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## Seneca County Schools

Samuel E. Martin, Superintendent  
TIFFIN, OHIO

December 13, 1939

Rabbi Silver  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As one interested in education for a democracy, I have viewed with alarm the treatment of Minority Groups in the Europe of today. I think teachers are increasingly believing that pupils should be educated for democracy.

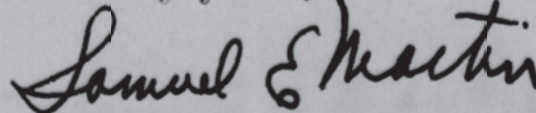
In consequence of my conviction and belief, I was interested very greatly in your topic for Sunday, December 9th, "The Weak in the Hands of the Strong." I should have liked to have heard your discussion and I know that I would have benefited from it. Since neither I nor my teachers could be present for your discussion, I thought that perhaps we could arrange to have you come to us.

We have in our county approximately 150 teachers teaching in 10 centralized high schools, 2 centralized grade schools and several 2 room and one room schools. In charge of the school program of these districts we have 90 members of the boards of education and clerks.

We are holding our annual teachers institute and board members meeting on Saturday, January 27, at Republic. We are planning to have a dinner speaker following our morning sessions to give us a talk, not on the traditional aspect of education, but on present day trends and developments in society. I am wondering if a discussion of Minority Problems and particularly how they may endanger a democracy, would not be both helpful and challenging. If you are free to come to address this meeting on January 27, at 12:30, we would indeed be pleased to have you.

I am sorry, however, that I do have to mention the matter of finances. Probably the total amount of money available for the entire meeting of the day is about \$40. This limits our opportunities greatly. However, we would be only too happy to have you come, if you could, to our meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel E. Martin,  
County Superintendent

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December 15, 1939

Mr. Samuel E. Martin, County Superintendent  
Seneca County Schools  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Martin:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation to address your annual teachers institute on Saturday, January 27. I would have been most happy to avail myself of the opportunity of addressing your teachers group. Unfortunately I am scheduled to be in the East on that day. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With best wishes, and again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Heidelberg College  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

December 15, 1941

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

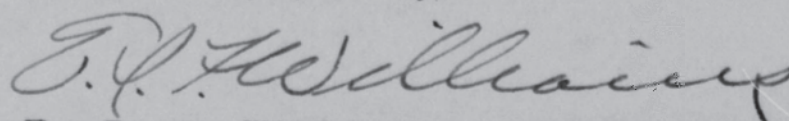
We are planning an Educational Conference at Heidelberg College under the general theme "Developing Responsibility in Pupils." Our Conference begins Friday evening, March 13 and closes Saturday afternoon, March 14.

I am writing you to invite you to speak on some topic related to the general theme of our Conference. Because of your other duties I presume you would prefer to speak on Friday evening if you are available. Dr. William C. Bagley, of New York City, Editor of School and Society, will speak on the Friday evening program.

We are somewhat limited in the honoraria which we can allow for this service because we make no registration charge to those who attend and the College conducts this Conference as an educational service to the State, especially in our area. Accordingly, in our budget we have set aside a flat sum of about \$40 for this purpose. Tiffin is easily reached from Cleveland, being about ninety miles. There are good auto roads and we usually drive the distance in about two hours. I hope that it will be possible for you to accept because I believe your message in these trying times will contribute much to help in giving direction in the thinking of our public schools.

This Conference is attended by the Seneca County Teachers Institute and by teachers, principals and superintendents from the State at large and particularly in our area. Our total registration at the Conference usually is about five hundred.

Very truly yours,



E. I. F. Williams  
Head, Department of Education

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December 22, 1941

Dr. E. I. F. Williams  
Head, Department of Education  
Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Williams:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address the Educational Conference at Heidelberg College on Friday evening, March 13. If I were free, I should have been delighted to accept your invitation. However, I am scheduled to be at Harvard University the entire week of March 8, and I am therefore unable to come to you. Perhaps I can be of service at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 23, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

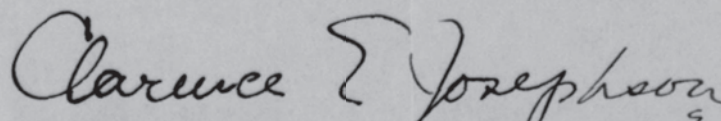
We have contracted our second semester in order to meet the war emergency and in doing so have changed our Commencement Day from June 8 to June 1. In doing so we have made unavailable to us the speaker intended for June 8.

I intended to have you as a commencement speaker, but I did not ask you because Professor Williams, head of our Department of Education, intended to ask you to speak at his Educational Conference in March. He now tells me that you were unavailable because of a conflict in dates. I am wondering if you are free on June 1.

Our honorarium for the commencement speaker is \$100.00 plus entertainment in Tiffin, but not including traveling expenses.

I hope that you can give me an affirmative answer and that we may definitely announce you as our commencement speaker.

Very sincerely yours,



Clarence E. Josephson  
President

CEJ:s

January 26, 1942

Dr. Clarence E. Josephson, President  
Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Josephson:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 23 and for your invitation to deliver the commencement day address at Heidelberg College on June 1. I appreciate your invitation and I shall be very pleased to be with you. Are the commencement exercises in the morning or in the evening?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 9, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Josephson has asked me to answer your letter of January 26 and to express his pleasure in your accepting the invitation to give Heidelberg College's commencement address. When you know definitely what the subject is, we should like it for the commencement program.

The commencement exercises begin at ten o'clock on the morning of June 1, the procession starting from our library at nine-thirty.

If you do not have academic costume, we will be glad to secure it for you. Please tell us too if you intend to come to Tiffin Sunday evening so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment over night.

Very truly yours,

*Eleanor Stibitz*  
Secretary

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 13, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wonder if you can give me the subject of your commencement address at Heidelberg on Monday, June 1.

If you will fill out the enclosed form, we shall make arrangements for any academic regalia which you lack, and for your entertainment while you are with us.

You will note from the form that while the commencement program starts at 10:00 a. m., you should if possible be at the Library by 9:30 a. m. in order to join in the academic procession.

We are looking forward with delight to having you with us on commencement day.

Very sincerely yours,

*Clarence E. Josephson*  
Clarence E. Josephson  
President

CEJ:s  
Enc.

# HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

TIFFIN, OHIO

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Tiffin, Ohio:

May 13, 1942

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi Silver,

We have not heard rather or not you are still in England. We assume that you are back, but we would like to have the details of your return for our school paper, and also some publicity material such as what work you accomplished in England and a mat or two if you have them

Or if this is being read by some other member of The Temple, will you please send to us information about Rabbi Silver's whereabouts, together with information as to the possible time and means of his return.

Thank you,

*Charles Baker*

Charles Editor  
Kilikilik editor

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May 18, 1942

Dr. Clarence E. Josephson, President  
Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Josephson:

The subject of my address at  
Heidelberg College on June 1 will be  
THINGS PERMANENT IN A CHANGING WORLD.

Connections from here to Tiffin are  
not good. I shall have to leave Cleveland  
Sunday evening at six o'clock arriving in  
Fostoria at 8:27 p.m. Would it be possible  
for someone to meet me there and take me to  
Tiffin? I would appreciate it if you would  
make hotel reservations for me.

Looking forward with pleasure to my  
visit, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 19, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of May 18 giving us the subject of your commencement address.

We shall meet the train at Fostoria on Sunday evening, May 31, and have made a hotel reservation for you at the Shawhan Hotel, leading hotel of the city.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence E. Josephson*  
Clarence E. Josephson  
President

CEJ:s

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE  
TIFFIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 9, 1942

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

The dean of our college, who is also head of our English department, has asked me whether you have a manuscript of the address you made at our commencement last Monday.

He is particularly interested in the first part of the address which you devoted to a development of the meaning and nature of character. He happens to be very much interested in the subject in connection with his study of English literature and said that it would help him very much if he had an exact copy of your remarks.

I told him that I doubted whether you spoke from manuscript, but that you might have that part of your address in such form that you could send it to him.

Everyone who spoke to me about our commencement spoke about the commencement address. All seemed to find it most interesting and profitable.

Very sincerely yours,

*Clarence E. Josephson*  
Clarence E. Josephson  
President

CEJ:s

June 17, 1942

Mr. E. B. Butcher  
Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Butcher:

Permit me to thank you for the  
photographs which you sent me, taken at  
the Commencement Exercises at Heidelberg.  
They are very lovely and I appreciate  
your kindness in sending me copies.

With all good wishes, I  
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



HEIDELBERG COLLEGE, TIFFIN, OHIO

Please accept with  
our compliments.

E. M. Butler

Publicity

June 17, 1942

Dr. Clarence E. Josephson, President  
Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Josephson:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 9. Part of the Commencement Address which concerned itself with the permanent values in character was taken from a lecture which I delivered within the year and which was published in the Christian Century Pulpit, August, 1941. Under separate cover I am sending you the printed address.

I enjoyed my visit to Heidelberg tremendously, and I derived especial pleasure from the opportunity which the visit afforded me to get to know you. I wish you every success in the splendid work which you are doing. With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Josephson, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK