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Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio), 1926-1952.

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Office of the Secretary:
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December 7, 1926

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to express my most cordial appreciation of the truly universal note which you sounded in your impressive address on the World Unity Conference platform at Western Reserve Chapel on November 28th.

All the friends of these conferences are very grateful for your cooperation and it is our hope that the meetings at Cleveland, as well as in other cities, will result in a more generally widespread and deeper realization of the fact that the world's problems today can only be solved through spiritual means.

Very truly yours,

Horace Holley

"This is a new cycle
of human power . . .
It is the hour of unity
of the sons of men and
of the drawing to-
gether of all races
and all classes."

—'ABDU'L-BAHÁ

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

September 20, 1927.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

While required chapel is being given up in many of our American colleges, it is being maintained at Adelbert, and is not only acquiesced in but by a great many of our students is appreciated as making a substantial contribution to their education. This is largely due to the fact that outside speakers, including some of Cleveland's most distinguished professional and business men and women, have graciously accepted invitations to make ten minute addresses to the students. I am writing to ask that you permit us to put you upon the list of those whom we may invite to render this important service this year.

It is an important service from several points of view. It is the students' one opportunity of general assembly when the whole body can be addressed. It brings before them some of our best exemplars of the art of public speaking. Even in so brief a time it is possible to drop seeds into the fertile minds of coming leaders that may bear rich fruitage. It brings before them personalities who exemplify the ideals that we are trying to hold before them, -- all these things in addition to the religious values of bringing them under the influence of a beautiful chapel and lifting their thoughts to God in prayer and song.

The speakers are free to choose their own subjects. Ordinarily they talk on some phase of their own profession or business. The life plans of our young men are varied, and a speaker representing almost any field of human interest will find some especially interested in that field. Whatever you have to contribute towards the general purpose of developing intelligent, high-minded and generally efficient citizens will be welcomed and highly appreciated.

In this request our President, Doctor Winson, very heartily concurs. The chapel service is at 9:10 a.m. and takes but twenty minutes.

Will you not favor us with a prompt reply, telling us that we may call upon you at least once during the current academic year?

Appreciating other generous expressions of your interest in the work of our city's university and hoping for your cooperation in this, I am,

With great esteem,

Very cordially yours,

J. S. McWilliams

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September 28, 1927.

Dr. T. S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:

Permit me to thank you for
your kind letter inviting me to address
the students of Western Reserve University
at Chapel Service some time during the
current academic year.

I shall, of course, be very
happy to do so. I would request, however,
that you call upon me some time later in
the season. The next two months will be
exceedingly crowded ones for me.

With kindest regards and
thanking you for your kind invitation,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 30, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

As in past years, we hope this year to have a distinguished rabbi address the class in Comparative Religions as the culmination of our study of Judaism. This year I wanted the invitation to come not merely from me, but from the class, so I left them quite free to nominate the speaker. Several names were mentioned, but, after a little discussion, the class quite un-animously and heartily decided to ask you.

I am, therefore, writing to ask if you would be gracious enough to come to us again on Wednesday afternoon, February fifteenth. If your engagements make it impossible for you to come to us on that date, we could shift it to the eighth or the twenty-ninth. The twenty-second would be Washington's birthday.

Thanking you for your distinguished service in the past, and hoping that you may find it possible to favor us again, I am with all good wishes for the New Year,

Very cordially yours,

T. S. McWilliams

TSM:H

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Card ✓

January 4th, 1928.

Dr. T. W. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:-

I appreciate very much your
courtesy in inviting me a second time to address your
class in Comparative Religions.

I shall be very happy to come to
you on Wednesday, February 29th. A Temple meeting on
February 15th makes it impossible for me to come on
that day.

I recall that I spoke to the students
last year on "Prophetic Judaism", I wonder whether
they would be interested in a discussion of:-

1. "The Contribution of Judaism to Christianity and Islam."
2. "The Role of Israel in the Middle Ages."

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

JAMES ELBERT CUTLER, PH. D., DEAN

THE TRAINING COURSE IN CHILD WELFARE

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OFFICES: 2117 ADELBERT ROAD, CLEVELAND, OHIO

January 17, 1929.

Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.,
Rabbi, The Temple,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are repeating this year the course in Immigrant Backgrounds with special emphasis on the cultural factors that enter into the immigrant's adjustment. I am wondering if you will be kind enough to again give us some time, as you did last year. The date we would like is Tuesday, February 5, at 10:30, and I believe a talk along the same lines as last year would be quite helpful. You will be the first lecturer in the course and I hope you will stress what it means in the enrichment and ennobling of one's own life to have an understanding of others. Will you kindly let me know if this date is possible for you? With all good wishes.

Yours most sincerely,

Mabel Mattingly
(Mrs.) Mabel H. Mattingly,
Instructor in Child Welfare.

MMH:W

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Jan. 18th, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel Mattingly,
Western Reserve University,
2117 Adelbert Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Mattingly:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 17th. I would most gladly have availed myself of your invitation to address your student body on "Immigrant Backgrounds" on February fifth but I am leaving Cleveland on February fourth and shall be gone the whole month on the Pacific Coast.

