely yours,

  
Glenn W. Sample

GWS:hem  
Enc.



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

February 22, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please allow me again to express to you my appreciation of your kindness and splendid messages which you have brought us on three occasions. The last Convocation has received most favorable comment.

I enclose a clipping from the Purdue Exponent, which may be of interest to you. Such accounts are rarely accurate, however the Purdue students mean to give a fair statement of what a speaker has said.

Looking forward eagerly to the time when you shall come to us again, I am

Enc. (1)

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 20 --- Striking at individuals, parties, and nations supressing individual liberties in maintaining their dominance, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, internationally known religious leader of The Temple, Cleveland, O. declared before Purdue University students ~~and~~ and staff members attending the regular monthly University's convocation for worship that there are too many people in the world trying to reform laymen before reforming themselves.

Answering the question "What is Permanent in Character?", the title of his address, Dr. Silver said: "It ~~consists~~ consists of a series of venerable reverences, first towards the human body, secondly for the human intellect, thirdly for the human spirit, fourthly for human handiwork, and lastly for group life or society, the most difficult of all to achieve."

The Rabbi defined character as the "total man in action in all relationships." In addition character was described as destiny in a spiritual sense and a challenge to fate.

Man was pictured by Dr. Silver as "a compound of dust and star dust - a multiple thing."

The over-flowing ~~maxerowd~~ ~~apxumnt~~ approximately 1500 students and faculty members in attendance at Eliza Fowler Hall heard the Rabbi conclude his address stressing the need to move the center of the world's moral strivings from without human beings to within.

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February 22, 1938

Dr. Allan A. Smith,  
Purdue University,  
LaFayette, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Let me thank you for your kind  
and thoughtful note of February 20. I feel  
rewarded in the thought that my message, last  
Sunday morning at the Chapel Service, was of some  
help to you.

Perhaps the one book of mine that would  
be of interest to you is "Religion in a Changing  
World", published in 1931 by Richard R. Smith, Inc.  
and now distributed by Harper's.

With all good wishes, permit me to  
remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BK

February 28, 1938

Mr. Glenn W. Semplo,  
Purdue University,  
Lafayette, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Semplo:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness  
in sending me the news story of the address which I  
delivered at Purdue University last week. It was  
indeed very thoughtful of you to do it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:BX

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

December 21, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing at this time to say that we are eager to have you as one of our speakers sometime during next school year. I am unable to suggest a date just now but I shall be able to do so soon. It probably will be the third Sunday of January, February or April, 1940. Please keep this fact in mind until I am able to write again. The interest in our Convocations for worship has grown constantly until our auditorium is no longer able to accommodate all who come.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to come to us again next year, I am

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
Laurence Hadley

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# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

January 30, 1939

Dr. A.H. Silvers, Rabbi,  
The Temple  
165th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silvers:

I write at this time to ask you to come for our religious convocation at Purdue either Sunday, February 18, 1940, or Sunday, April 21, 1940. In case you find each of these dates impossible we might be able to change to February 25 or April 14.

Your compensation will be the same as it has been in other years, that is two hundred(\$200.00)dollars out of which your own expenses will be paid.

Trusting that it may be possible for you to come in response to what I consider would be a call to a great service, I am

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence Hadley*

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January 30, 1939

Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter of December 21. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am delighted to know the great interest which the Convocations at Purdue are creating on the campus. Your Convocations are among the most interesting and stimulating in the country. I shall try to come back to you next season. Please give me a few dates from which I may select one.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

February 10, 1939

Dr. Lawrence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

As far as anyone can commit himself so far ahead,  
I shall plan to be with you on Sunday, February 18, 1940.  
It will give me great pleasure to renew contact with the  
splendid body of students and faculty, and especially  
to see you again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

March 10, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that you can come to us again next year. We shall look forward eagerly to your coming for our Religious Convocation.

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter.

Very truly,

*Laurence Hadley*

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LAURENCE HADLEY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

February 1, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The weeks have passed rapidly since you were with us at Purdue. We are looking forward eagerly to your coming February 18.

In connection with our publicity, we need the subject of your address. If possible, please send it so that I may have it by Tuesday, February 6.

President Elliott insists that I be able to tell him the time of your arrival and departure. There is no train from Indianapolis on Sunday morning in time for the convocation. You should plan to leave Indianapolis for Lafayette about 1:15 P.M. or 4:35 P.M. on Saturday. I shall make a reservation for you at the Purdue Memorial Union Building for Saturday night. There is a train leaving Lafayette for Indianapolis Sunday at 12:22 P.M. and another at 4:17 P.M. Each of these trains makes good connections in Indianapolis for Cleveland. I hope it will be possible for you to remain until 4:17, having dinner with me unless other plans are made.

The interest in and attendance at our convocations is all that can be desired until our new Music Hall, seating 6000, is completed.

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence Hadley*

Lawrence Hadley  
Chairman of Committee

P.S.

*Pres. and Mrs.  
Elliott want  
you to dine  
with them  
at noon  
Sunday Feb. 18*



February 5, 1940

Dr. Lawrence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am looking forward with pleasure to my visit to Purdue on the 18th.

The subject of my address will be: "What Religion Offers a War-Torn Civilization."

I shall take the 4:35 p.m. train out of Indianapolis for Lafayette on Saturday, and I shall be very happy to have dinner with President and Mrs. Elliott on Sunday, catching the 4:17 p.m. train back for Indianapolis.

With all good wishes, and looking forward most eagerly to seeing you again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

# Congregation Temple Israel

Seventh and Alabama Streets  
Phone 3484

Lafayette, Indiana

MEYER H. SIMON, Rabbi  
605 South Ninth St.  
Phone 6340

February 5, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing in behalf of the officers and executive committee of our Federated Jewish Charities. We are hoping that you may find it possible to spend a few hours with a group of our contributors during the afternoon of the Sunday (February 25) when you will be here for the Purdue University Religious Convocation.

Our annual Federated Jewish Charities campaign will get under way about that time, and, naturally, your presence will be a considerable inspiration and stimulus toward the success of the drive for the United Jewish Appeal.

