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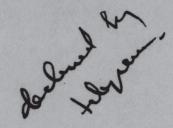
Smith College (Northampton, Massachusetts), 1953-1959.

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B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations

Rabbi Louis Ruchames, Ph. D., Director 13 Belmont Avenue Northampton, Mass.

Smith College University of Massachusetts Amherst College



November 27, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Cong. Tifereth Israel E. 105th St., and Ansel Rd. Cleveland 6, Chio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Each year the various religious organizations on the Smith College campus sponsor a Religious Forum. The topic this year will be "Search for Meaning." There will be an introductory address on Tuesday, February 2; following which, representatives of the three faiths will speak to the problem from their own standpoints. The Protestant spokesman will speak on Wednesday afternoon, February 3, and the Catholic, on Wednesday evening. The Jewish spokesman will speak on Thursday evening, February 4. "e should like to invite you to speak on behalf of Judaism. It will not be necessary for you to be present at the other addresses unless you should wish to do so, , but we would like to have you stay for informal discussion with the students afterxxxxxx your talk.

The college will provide an honorarium of \$100.00, and we shall be happy to take care of your transportation expenses. We also invite you to spend Thursday night as guest of the college in one of the college guest suites.

We hope that it will be possible for you to accept our invit we look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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=PLEASE TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU ACCEPT INVITATION TO SPEAK AT SMITH COLLEGE ON FEB 4TH LOUIS RUCHAMES DIRECTOR HILLEL FOUNDATION=

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RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION SMITH COLLEGE NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Carolyn Connors Tenney House Smith College Northampton, Mass.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope that this invitation will find you in a position to visarch Wesith College to share in the Connual Levigious Forum next February eighth, winth and tenth. The topic of this year & Borton is to be Church and State and it is quite natural that our minds turned to you. The proposed plan for the Forum is this: on one of the first two evenings we would ask you to discuss this topic in a lecture which would be followed by an informal discussion. The other of the first two evenings would be devoted to another lecture and discussion by a different person. and a third evening would be given over to an open conversation between you and the other speaker. An invitation to the second speaker is now being considered.

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The purpose of a Forum like this is at least partly apologetic. We would like to contribute something to people's understanding of the responsibility which religious groups have for the health and growth of society. Since there is already some interest in and discussion of this topic on our campus, it seemed well to capitalize on that interest in the Forum. You might be interested to know that a new course on Church and State is being offered jointly by several departments (including Government and Religion) in the second semester Author t year. Our hope in the Form would betto stress through a discussion of thurch and state the responsibility of Stactic religious individual and the religious community for bringing about a more just society. Thus, our concern will be less with the technical and legal aspects of the problem than with the principles of religious responsibility that we buld be called upon to observe.

I sincerely hope you are able to consider this proposal. If you found it possible to come, we would be happy to provide for your hospitality while you were here in Northampton and we have available for you an honorarium

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of two hundred dollars.

Knowing your long experience, I hope you will be able to share some of it with us at Smith College next February. We would count it a privilege indeed. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Carolyn E. Connors WRHS CARCHIVES E. Connors President Religious Association

October 21, 1959 Miss Carolyn E. Connors President Religious Association Smith College Tenney House Northampton, Massachusetts My dear Miss Connors: I greatly appreciate your gracious invitation to share in the National Religious Forum at Smith College next February. It would give me great pleasure, indeed, to accept your invitation. Unfortunately, my present plans call for my being out of the country during the months of January and February. Please have me in mind for some future time. With warmest regards, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm