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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
S. VERNON McCASLAND  
JOHN B. CARY MEMORIAL PROFESSOR OF RELIGION  
913 OLD FARM ROAD  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

15 January 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

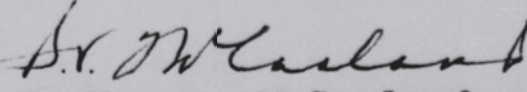
On behalf of the Committee on Public Occasions I have the honor to invite you to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the University of Virginia on Sunday, June 14, 1959. For your information I enclose a copy of the Baccalaureate service of 1958.

The honorarium for this service is \$200.00. In addition we will pay for your transportation and also for your local entertainment while you are here.

It is our custom at the University of Virginia to invite different denominational preachers for our Baccalaureate service in rotation approximately on the basis of the enrollment of students of their particular denominations. Our last Jewish preacher was Rabbi Morris Lazaron.

I hope very much that you will find it possible to accept our invitation. In case you are able to accept, we shall then take up the matter of setting up the details of the service.

Sincerely yours,

  
S. Vernon McCasland  
for the Committee on  
Public Occasions



January 19, 1959

Mr. S. Vernon McCasland  
University of Virginia  
913 Old Farm Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. McCasland:

Dr. Silver is out of the country and will not return until the middle of February. I shall place your letter of January 15th before him upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Lee Goldstein  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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February 20, 1959

Dr. S. Vernon McCasland  
University of Virginia  
913 Old Farm Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. McCasland:

I have just returned from abroad and I hasten to reply to your kind letter of January 15th in which you invite me to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the University of Virginia on Sunday, June 14, 1959. I deeply appreciate the honor of the invitation and I shall be very happy to be with you on that date. I am assuming, of course, in the meantime that you have not made other arrangements.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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26 February 1959

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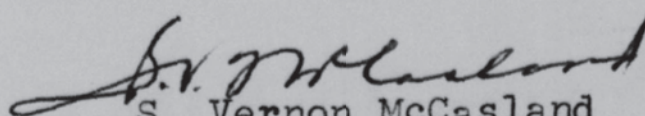
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am glad to have your acceptance of our invitation to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the University of Virginia at eleven o'clock, Sunday, June 14th, 1959. Rabbi Bernard M. Honan of our Hillel Foundation and the local Jewish congregation, has kindly consented to be your assistant in this service.

I am enclosing a copy of our Baccalaureate service program of 1958 with revisions indicating approximately how the service will be set up this year. I should be grateful if you would send me the scripture which you would like read and also the title of your sermon. I shall then proceed, in collaboration with Rabbi Honan, to set up the complete program as soon as we can get it printed. I should appreciate it if you would let me have this information soon.

With our best thanks for your willingness to come and lead us in this service, I am,

Sincerely,

  
S. Vernon McCasland  
For the Committee  
on Public Occasions

Enclosure

cc to Rabbi Bernard M. Honan  
1824 University Circle  
Charlottesville, Virginia



March 30, 1959

Dr. S. Vernon McCasland  
University of Virginia  
913 Old Farm Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

My dear Dr. McCasland:

I have selected as the subject for my Baccalaureate sermon at the University of Virginia on June 14th "A GREAT AGE". For the Scripture lesson I would suggest "Leviticus" - Chapter 19.

Looking forward with pleasure to our meeting, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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## B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very pleased to learn of your gracious acceptance to be at the University on Sunday, June 14th, 1959.

I might state that this is the first time in many years that we have been represented, and in so able a fashion. This University has been noted for the calibre and stature of the speakers it attracts, and the addition of your name to the host of celebrities that have spoken here will add considerably to the prestige of our faith.

My wife, Roslyn, and I hope that you will avail yourself of our hospitality while you are in Charlottesville. I will certainly stand by to make whatever arrangements for your comfort and pleasure that you may request. Of course, we will consider it a singular mark of honor to have you as our house guest during your stay.

Your son Danny and I were colleagues in Japan, he at Yokosuka with the Navy, and I at Itazuke with the Air Force. We exchanged pulpits on one occasion and shared a service in common. It will be a pleasure to do the same with his father wherein he will speak at my base.