I know how crowded your schedule usually is, and that ordinarily, if you should stay over, you are first the guest of the university and of President Elliott. Nevertheless, we hope the possibility may exist that you could stop over until a later train (there is one at 4:17 P.M.) and confer with a number of the people who contribute the larger part of our fund.

Anticipating your favorable reply, and with every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Meyer H. Simon*

February 9, 1940

Rabbi Meyer H. Simon  
616 South Ninth Street  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Rabbi Simon:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 5. I am to have luncheon with President Elliott and will probably be free around three o'clock to meet with some of your people who are interested in the work of the United Jewish Appeal. I will be able to give them only about three-quarters of an hour as I plan to catch the 4:17 P.M. train.

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

Very cordially yours,

AMS:BX

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

March 13, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Hoping that you will find it possible to come to Purdue again next year for a religious convocation, I suggest three dates from which you may choose, January 12, 1941; March 9, or March 16, 1941. In case you can come, your compensation will be the same as in other years, that is, two hundred (\$200) dollars out of which your own expenses are to be paid.

You will favor us greatly by coming. President Elliott is very eager to fill the new Music Hall each time next year. The announcement that you are coming will do much towards attracting a large audience.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly,

*Lawrence Hadley*

Lawrence Hadley

Mar 16

March 25, 1940

Dr. Lawrence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 13 and for your invitation again to address the religious convocation at Purdue. In checking over the dates which you suggest, I find that March 16 would be most convenient for me, and I am accordingly scheduling it.

I enjoyed my visit to Purdue, a few weeks ago greatly, and I am looking forward with keen pleasure to seeing you again.

With all good wishes, and with kindest regards to President Elliott, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

April 10, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was pleased to learn that you are willing to come to us again for Religious Convocation. I shall hold March 16, 1941 as your date for next year.

Very truly,

*Lawrence Hadley*

Lawrence Hadley

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

June 1, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with some pricks of conscience that I make the following request when I know how busy you are and how deeply grieved you are over conditions in Europe.

It is the wish of President Elliott of Purdue to publish a book of sermons prepared by the splendid group of men who have come to us for Religious Convocations.

During a period of six years, the interest, the popularity, and the inspiration of the Religious Convocations have grown. The average attendance has increased from about 900 the first year, to such proportions that Fowler Hall can no longer accommodate those who come. Beginning with next October, we shall use our splendid new Music Hall which will provide for 3600 on the main floor alone. We shall hope to have you as our speaker again before long.

In this book of sermons we hope to make permanent something of the fine spirit which our visiting clergymen have brought to the Purdue Campus during the six years. We are asking if you would be willing to send us the manuscript of a sermon which you feel to be characteristic of your preaching, that we may include it in the proposed volume.

When you were here February 16, 1936, your subject was "Some Aberations of Our Day"; in December 1936, it was "The Human Yearnings for Other Horizons"; in February 1938, it was "What is Permanent in Character"; on February 20, 1940, it was "What Religion offers a War-Torn Civilization. It is our wish to have some one of these if you have the manuscripts. If not, then we hope you will contribute a sermon of your own choice.

President Elliott has it in mind to place copies of this book in many of the libraries of the state as well as to send copies to many Indiana pastors. Perhaps a few copies will be sold at cost if there is a demand (I feel sure there will be). I think the book will be copyrighted but that question has not been settled. What would be your wish as to copyright?

Since we are eager to push this enterprise as rapidly as possible, a rather prompt response will be greatly appreciated. We are mindful of the fact that you are under no obligation to meet this request but we sincerely hope that you will do so. I think the volume will prove to be a source of real inspiration to many Hoosiers.

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence Hadley*  
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Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Ind.

June 26, 1940

Will mail you the sermon which  
you requested Monday.

Abba Hillel Silver

June 24, 1940

Dr. Lawrence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been extremely busy and out of the city a good deal of the time.

I am very happy to comply with your request to send you one of the sermons which I delivered at the Chapel Services of Purdue University for publication in the volume which President Elliott has in mind. I have selected a sermon called "What Is Permanent in Character" which I delivered at Purdue University on February 20, 1938. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With all good wishes to you for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
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ANDREW FRIED  
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## BARZILLAI LODGE NO. 111

• B'NAI B'RITH •

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

November  
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The Balance goes to our lodge for payment of rent, printing, postage, entertainment and other necessary expense.

If you do not pay your dues all these worthy causes suffer. Remain in good standing so the noble work of the Order does not suffer.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are happy again to learn that you will be in our fair city on Sunday, March 16th for the religious convocation at Purdue. Can you possibly spare a little more time to stay and have dinner at our Temple, and then address the Jewish community? You will be able to make the 4:17 train out of here which connects directly at Indianapolis for Cleveland. Our newly formed Auxiliary will prepare the meal and Mrs. Fried said she'll see that you have a big bowl of "lukshen soup" if you accept.

Hoping to have a favorable reply, and with kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*A. Fried*  
Andrew Fried, Secretary  
Barzillai Lodge #111  
B'nai B'rith.



November 22, 1940

Mr. Andrew Fried, Secretary  
Barzillai Lodge #111, B'nai B'rith  
614 North Sixth St.  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Mr. Fried:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 15. March 16 is a long way off, and I cannot at the present writing state definitely whether I will be able to remain over and have luncheon with your group. Please write to me sometime in February. By that time I will know more definitely how my schedule will size up.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your thoughtful invitation, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 6, 1941

Dr. Lawrence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

WILL HAVE TO BE ON PACIFIC COAST DURING MONTH OF MARCH IN CONNECTION WITH  
IMPORTANT CAMPAIGNS FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO COME  
TO PURDUE SOME SUNDAY END OF APRIL OR BEGINNING OF MAY? KINDEST REGARDS.

Abba Hillel Silver

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*Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

January 28, 1941

Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 6 I SEND YOU THE FOLLOWING WIRE QUOTE WILL HAVE TO BE ON PACIFIC COAST DURING MONTH OF MARCH IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTANT CAMPAIGNS FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO COME TO PURDUE SOME SUNDAY END OF APRIL OR BEGINNING OF MAY UNQUOTE I HAVE NOT HAD A REPLY FROM YOU. WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU TODAY. KINDEST REGARDS

Abba Hillel Silver.

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# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

January 31, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am greatly embarrassed and exceedingly sorry over the failure to get a reply to you early in January.

Your telegram of January 6 reached me promptly. As soon as I was able to confer with my committee, I sent a night letter (January 7) which read as follows:

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

Easter Convocation April 11. Baccalaureate  
May 4. Change date impossible. Sorry.  
Will release you, of course, for important  
mission. Hope to have you next year"

We were very sorry but we had no desire to interfere with your call to large responsibilities on the coast. Thinking the matter settled, I invited Rabbi Mann to take your place on our program. He graciously accepted the invitation.

Western Union had no explanation to offer as to how the unfortunate incident could have occurred. They found the message in my own handwriting in their files. I have a receipt showing that the charge was paid, etc. Nevertheless, you waited three weeks for a reply which never reached you. I can only hope that it in no way kept you from responding to the call to go on your mission to the coast. The delay was most unfortunate. I should have written in addition to sending the telegram.

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

January 31, 1941

Our plans for next year have become somewhat uncertain. In case we continue our program of Religious Convocations we shall hope to have you as one of our speakers. You will hear from me again before time for you to leave for your work on the Pacific Coast.

Very truly,

*Laurence Hadley*

Laurence Hadley



# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

July 15, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The series of religious convocations was abbreviated last year at Purdue. It was only recently that I was authorized to make plans for the coming year.

Purdue is on a continuous program for the entire year, having three periods of sixteen weeks each. This plan has some advantages and some disadvantages, but it is working pretty well so far.

I fear it is too late for you to be free to come to us for a convocation during 1942-43. However, I am suggesting that you let me know if it will be possible for you to come and that you indicate which month would be your preference - October, January, February, May or June. I shall do all I can to fit the program to your convenience. Your compensation will be the same as in other years.

We have a large number of sailors and soldiers on the Purdue campus for special training. Perhaps there will be a thousand in addition to our regular students. We shall hope that the religious convocations catch their attention and prove to be a source of spiritual up-lift for them as well as for the regular students.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*  
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LH:hr

Laurence Hadley

July 28, 1942

Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Box 482  
W. Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of July 15. I should like to come to you, say some Sunday in May, 1943, if you can fit it into your program.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you will have a restful summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

September 22, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was happy, indeed, when you expressed a willingness to come to Purdue for a Religious Convocation some time in May. I hope the matter has not been delayed until your open dates have all been taken.

Any one of the following Sundays will be acceptable to us - May 16, May 23 or June 6 (1943). Our preference is May 23 or June 6.

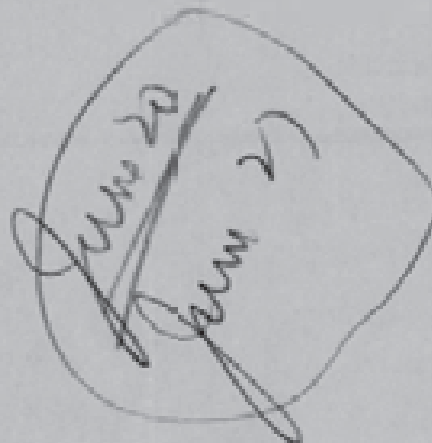
Please let me know if any of these will be possible. If no one of them is open, please name a later date in June or early July.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

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Laurence Hadley





September 24, 1942

Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 22. May and early June are solidly booked up for me. I am wondering whether June 20 or June 27 are free on your calendar. Either of these two days would be convenient for me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

October 1, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very glad that you are  
available for a Purdue Religious Con-  
vocation on June 20, 1943. Kindly  
keep that date for us.

Very truly yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

LH:hr

Laurence Hadley

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

May 15, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
East 105 Street at Ausel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We began a new term at Purdue recently. Our enrollment is so depleted that it seems best to us to give up our plans for a religious convocation on June 20. With your consent we would like to postpone your coming until some mutually satisfactory date when we can secure for you a reasonably good audience. We shall hope to have you some time during the academic year of 1943-44.

We have a large number of army and navy men on the campus whose attention we have failed to catch. The regular students number about one third of the enrollment of recent years and they are being called away rapidly.

I regret that this change of plans is necessary but I hope it may have your approval.

Sincerely yours,

*Laurence Hadley*

Laurence Hadley

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May 18, 1943

Dr. Laurence Hadley  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Hadley:

Thank you for your kind letter. I understand fully the circumstances which make it necessary to postpone the convocation exercises scheduled for June 20. I shall be very happy to come to you during the coming year.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes for a restful summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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# PURDUE PLAYSHOP

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ELIZA FOWLER HALL

January 26, 1951

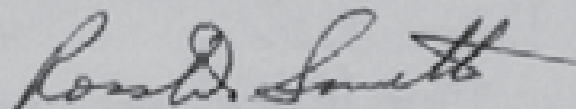
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Each year Purdue University tries to incorporate into its Convocations and Lectures program two or three speakers from the field of religion and the humanities. We are currently making inquiries in order that we may schedule our 1954-55 season. We would very much like to have you speak on the campus before our audience which is composed of students, faculty and townspeople. The lectures are held in our large and comfortable Music Hall located in the center of the campus. Admission will be free to the public. We have however, ample funds for traveling expenses and a very decent honorarium. The subject material would be left to your selection.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would consider fitting a Purdue engagement into your schedule during either the first or second semester of the 1954-55 school year. I am sure you would find our audience an interested and stimulating group. May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures

RDS:ct



February 9, 1954

Mr. Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures  
Purdue Playshop  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Mr. Smith:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 26th and for your gracious invitation to participate in your Convocations and Lectures program for the 1954-55 season.

