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Wellsville, Ohio, 1929-1930.

Feb. 18th, 1929.

Mr. S. E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver  
permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of February 14th.

Rabbi Silver is at present on  
the Pacific Coast and will be gone the entire  
month of February. Immediately upon his return  
I shall present your letter to him for his atten-  
tion.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

February 21, 1929.

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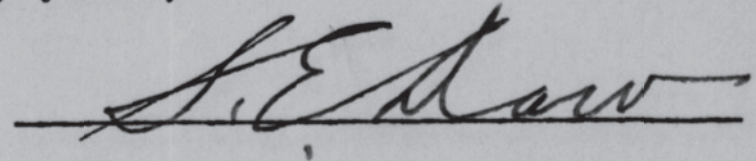
Miss Irene Rothenberg  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Rothenberg:

I have your letter stating that Rabbi Silver is on the Pacific Coast and will not return until the end of February. It will not be possible for me to wait until that time to learn whether he might be available as speaker for our annual commencement of May 29th or 31st. I am wondering whether or not you might communicate with him and learn whether he would be willing to come on one of these dates. Should he be willing to come, I should like to know his terms. If you are willing to communicate with him, I shall await his decision; otherwise, I think I had better make some other selection.

Hoping to learn your decision in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. E. Daw', is written over a horizontal line.

Feb. 22d, 1929.

Mr. S. E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of February 21st.

I am very sorry that it is  
impossible for me to communicate with Rabbi Silver  
as he has left the Pacific Coast for home. He  
will be back in Cleveland on Wednesday, February  
27th. Should you desire me to take the matter up  
with him at that time, I will be very pleased  
to do so.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

card

Feb. 25th, 1929.

Mr. S. E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

Pursuant to my letter of February 22d, permit me to advise that it will not be possible for Rabbi Silver to deliver your High School Commencement address on May 29th or 31st. Having been away from the Temple so much this season, he feels that he cannot accept any more engagements ~~this season~~. Perhaps at some other time, he may be able to come to you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

February 14, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

I am trying to secure some one to give us a fine inspirational address for our annual high school commencement to be held either on May 29th or 31st.

After hearing you speak before the Ohio State Teachers Association in Columbus, I wondered whether I might be so fortunate as to have you for a commencement address. If it would be possible for you to come on either of the above dates, will you please communicate with me at your earliest convenience and state your terms. Wellsville is easily reached from Cleveland either by rail or bus.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. E. Daw

WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

November 25, 1929.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Since hearing your lecture before the State Teachers' Association at Columbus, I have been anxious to secure you for one of my annual high school addresses. The tentative date for the 1930 commencement has been fixed for Monday, May 26th. I do not know your customary price for addresses of this kind but my Board of Education usually allows me about seventy-five dollars for the commencement address. Wellsville is easily reached from Cleveland over the C. and P. division of the Pennsylvania lines or by automobile so that little time would be lost in transit.

I shall be pleased to learn whether it would be possible for you to serve us and to have your terms.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

Seward E. Daw

*card*

Dec. 10th, 1929.

Mr. Seward E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

Please pardon the long delay in  
answering your kind letter of November 25th. I have been  
out of the city a good deal of the time.

I shall be very happy to be with you  
on Monday evening, May 26th to address the Annual Graduation  
Exercises of your High School.

My customary honorarium is \$250. I  
realize the limitations under which you find yourselves  
and I will leave the determination of the honorarium  
entirely to you.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

January 8, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge your very kind letter in which you state you would be pleased to come to us on Monday, May 26th, for our annual class address. I have waited to have the approval of the Board of Education concerning the date and final arrangements and am pleased to inform you that they are not only unanimous in extending you an invitation to make this address but have expressed their pleasure at your willingness to serve us. I am sorry I can offer you but \$75 but this seems to be the limit allowed for the speaker. Will you kindly confirm this engagement at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,

S. E. Daw

Jan. 13th, 1930

Mr. S. E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of  
of your letter of Jan. 8th addressed to Rabbi Silver,  
and to advise you that Rabbi Silver has definitely set  
aside the date of May 26th for his address before your  
Graduation Class.

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With kindest regards, permit me to

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

March 14th, 1930

Mr. Seward E. Daw,  
Superintendent Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

I feel very much embarrassed  
in being compelled to write to you on the following matter.

I have a long standing engagement  
to address the graduating class of your High School on  
Monday evening, May 26th. Last week the Board of my Temple  
met and voted to celebrate the Eightieth Anniversary of our  
Temple with a religious service on Sunday morning, May 25th  
and an anniversary banquet on Monday evening, the 26th.  
Clearly I must fall in with their plans. I dislike very  
much to cancel a date at this late hour, but you will under-  
stand that my congregational duties must take precedence over  
any other lecture engagements of mine out of the city.  
Should you find it possible to hold your graduating ex-  
ercises on the 27th, 28th or 29th of May I should be most  
happy to come.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

March 17, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your communication of March 14th, relative to a change in our commencement date from May 26th to one of the three dates following.