Please convey my kindest, personal regards to Danny.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Bernard M. Honan



# Zionist Organization of Chicago



220 SOUTH STATE STREET • CHICAGO 4, ILL.

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March 25, 1959

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Dear Dr. Silver:

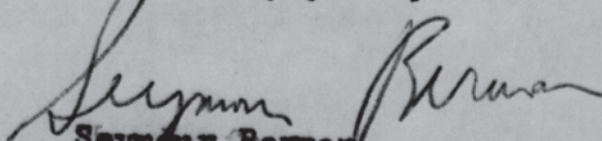
The Zionist Organization of Chicago is honoring Bernard Shulman, one of our most distinguished members at a Bonds for Israel Dinner which will be the culminating event of our annual conference on Sunday, June 14, 1959. Mr. Shulman has been one of our most dedicated workers and as you know, is considered one of our most beloved citizens, of this city. He has never before in his long and devoted years of service to Jewish causes permitted his name to be used for any function that would in any way be construed as honoring him for his many charities and good works.

However, as president of this region, I have been able to persuade him that this would be in truth an occasion of great honor not particularly to him but to our organization which he has so nobly served. Perhaps a little through persistence and a great deal through personal friendship, I have been able to secure his consent.

I know that this evening would be an unforgettable one for both Mr. Shulman and his family if you could find the opportunity to appear as our guest speaker. We presume that this approach could be done much more diplomatically through the Bond organization or through other sources, but we prefer to invite you as one Zionist to another. Many names could be suggested to us as guest speakers for the evening but no one could bring to us the full glory and impact of a typical Zionist evening than you could.

We would consider it a great honor if you could accept. I need not tell you what stature it would give us if you were here on June 14 and how terrific the impact would be on the sale of bonds. We hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Please accept the best wishes and warmest greetings from all the Zionists in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

  
Seymour Berman  
President

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March 27, 1959

Rabbi Bernard M. Honan  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
University of Virginia  
1824 University Circle  
Charlottesville, Virginia

My dear Rabbi Honan:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 19th. I shall look forward with pleasure to my visit to the University of Virginia. I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to enjoy the hospitality of your home during my visit to Charlottesville. If this is the practice for visiting ministers at the University, I shall of course be delighted to be your house guest. There are times when a University puts at the disposal of its visiting speakers a room on the campus. I would not wish to go contrary to the accepted custom.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm



March 27, 1959

Mr. Seymour Berman  
President  
Zionist Organization  
of Chicago  
220 South State Street  
Chicago 4, Illinois

My dear Mr. Berman:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to attend your annual conference on Sunday, June 14th, at which time the Zionist Organization of Chicago plans to honor Mr. Bernard Shulman. I wish I were free to come but I accepted some time ago an invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address at the University of Virginia on June 14th. Please convey to Mr. Shulman my warmest greetings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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6 April 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

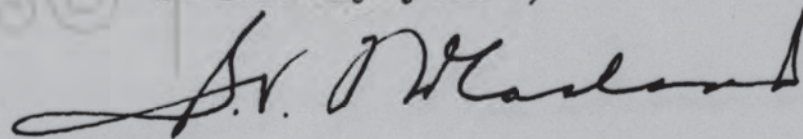
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of March 30th, giving the subject of your baccalaureate sermon on June 14th as "A Great Age," and the Scripture lesson as Leviticus 19.

Thank you very much for this kindness. We shall proceed now to set up the program for the occasion, and will provide you with a copy as soon as it is ready.

I shall also be glad to make reservation in a hotel for you if you will let me know what time you expect to be here and what kind of reservation you will require.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. V. McCasland', written in a cursive style.

S. Vernon McCasland





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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please excuse what must seem like an inordinately long delay in answering your letter of March 27th. Suffice it to say that the delay was unintentional, but also unavoidable.

I have been in consultation with Prof. S. V. McCasland of the Department of Religion here at the University. In delineating the University's customary policy with regard to guest speakers, we came to the understanding that a) I would meet you upon arrival, b) the University would provide housing at the Thomas Jefferson Inn for the entire length of your stay (This is the most attractive local housing in Charlottesville), c) the University would provide a luncheon in your honor, d) the balance of arrangements with regard to your time, interests, and energies would be left to be worked out by us. I will, of course, be most happy to have you join us for meals and would consider it an honor if you would permit me to take you wherever you wish to go from the time of your arrival through the time of your departure.

I would very much appreciate it if you would give me an idea of how and when you intend to arrive. It may aid you in your planning to know that Charlottesville is serviced by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad going east and west. If, however, you find that the time schedule out of Cleveland via rail is inconvenient, then any line going into Washington will do. At Washington you would change to the Southern Railway which services Charlottesville going north and south.



May 19, 1959

A second means of transportation (which I personally find preferable) is by air. Charlottesville is serviced exclusively by Piedmont Airlines which provides Turbo-Jet service from Washington.

I am certain that if you have not already received a copy of the program, that you will have it in your hands within the next few days. As of this past Friday, they were still in the hands of the printer. I trust that you will find everything in good order. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest personal regards to both Dan and yourself, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard M. Honan*  
Rabbi Bernard M. Honan

P.S.

Will you be coming alone or will some member of your family be accompanying you?

P.P.S.

A gentle suggestion: Since your arrival will correspond to a general graduation weekend, it is highly likely that transportation in and out of Charlottesville will be heavily taxed. It would be most advisable to plan reservations for departure at your discretion and pleasure as soon as possible lest you be engulfed by the snarl of the general exodus which accompanies graduation itself. Final Day, the day of issuance of diplomas and closing of school affairs generally, is Monday, the day following the Baccalaureate Service. Of course, if you wish to do so, you may use this day to go sight-seeing in the vicinity and thus avoid the general rush. This, however, is entirely up to you. My time during this period is completely at your disposal.



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25 May 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

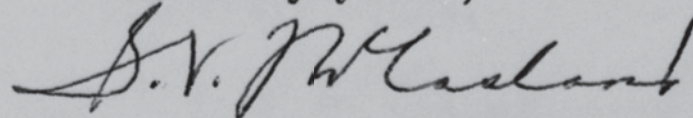
Enclosed is a copy of the order of service for our Baccalaureate Service on June 14th. This will show you how the service will be set up. The only thing that you will be expected to do is to preach the sermon. It is customary for the faculty to march in procession in their academic robes, so you should bring your own equipment.

We have made a reservation for you at the Thomas Jefferson Inn for Saturday night, June 13th. If you will let me know the time of your arrival at Charlottesville, and whether by train or plane, we shall be happy to meet you and take you to the inn. Rabbi Honan, who will assist you in the service, has asked for the privilege of meeting you on our behalf. When I know the facts of your arrival I shall inform Rabbi Honan.

Our committee is also setting up a small luncheon for you at one o'clock, after the service. This will be your only formal engagement with us.

We are anticipating your coming with much pleasure.

Sincerely yours,



S. Vernon McCasland  
For the Committee on  
Public Occasions

Enclosure



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH RECTORY  
120 CHANCELLOR STREET  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

June 3rd, 1959.

My dear Friend:

It is good news that you are to be here for the service on June 14th and I hope to be here for it. My problem is that my younger daughter, Jeanie, is graduating from her prep school in New Hope, Pa. on the 13th. We hope to get back here late Saturday or early Sunday for Jan and I are very anxious to see you again.

Sincerely

Idd Evans



[1959]

Mrs. Harold Manshel  
40 Clonavor Road  
West Orange, New Jersey

Sent 3 copies  
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June 17th

Dear Rabbi,

My son graduated last  
week from the University  
of Virginia.

We enjoyed your speech  
at baccalaureate immensely.

Is it possible to obtain  
copies of same? If so, I  
have requests for three (3).



You may mail them  
directly to me.

Thank you very kindly,  
Yours truly,

Helen Marshall

(Mrs. Harold Marshall)

P.S.

We are members of Temple B'nai  
Jeshurun,  
Newark, N. J. Rabbi Eli Polchuk,  
Our son is Roger, who was <sup>pulpit</sup>  
very active at Occanomonas.

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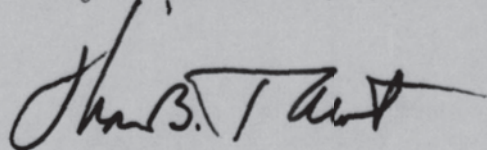
Dear Dr. Silver:

I was privileged to hear your address at the Commencement exercises in Charlottesville, Virginia, a week ago last Sunday. I took notes but find that the development of your three main points eludes me. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me a copy of it.

My nephew was a graduate of the class and he tells me of the tremendous impact that you made upon these young men.

Rabbi Selwyn Russlander, this City, is a friend of mine and he has given me your Cleveland address. I hope this request is not too much of an intrusion upon your busy schedule.

Very sincerely yours,



Thomas B. Talbot

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*Sent copy of address  
6/29/59  
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