I should be very happy to do so sometime during the second semester. Would any day during the week be convenient for you? Or are these lectures scheduled for Sunday? It would be easier for me to come during the week, as I have my own services on Sundays.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Purdue University is again proud to present its annual program of Convocations and Public Lectures. For more than half a century, we have brought to our campus what we think are the best available programs, not only for the benefit of our students, but also for the entertainment and education of our friends in the surrounding communities. Purdue University is unique in that as an educational institution devoted primarily to scientific and technical subjects it is able to bring such fine cultural programs to its campus. I commend this program to your attention and sincerely hope that you will be able to attend some of the performances which are scheduled.

FREDERICK L. HOVEE

*President, Purdue University*



**CLAUDE RAINS**

**October 21**

***Distinguished Stage and Screen Star***

In a single recent season, 1950-51, Claude Rains' preeminence and distinction on the American stage was attested by the winning of six of the year's most important awards for his performance of the role of Rubashov in Sidney Kingsley's dramatization of Arthur Koestler's "Darkness at Noon." Mr. Rains will present a program of recitations from the masterpieces of English and American literature—embracing the greatest lines that have been written in fantasy, humor, poetry and drama. Two long works will be presented against a background of music.



## **ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF LONDON**

**November 1**

The American tour of this choir is in conjunction with the building of the memorial chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral honoring the 28,000 Americans killed during World War II while based in Britain. The choir is made up of 30 Boy Choristers (Children of Paul) and 18 adult voices as well as a director of the Cathedral music. The program will provide a varied and representative mixture of the great choral masterpieces by such English composers as Tallis, Byrd, Purcell and Vaughan Williams, as well as the works of Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert.





## **SADLER'S WELLS BALLET COMPANY**

**November 6, 7**

***Under the Direction of  
Ninette de Valois***

The world famous Sadler's Wells Ballet from London's Royal Opera House, will make its second appearance in the Fall of Music this season. The Parent Company, with such stars as Margot Fonteyn, Beryl Gray, John Field and Rowena Jackson, is famous for its full length ballets as well as for its new choreographies and stage decor. Full company and orchestra of 150 members.



## KEN KRIPPENE

November 13

*Film-Lecturer*  
*"On the Trail of*  
*the Lost Incas"*

A color-film document of Mr. Krippene's explorations in the jungles of Peru. Engaged by Sol Lesser to supervise the making of a commercial film based on the legend of the lost emeralds of Illa-Tica, he became bewitched by the mystery of the jungle, the legends and stories of obscure, savage tribes hidden in the depths of impassable swamps and whispering, brooding forests. A fabulous adventure film of the ancient, never-before-photographed Morochuco Indians.

## BILL COSTELLO

November 24

*Lecture:*  
*"U. S. Strategic*  
*Dilemma—Far*  
*Eastern Front or*  
*Pacific Salient"*



Bill Costello is one of the few Americans who has fully comprehended—and for a good many years—the Asiatic trouble spots and their meaning to the world. He has reported and analyzed Asia's problems for over 15 years, and four years ago was assigned to Tokyo as News Bureau Chief of CBS. He has observed at first hand, Asia's changing social patterns, its perplexing political trends, the results of America's foreign policy and the effectiveness of our occupation of Japan.



## **JOHN MASON BROWN**

**November 30**

***Author, Lecturer, Critic, Associate  
Editor of the "Saturday Review"  
Lecture: "Seeing Things"***

"John Mason Brown is a prodigiously learned man who has apparently read everything, seen everything and forgotten nothing. He is also immensely sympathetic. He has the humility of a man who has had a wide acquaintance with life and human beings and appreciates them generously. A popular lecturer, as well as essayist and critic, he comes closer than anyone else to being America's Minister of Cultural Affairs. Fortunately for the thousands who listen to him and read him, his popularity has not impaired his taste. For he is a man of conscience—modest and hospitable, but adamant about everything in art and life that affects the public interest"—  
Brooks Atkinson, *New York Times*

## **HENRY FONDA**

**December 3**

***Dramatic Selection—Trial Scene from  
"The Caine Mutiny"***

Starring Henry Fonda and John Hodiak  
with a company of 20.



## **NATHAN MILSTEIN**

**December 5**

### ***The Master Violinist in Recital***

The critics have consistently lauded this great artist. "Even as you read this, the walls of the hall are still vibrating from the ovation given the magnificent playing of Nathan Milstein. The large audience could not get enough. Milstein is truly *one of the great artists of our generation.*"—*Boston Post*

"A musical giant. It was a treat not likely to be experienced often in a life time." —*Chicago Herald-American*

## **OXFORD DEBATERS    December 8**

Patrick Mayhew and John Feters will represent the Oxford Debaters in a debate with members of the Purdue Debate Team. Admission will be free.

## **CHRISTMAS CONVOCATION**

**December 16, 17**

***Presented by the Purdue Musical  
Organizations***

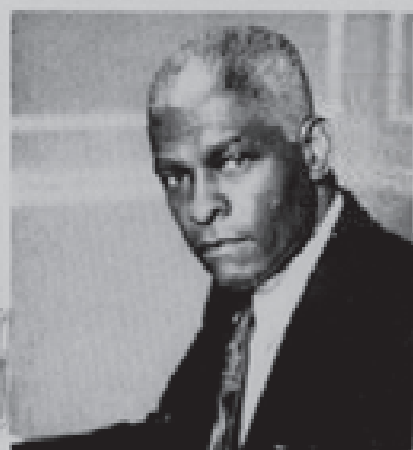
## **RUDOLF SERKIN**

**January 12**



### ***Pianist in Recital***

"Serkin is a man consumed by an inner fire," writes Claudia Casidy. "When he plays he achieves something warm and rich and genuinely exciting." For the critic of the *New York Herald Tribune*, he is "the greatest living pianist equaled by no other pianist and no other interpretative musician except Arturo Toscanini."



## **DR. BENJAMIN MAYS**

**February 12**

### ***Lecturer on Religion and Race Relations***

Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., is a well-known lecturer in the field of religion and race relations. He has written several books among which are included: "The Negro's Church", "The Negro's God" and "Seeking to be a Christian In Race Relations." In 1950 he was the recipient of the 2nd Annual State Fair Negro Achievement Award of Texas. The lecture topic will be announced in January.





## **PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA**

**February 18**

***Eugene Ormandy, Music Director***

The Philadelphia Orchestra is universally acclaimed as one of the greatest of all orchestras. No less an authority than Serge Rachmaninoff hailed it as "the finest orchestra the world has ever known," and audiences who know its superlative performances in concert, on records and over the radio echo the sentiment of the great pianist and composer who found in the concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra an immeasurably rewarding experience.

## **WILLIAM WARFIELD**

**February 28**

***Baritone in Recital***



Mr. Warfield's acclaim began with his singing of "Ole Man River" in the film *Showboat*. Last year he electrified audiences in the United States and Europe with his powerful portrayal of Porgy in *Porgy and Bess*. Since his spectacular recital debut in New York's Town Hall in 1950 he has become one of the outstanding baritones on the concert stage as a soloist with symphonies and as a recording artist.

## **DR. GERALD WENDT**

**March 5**

**Science Editor of *TIME*,  
Editorial Director of  
*SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED*  
Lecture: "What's New  
in Science?"**



Dr. Wendt is one of America's foremost spokesman for science. He was the first American to attempt to disintegrate the atom in the early 1920's. He was one of the first radium and radio activity experts in the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Even in his student days he won the Bowdoin Prize for Literature with his essay, "The Nature of the Atom." From his intimate knowledge of research in progress through personal interviews with top scientists and researchers, Dr. Wendt can foretell the exciting developments and their effect on us.



## **LEN STUTTMAN**

**March 13**

**Biologist, Lecturer, Photographer  
Illustrated Color-film Lecture:  
"Alaskan Sea Safari"**

A modern sea saga of Alaska. All of the adventure and action to be found in the development of the New Alaska. The activities in both the familiar and remote areas of the Northwest have been recorded by Mr. Stuttmann.

## DR. LISTON POPE

March 19

### Lecture: "Religion and the Social Sciences"

Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of the Divinity School of Yale University, is also a Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Social Ethics and Associate Fellow of Saybrook College in Yale University. He is the author of two books on labor relations *Millhands and Preachers* and *Labor's Relation to Church and Community*.



## CHICAGO SYMPHONY

April 3

### Dr. Fritz Reiner, Conductor

This brilliant orchestra will appear this year for the first time under the baton of its new conductor, Dr. Fritz Reiner. Dr. Reiner has achieved an enviable position in the world of music as a conductor of many orchestras in Europe and this country. He left his post as a conductor of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra to assume his new duties with the Chicago Symphony.



## **ALFRED WOLFF**

**April 8**

*Artist-Photographer, World-Traveler,  
Film-Lecturer*

*"Crossroads of Man—The  
Middle East"*

Mr. Wolff brings a feature length color-film with emphasis on the Holy Places of Old and New Testament history. A narration highlighting the spiritual, economic, and political interest in this fabulous area of destiny. A beautifully photographed coverage of Iraq, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon.

## **EASTER CONVOCATION**

**April 12**

*Presented by the Purdue Musical  
Organizations*

## **MOTHER'S DAY BAND CONCERT**

**May 9**

*Presented by the Purdue  
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November 6, 7	SADLER'S WELLS BALLET COMPANY
November 13	KEN KRIPPENE, film lecture "On the Trail of the Lost Incas"
November 24	BILL COSTELLO, lecture, "U. S. Strategic Dilemma, Far Eastern Front or Pacific Salient"
November 30	JOHN MASON BROWN, lecture, "Seeing Things"
December 3	HENRY FONDA and JOHN HODIAK, drama selection
December 5	NATHAN MILSTEIN, violinist
December 8	OXFORD DEBATERS
December 16, 17	CHRISTMAS CONVOICATION
January 12	RUDOLF SERKIN, pianist
February 12	DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS, lecturer
February 18	PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA, Eugene Ormandy, conductor
February 28	WILLIAM WARFIELD, baritone
March 5	DR. GERALD WENDT, lecture "What's New In Science?"
March 13	LEN STUTTMAN, film-lecture, "Alaskan Sea Safari"
March 19	DEAN LISTEN POPE, lecture "Religion and the Social Sciences"
April 3	CHICAGO SYMPHONY, Dr. Fritz Reiner, conductor
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# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

CONVOCATIONS AND LECTURES  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

ROSS D. SMITH  
CHAIRMAN

February 26, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

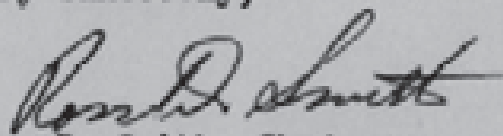
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter indicating your willingness to speak on our Convocations and Lectures season for 1954-55. In looking at our schedule either Wednesday, February 9 or Thursday, February 10, 1955 appears to be a desirable date for us. This is in no way meant to tie you to one of these two days. We do have a recital on February 4 and if there is a time later in the month that would be more convenient for you please suggest it. If you are going to be available on the 9th or 10th I believe we could just settle on that time.

Would you please indicate your usual fee including transportation for your lecture at Purdue? I am sure it is a little far ahead to think about topic. Our brochure for the season is made up in the spring and we would like to have a suggested lecture subject and a gloss photograph by the middle of May.

Thank you again for accepting our invitation. I am sure you will have an interested audience and I believe you will enjoy meeting our people.

Very sincerely,

  
Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures

RDS:ct

March 11, 1954

Dr. Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations and Lectures  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Dr. Smith:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February twenty-sixth.  
I shall be very happy to be with you on Wednesday evening,  
February ninth.

I shall send you the subject of the lecture and a gloss photograph as you requested in May. As regards the honorarium, I shall abide by your customary practice in this matter.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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CHAIRMAN

March 17, 1954

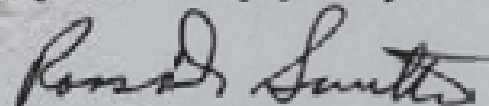
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very happy to hear that you will be able to be with us on Wednesday evening, February 9, 1955 for a convocation lecture. I hope that \$350, which would include your transportation, will meet with your approval. We will appreciate receiving your lecture topic, a gloss photograph and if possible some information of a biographical and professional background nature.

