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WELLS COLLEGE  
AURORA-ON-CAYUGA. NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 14, 1948

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

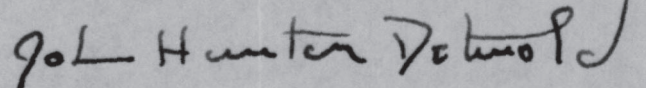
Dear Dr. Silver:

We would like you to speak at our Vesper Service, at seven o'clock on Sunday evening, March 27, 1949, and to participate with the students in the informal discussion which follows. The honorarium is seventy-five dollars.

I hope that the date is a convenient one for you and that we can look forward to having you with us at that time. If March 27 is impossible, will you tell me when you may be free to visit us, in case the schedule now set up has to be changed and another date becomes available?

Until December 1 last, I was at Cornell for nine years, serving as head usher at Sage Chapel and "minister-meeter." Hence I remember you well, and warmly, and have good reason to hope that you will be able to visit Wells.

Very sincerely yours,



John Hunter Detmold  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

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WELLS COLLEGE  
AURORA-ON-CAYUGA. NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 29, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wrote to you earlier this month, asking if you would be able to conduct a Vesper Service for us on March 27, 1949. I fear that either my letter to you or yours in return has been lost in the mail, and I am therefore sending this check-up note.

Should March 27 be impossible for you, will you tell me when you may be free to speak at one of our Vesper Services? The schedule now set up may have to be changed and another date might become available. The honorarium is seventy-five dollars, and we are hoping to see you next spring.

Very sincerely yours,

*John Hunter Detmold*

John Hunter Detmold  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

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June 30, 1948

Mr. John Hunter Detmold  
Wells College  
Aurora-on-Cayuga, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Detmold:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been traveling about and my correspondence has lagged.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to speak at your Vesper Service on March 27, 1949. I would have been most happy to accept it. Unfortunately, I am unable to commit myself to a date this far ahead. I have been out of the country a good deal in the last few years, and may again be in the spring of 1949. Please keep me in mind for some future time, when my duties in connection with the Zionist movement will be less onerous - that is to say, when the political situation in Palestine has become more normal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WELLS COLLEGE  
AURORA-ON-CAYUGA, NEW YORK

July 2, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was glad to have your cordial letter of June 30, but sorry to hear that you will not be able to come to Wells College next year.

I understand, of course, that most of your time is taken up with a cause vital to all mankind. I have been following your role in this drama with the utmost admiration. I will ask you again to come to Wells College when the Palestine situation has been happily settled, and will look forward with you to that day.

Very sincerely yours,

*John Hunter Detmold*

John Hunter Detmold  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

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Wells College  
AURORA, NEW YORK

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THE PRESIDENT

June 16, 1949

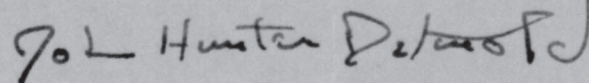
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We would like you to speak at our Vesper Service Sunday evening, February 26, 1950, at seven o'clock, and to participate with the students in the informal discussion which follows. The honorarium is seventy-five dollars.

Should you have other plans for the evening of February 26, will you tell me when you may be free to visit us, in case the schedule now set up has to be changed and another date becomes available? I hope we will be more successful in bringing you to Wells next year than we were in 1948. I remember you well from your visits to Sage Chapel at Cornell University, and would very much like to see you again.

Very sincerely yours,



John Hunter Detmold  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

JHD:vvb



June 27, 1949

Dr. John Hunter Detmold  
Wells College  
Aurora, New York

My dear Dr. Detmold:

It would indeed give me great pleasure to speak at your Vesper Service on Sunday evening, February 26th, and I am deeply grateful for your gracious invitation. However, this is the Centennial year of The Temple and the congregation has planned many important activities for the year, most of which will be held on Sunday evening. As you know, I have been away from Cleveland a good deal during the past few years and I feel that I must devote myself to my congregation during this Centennial year. I must, therefore, decline your invitation. I hope that at some future date I may be free to come to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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