Had your communication arrived a few days later, our arrangements would have been so far advanced that it would not have been possible to make the change but under the present circumstances we are changing the date to Tuesday evening, May 27th.

I shall be pleased to have you confirm this arrangement at your very earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Seward E. Daw

*Carol*

March 18th, 1930

Mr. Seward E. Daw,  
Wellsville Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of March 17th.

The date of Tuesday evening, May  
27th is satisfactory to me.

With kindest regards and looking  
forward with pleasure to our meeting, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

S. E. DAW. SUPERINTENDENT

WELLSVILLE, OHIO

April 25, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are making final preparations for our annual commencement program and I shall greatly appreciate having the subject of your address for that occasion. I have had a few inquiries, concerning your visit here, from out-of-town people and I wish to give them the proper information concerning our commencement through the newspapers.

The chairman of the Program Committee of the local Kiwanis Club would like to have you give a short talk before the club at a 6:30 dinner. As this is but a short time before your address, to be given at the high school auditorium, I am not urging that you do so but simply placing the request before you. You may use your own pleasure about the matter.

For your convenience, I am giving you again the date and the hour. Commencement will be held at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 27th, at the high school auditorium. I shall be pleased to give you any further information and to do anything I can to add to the comforts of your visit.

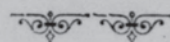
Very truly yours,

Seward E. Daw

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WELLSVILLE, OHIO

May First

1930

C. J. BERG, GENERAL MANAGER

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is with much pleasure that Wellsville receives the announcement that you have decided to give the address for the Wellsville High School commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 27.

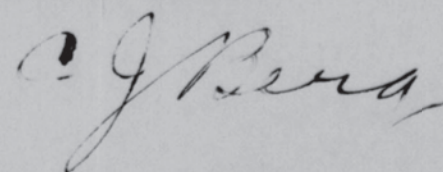
The Wellsville Union would appreciate an advance copy of your address, and also a cut or a mat of yourself. The cut will be returned if so requested.

Thanking you for any courtesy you may extend, we remain

Cordially yours,

THE WELLSVILLE UNION

BY



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sent 5/2/30  
JR.

May 24, 1930

Mr. C. J. Berg,  
Union Printing Co.,  
The Wellsville Union,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Berg:-

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of Rabbi Silver in accordance with your request of May 1st. After same has served your purpose will you kindly return it to us?

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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WELLSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
S. E. DAW, SUPERINTENDENT  
WELLSVILLE, OHIO

May 10, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Within the next few days it will be necessary for us to send our program for the annual commencement of May 27th to the printer. I should like very much to have the subject of your address before printing our programs and also to have a newspaper cut or mat of yourself to use in the daily papers.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Seward E. Daw*  
"How Shall We Measure Life"

May 12th, 1930

Mr. Seward E. Daw,  
Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:

Permit me to acknowledge  
receipt of your letter of May 10th addressed to  
Rabbi Silver.

The subject of Rabbi Silver's  
address will be: "How Shall We Measure Life?"

I am enclosing herewith  
a photograph of Rabbi Silver in accordance with your  
request. May I ask that as soon as it has served  
your purpose, that you return it to us?

permit me to remain

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

May 13th, 1930

Mr. Seward E. Daw,  
Superintendent Public Schools,  
Wellsville, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Daw:-

In reply to your letter  
of April 25th permit me to say that I would prefer  
not to address any other organization prior to  
the High School Commencement address.

I have been going at a  
terrific pace the last few months and I must  
conserve my health. I find that traveling to a  
community and speaking once is quite all that I  
can do.

With kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IE

# THE REVIEW

EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO

May 15th. 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would appreciate very much to receive about  
400 or 500 words of your address to be delivered  
at the Wellsville High School Commencement,  
Tuesday night, May twenty-seventh.

Trusting to receive same from you, as we desire  
it for publication, we are

Very truly yours,

EAST LIVERPOOL REVIEW.

*Alex Sweeney.*  
Editorial Dept.

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May 21st, 1930

Mr. Alex Sweeney,  
Editorial Department,  
The Review,  
East Liverpool, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sweeney:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of May 15th addressed to Rabbi Silver.

I am enclosing herewith a short  
abstract of the address "How Shall We Measure Life?" This  
is the address which will be delivered by Rabbi Silver on  
Tuesday night, May 27th at the Wellsville High School  
Commencement. Please do not publish it before the address  
is delivered to the class.

With kindest regards, permit me  
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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I.K.S.

Dear Rabbi -

At a meeting of the  
Board of the Eoff St. Temple  
Sisterhood it was a unani-  
mous desire of those present  
that a very cordial invitation

be extended to you -  
to accept a place  
in our lecture course  
this season - and  
deliver your much  
talked of lecture on  
"Hodsworth". Any  
time that is convenient  
to you will be accept-  
able to us.

As we are desirous  
of building our course  
around your lecture,  
we would appreciate  
your settling the  
time as promptly as  
you can - if it is at  
all possible for you  
to be with us.

Very kindest  
personal regards to  
you and Virginia  
(Baby, too)

Sincerely,

Luna K. Sounborn.

Pres.

Mrs Herbert

3 Laurel Ave