Thank you again for your acceptance and very pleasant correspondence.

Very sincerely yours,



Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures

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CONVOCATIONS AND LECTURES  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

ROSS D. SMITH  
CHAIRMAN

May 22, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now in the process of compiling the material for our brochure on the coming season and would appreciate receiving your lecture title and a glossy photograph at your earliest convenience. We are having to rush our preparations slightly because I will be away from the campus during the summer months.

We are very happy that you are going to visit our campus, meet with our people and speak to us.

Sincerely yours,



Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures

RDS:ct



May 25, 1954

Mr. Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations and Lectures  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Smith

I am enclosing a glossy photo and biographical  
sketch of Rabbi Silver. He has chosen as his  
lecture title, "The Crisis of Our Age."

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

enclosures

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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ROSS D. SMITH  
CHAIRMAN

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Name Abba Hillel Silver of The Temple, East 105th  
Street at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio agrees to present one (lecture/~~recital~~)  
under the auspices of the Convocations and Lectures Committee of Purdue  
University as a part of the Convocations and Lectures Series.

Date February 9, 1955

Place Purdue Hall of Music

Time 8:00 P.M.

Title of Lecture "The Crisis of Our Age"

Flat Fee of \$350.00 THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS  
(the above includes transportation and hospitality)

To Be Paid to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

on the date of the (lecture/~~recital~~)

The (lecturer/~~artist~~) agrees to provide the Convocations and Lectures  
Committee with 1 gloss photograph and adequate publicity material. The  
Convocations and Lectures Committee agrees to provide a suitable hall, handle  
all ticket sales, publicity and advertising deemed necessary for this event.

Date Jan 3-1954

Date June 2, 1954

FOR ~~ARTIST~~ LECTURER

Abba Hillel Silver

FOR PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Ross D. Smith

Ross D. Smith, Chairman  
Convocations & Lectures Committee

# B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND COUNSELING SERVICE AMONG JEWISH STUDENTS

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY

RABBI ALEXANDER FEINSILVER

— DIRECTOR —

STATE AND WALDRON  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
TELEPHONE 3-1293

September 27, 1954

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

Dear Colleague:

I was delighted to learn that the Purdue Convocations and Lectures Committee, following my suggestion to that Committee, has invited you to speak to our students and faculty on Wednesday, February 9, 1955, and that you have accepted the invitation. I know that your appearance here will be a rich experience not only for our Jewish students but for all who hear you.

The members of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, the largest of our three Jewish fraternities on campus, which has several Cleveland boys in it, have asked me to invite you to dinner at their house that evening. Would you be good enough to let me know whether you will be able to accept?

Also, while you will be here on a week-night, when activities must of necessity be of limited duration, I would like to have you meet informally with some of our students, campus ministers, and staff members at our Hillel Foundation building after the lecture, say from 9:30 or 10:00 until 11 o'clock. If this conforms with your travel arrangements, I hope you will be able to accept.

If you will let me know beforehand when and how you plan to get here, I shall see that you are met.

Very best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

*Alex. Feinsilver*  
Alexander Feinsilver

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"I realize that a knowledge of your travel plans would help you in deciding about the matters in this letter, but transportation to Lafayette will be quite complicated, and I would prefer to consult with you before making final arrangements. If you go by train, I think you will have to make a change of trains en route. ~~If you fly~~, it will have to be a flight to Indianapolis with ground transportation to Lafayette, some 60 miles away. There is only one flight to Lafayette, via Lake Central Airlines which you may pick up in Chicago, and it arrives in Lafayette at 6:34 p.m. You may feel that is too late in case there is some delay along the way. The lecture is scheduled for 8 p.m.

↓ O.K.

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— DIRECTOR —  
STATE AND WALDRON  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
TELEPHONE 3-1293

Jan. 13, 1955

Dear Dr. Silver —

In connection with your appearance as a speaker at the Purdue Music Hall on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, I would like to ask whether any or all of these additional engagements would be desired:

1. A noon luncheon on that day, at which you could speak informally to the Campus ministers (10-12).
2. Supper at Sigma Alpha Tau Fraternity. This is the largest Jewish fraternity (67 men) with several Cleveland boys. Time 5:30.
3. An informal reception at Hillel at 9:30, following your public lecture. This need not last beyond 11 o'clock.

I do hope that you will find it possible to accept one or more of these, depending on your travel arrangements. I would be happy to hear from you about this.

Sincerely yours,  
Alex. Feinsilver

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January 19, 1955

Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver  
Purdue University  
State and Waldron  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Rabbi Feinsilver:

Thank you for your letter of January 13th. Rabbi Silver is out of the city, but I was able to communicate with him in regard to your letter.

He has asked me to convey to you the request that you not plan to hold the meetings prior to his lecture that you have suggested. He will be happy, however, to partake in the informal reception at Hillel following the lecture.

We have not made definite travel arrangements as yet, but it seems as if there may be some difficulty in securing plane accommodations directly to Lafayette. We would appreciate your letting us know if there might be a possibility of the Rabbi's being met at the Indianapolis airport with automobile transportation from there to Lafayette.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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— DIRECTOR —  
STATE AND WALDRON  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
TELEPHONE 3-1293

Jan. 21, 1955

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Dear Mrs. Sparrow—

Thanks for your letter of January 19. We will follow the arrangements suggested, planning only the informal reception at Hillel after the lecture.

As to travel arrangements, you may want to know that there are two planes daily from Indianapolis to the Purdue Airport in Lafayette, via Lake Central Airlines. One leaves 6:45 AM arriving 7:42 AM, the other leaves 2:15 PM arriving 3:37 PM. All times are Central Standard.

If the 2:15 plane is convenient for Rabbi Silver's schedule, we can meet him at the Purdue Airport at 3:37. Otherwise, his plane can be met in Indianapolis, though the other arrangement would be preferable from our standpoint.

Please let me know when arrangements have been completed.

Sincerely yours  
Alexander Feinsilver

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— DIRECTOR —  
STATE AND WALDRON  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
TELEPHONE 3-1263

February 1, 1955

Secretary to Rabbi Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear friend:

Following our conversation, I called the Purdue Airport, and received the following information: The plane from Indianapolis leaves there at 2:15 p.m. as I had previously indicated. This is flight 522, arriving in Kokomo at 2:47 p.m. Flight 14 then leaves Kokomo at 3:12, arriving at the Purdue airport at 3:37 p.m.

The flight from Indianapolis to Lafayette, in other words, involves a transfer at Kokomo. There is no danger of missing the plane at Kokomo, I am assured, because the Indianapolis airport will not allow anyone to board the plane at Indianapolis under such circumstances. If, then, for any reason at all, Rabbi Silver does not make the 2:15 plane out of Indianapolis, he can either take a train from Indianapolis to Lafayette, or call me here and I can come down or send someone down to get him. (The train, out at about 4 p.m. from Indianapolis, would probably be preferable). The distance from Indianapolis to Lafayette is sixty miles.

If Rabbi Silver would accept a private dinner invitation, and if we knew this beforehand, it could be arranged. If he is staying through the noon hour on Thursday, the campus ministers would like to have him as their guest at a special luncheon meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Alex. Feinsilver*  
Alexander Feinsilver

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TREASURER

February 4, 1955

Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
State and Waldron  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Rabbi Feinsilver:

We have reserved space for Rabbi Silver for Wednesday, March 9th, leaving Cleveland via TWA Flight 692, changing in Dayton, arriving in Indianapolis at 1:45 p.m. From there he will board Flight 522 of Lake Central Airlines at 2:15 p.m., changing in Kokomo at 3:12, and arriving in Lafayette at 3:37 p.m. We hope this long and complicated itinerary will work out successfully.

We have reserved return space for the following morning, leaving Lafayette at 10:43. We regret that he will be unable to remain at Purdue for the luncheon with the campus ministers. A small, informal dinner function would be very much appreciated by Rabbi Silver, however.

Thank you so much for all your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

ANSEL ROAD AND EAST 105 STREET CLEVELAND OHIO=

DEAR RABBI SILVER: IT IS A PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT YOU ARE ONE OF FOUR PERSONS SELECTED AS SPEAKERS OF THE YEAR FOR 1957. CITATIONS ARE MADE BY TAU KAPPA ALPHA, NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETY IN SPEECH. AWARDS IN FOUR AREAS FOLLOW: NORMAN COUSINS, EDITOR OF SATURDAY REVIEW, IN EDUCATIONAL-SCIENTIFIC-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES; HENRY CABOT LODGE JR., UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE

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W CHARLES REDDING, CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BOARD OF  
AWARD TAU KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
OF SPEECH, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA)=.

THE  
NATIONAL BOARD OF AWARD  
OF  
TAU KAPPA ALPHA  
FORENSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Department of Speech  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana  
April 12, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This letter and the accompanying enclosure will supplement my recent telegram notifying you of your selection as "Speaker-of-the-Year" for 1957, in the field of "Religion." The public announcement was released this week from our National Conference, meeting at the University of Kentucky, in Lexington.

"Speaker-of-the-Year" Awards were created in 1949 by Tau Kappa Alpha, a college honor society in the field of speech, with chapters located at almost a hundred academic institutions throughout the United States. In making these citations, we are not attempting to give prizes; we are not imitating the "Academy Awards" of the motion picture industry; nor are we undertaking the impossible task of selecting the "best" speakers in the country. All we are trying to do is to encourage the kind of speaking which we feel is a necessary condition if democracy is to endure.

Hence, every year we single out four or five speakers; to our undergraduate members and to the general public we say: "Here are men and women who exemplify the kind of oral communication that America needs."

Naturally, opinions will differ on what constitutes "good speaking" or "the kind of oral communication that America needs." Guided by our Constitution and by a study of history, the Society proposes three basic criteria: effectiveness, intelligence, and responsibility. In our opinion, democracy will be served only by speakers who meet all three of these standards.

We are proud, Rabbi Silver, to commend you to the American people as one whose speaking merits special recognition. Through the medium of the spoken word, you have rendered distinguished service in the cause of enlightening the human mind and freeing the human spirit.

For more detailed information I call your attention to the enclosed brochure. In the near future, we shall correspond with you to determine a time and place, suited to your convenience, for the presentation of the "Speaker-of-the-Year" Award Certificate.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Charles Redding*  
W. Charles Redding  
Associate Professor of Speech  
(Chairman, National Board of Award)

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Enclosure

Is it convenient for you to send us  
a "glossy" photograph from which we  
can have a plate made for publicity  
purposes?

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Tau Kappa Alpha Society

Telegram

April 14, 1958

phoned H. Conn. (YA-SL)

W. CHARLES REDDING,  
CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BOARD OF AWARD TAU KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPEECH  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DEEPLY APPRECIATE HONOR BESTOWED BY TAU KAPPA ALPHA. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



W. C. Redding  
NATIONAL BOARD OF AWARD  
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Speech Department  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

THE  
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Department of Speech  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana  
May 3, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My purpose in writing you at this time is to suggest arrangements for the presentation of the Speaker-of-the-Year Award Certificate, as I indicated I would do in my letter of April 12.

Our policy is to accommodate ourselves to the wishes of each Award winner. If an appropriate public gathering is available, we are happy to have a Tau Kappa Alpha representative make a formal presentation. If such a meeting is not convenient, or if the Award winner prefers, we will of course ship the framed certificate by express.

It happens that one of the national officers of the Society, Mr. James W. McIntyre, is on the faculty of Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. He has offered to act as our representative and to communicate with you concerning your preferences in this matter. I believe that he will propose the possibility of the Honore Convocation at Case as a fitting public occasion for the presentation. You will no doubt be hearing from Professor McIntyre, therefore, in a few days.

I want to thank you for your gracious telegram, and again express our pleasure in recognizing you as one of America's most eminent speakers.

Is it convenient to send me, in the next few days, a "glossy" photograph that we may use for publication purposes? Such a picture will be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

W. Charles Redding  
W. Charles Redding  
Associate Professor of Speech  
(Chairman, National Board of Award)

WCR:r  
cc to Prof. McIntyre

*Tomlinson  
Hall  
Ballroom*  
*Had. May 28<sup>th</sup>  
12 to 1:15*

(4/58)

Information concerning the Speaker-of-the-Year Awards  
and the Tau Kappa Alpha Society

1. Purpose of the Awards

Democracy is, in a large measure, government by talk. Only by free, thorough, and honest discussion can the people of a democratic nation arrive at informed opinions. Important decisions depend upon the competence of communication; and in these days of split-second transmission of the spoken word, oral communication (that is, speech) must function at its best if democracy is to flourish.

The Society hopes, therefore, that these Awards may encourage an ever-growing appreciation of the crucial role played in a democracy by oral communication. In making these citations, Tau Kappa Alpha is not attempting to emulate the "Oscars" of the Motion Picture Academy; nor is it trying to conduct a popularity contest. The Society hopes only to promote a better understanding of superior speaking.

No attempt is made to pick the "best" speakers of the year--that would be impossible. Rather, the Board merely names several nationally known speakers who, in our opinion, exemplify our basic criteria--criteria not of flamboyant "oratory," but of good oral communication.

2. Criteria

The enabling resolution of December, 1949, in authorizing Speaker-of-the-Year Awards, specified that the purpose of these Awards should be to recognize "persons who are distinguished for effective, intelligent, and responsible speaking on significant public questions."

"Good" oral communication, therefore, we define as that which is effective, intelligent, and responsible. If speech is not effective, the desired message is not communicated; appropriate audience response is not achieved. If speech is not intelligent, a message may propagate misinformation or confusion. And if speech is not responsible, a message may culminate in disaster.

Good speech, then, is something quite different from exhibitionistic "oratory." It is speech which obtains a favorable audience response, which reflects a well informed and thoughtful intellect, and which demonstrates a constant concern for the social and ethical implications of public utterance. It is speech which enlightens the understanding and quickens the conscience of those who listen.

3. Nature of the Awards

Citations may be announced in as many as five broad areas of human endeavor, classified as follows:

- National Affairs
- Business and Commerce
- Labor
- Religion
- Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Activities.

Recognition is symbolized by a certificate presented to the winner. No more than one speaker may be cited in a single field, and one or more fields may be omitted in any year.

#### 4. Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must be nationally known (rather than those whose repute is restricted to a small region); they must be American citizens; and the speaking upon which the Award is based must have taken place within a specified calendar year. Awards are not intended to single out individual speeches, but are made after considering the total impact of all speaking activities during the year.

NOTE: Awards do not constitute endorsement of a speaker's views; it is entirely possible to select a winner who meets all the criteria but who may represent conclusions or doctrines with which the Board of Award happens to disagree.

#### 5. Procedure for Selecting Award Winners

The society has appointed a National Board of Award, drawn from the ranks of college speech professors and experienced platform speakers. During the year this Board invites nominations from student and faculty members of the numerous campus chapters. It also adds nominees of its own. After careful scrutiny the Board then conducts a series of secret ballots within its own membership until winners are selected. (See the attached list of all Award winners since 1949.)

#### 6. Members of the National Board of Award (1958)

E. E. Bradley (University of Denver)  
Paul D. Brandes (Mississippi Southern College)  
W. Norwood Brigrance (Wabash College)  
Nicholas M. Cripe (Butler University)  
Wayne C. Eubank (University of New Mexico)  
T. Earle Johnson (University of Alabama)  
Robert L. Kincaid (President, Lincoln Memorial University)  
George P. Lamb (Attorney, Washington, D. C.)  
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7. Some Facts About Tau Kappa Alpha

- a. As a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, it is one of two nationwide honor societies in those aspects of speech concerned with public address, discussion, and debate.
- b. There are almost one hundred undergraduate chapters located at colleges and universities in most of the forty-eight states. Undergraduate and alumni members number approximately eight thousand.
- c. The founder is Mr. Oswald Ryan, recently Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The Society was established at Indianapolis in 1906.
- d. Alumni have included such men, for example, as Louis D. Brandeis, Albert J. Beveridge, Senator Frank Graham, Francis B. Sayre, and Lowell Thomas.
- e. There are no membership restrictions based upon race, sex, creed, or color. Requirements are entirely concerned with superior scholastic and speaking achievement.

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For further information please write to:

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Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana



May 6, 1958

W. Charles Redding  
Associate Professor of Speech  
Chairman, National Board of Award  
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Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Dr. Redding:

Enclosed you will find glossies and biographical material of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for your use in publicizing the presentation of the "Speaker-of-the-Year" Awards.

Sincerely,

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Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Department of Speech  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana  
June 21, 1958

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Professor McIntyre of Case Institute has told me, in enthusiastic terms, of the fine speech you made at the Honors Convocation where a public presentation of the Speaker-of-the-Year Award Certificate took place on May 28. I certainly regret that I was unable to be there.

As you will recall, we used a blank "dummy" certificate form at that ceremony, since the official one was not yet signed and framed. I am happy to inform you that we are shipping your Certificate today, via Railway Express. You should, therefore, receive it in a very few days.

You will also be receiving a copy of a special issue of the national publication of Tau Kappa Alpha, The Speaker, containing announcements and details about the Awards. I want to thank you for supplying us with the photograph and the biographical material.

I hope that an occasion will arise in the near future when I can hear you speak, in person, and when I can meet you personally. Tau Kappa Alpha has been proud to honor you. We wish there were many, many more such pulpit speakers in America today.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Charles Redding*  
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Associate Professor of Speech  
(Chairman, National Board of  
Award)

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cc to Prof. McIntyre