Should you have need of my services at some future time please feel free to call upon me.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

1832 Roseman R.
E. Cleveland,
Apr. 21st, '29.

Rabbi A. H. Reim, D.D.
My Dear Rabbi Reim

It is the earnest
wish of the Committee
in charge of the
College Assembly of
the College for Women
a Committee made
up of both Faculty

and Parents, that you
should address the
Assembly in the very
near future. Could
you come on either
the 1st or the 5th of May?
These are Wednesdays.
The hour is eleven to
eleven-twenty A.M.;
and the place the
Lakewood Chapel.
The train that comes

be allowed for your address
would be about 12 minutes.
Any subject whatever that you
would think fitting would be
agreeable to us. As you
may know, the Students of them-
selves have asked for this
Assembly, and take a very
active part in carrying it
on. An early reply to this

invitation will keep us in plan-
ing for the coming month.

Yours most sincerely,

Howell M. Hayden.

card ✓

April 23d, 1929.

Mr. Howell M. Hayden,
1832 Rosemont Rd.,
E. Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hayden:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of April 21st and for the invitation which you extend to me to speak at the assembly of the College for Women. I shall be pleased to be with you on Wednesday, May 8th at 11:00 a. m.

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

Very sincerely yours,

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Collyer for Women

Apr. 24th, 29.

My Dear Rabbi Silver

We are so glad

that you can come

to us on May 5th -

We shall expect you

just before 11 - Am.

With cordial return

of your greeting,

Sincerely,

Howell M. Hayden

Card

Oct. 15th, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel Mattingly,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Mattingly:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of October 12th and for the invitation which
you extend to me to address your student body on Nov. 14th.
Unfortunately I shall be in Louisville on that day.

I shall be quite busy during the
next two months with out of town lecture engagements.
Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Sept. 11th, 1930

Miss Helen M. Walker,
School of Applied Social Sciences,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Walker:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Sept. 10th and for the invitation which you extend to me to speak to your students on Friday, Sept. 26th.

I wish I could see my way clear to comply with your request. Unfortunately the whole month of September and the first half of October, which is our holiday season, is the busiest time of the year. It is filled with services, for which I must prepare, sermons and addresses. Furthermore our Religious School begins work at this time and I must devote considerable thought to it. I can not therefore undertake any lecture engagements at this time.

Should you want my services later in the year, say during the winter or spring months, I shall be most happy to give them to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO
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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
522 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING

October 8th, 1930

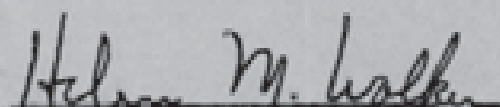
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were, of course, very sorry you were unable to speak to our students in September, but understand the pressure of your own work during this part of the year. It may be possible for us to get a little more time for lecture work in the end, and if so, I shall get in touch with you about it.

I appreciate your interest and willingness to work with us.

Very sincerely yours,


(Miss Helen M. Walker)

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Jan 24

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Tuesday

COURSE IN GROUP WORK
W. I. NEWSTETER, DIRECTOR
H. M. EVSEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
CLARA A. KAISER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
IDA LEVIN, INSTRUCTOR
ANNA S. SMITHSON, INSTRUCTOR
FRANK J. BRALAK, INSTRUCTOR

Saturday Jan 24-31.

My dear Dr. Silva,

I'm in line with telephone conversations this morning I am writing on behalf of Joel + myself to ask you to present the subject of unemployment insurance to the Fairmount Married Peoples group at our dinner meeting, ~~Monday~~ ^{Tuesday} evening February 10 - at 6³⁰ PM. You would be free to leave immediately after your presentation which would take place at the dinner table-free by 8 I should say.

We should be happy to have Mrs. Silva accompany you if convenient.

This is a live group of 80 or more couples. We do hope you can be with us.

Sincerely yours.

W. I. Newsteter

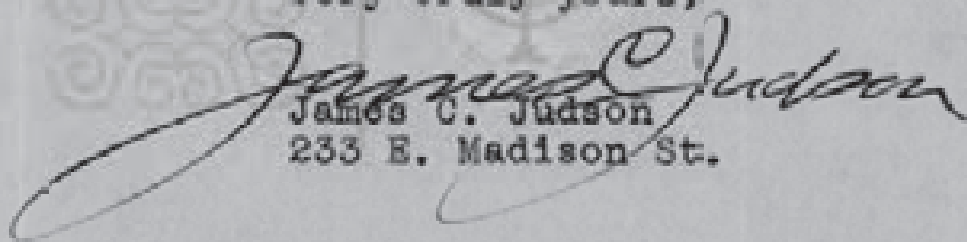
Sandusky, Ohio.
February 6, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

May we express our sincere appreciation for your prompt and courteous reply to our invitation, even though you find it impossible to be with us as we had hoped. Perhaps at some future time you will find it possible to be our guest and speaker of the evening.

Very truly yours,


James C. Judson
233 E. Madison St.

JCJ:EB

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 5, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road,
Cleveland

My dear Rabbi:

If it suits your convenience we would be delighted to have you address our class in Comparative Religions on Judaism next Wednesday, March 11, at eleven o'clock. We are anticipating great pleasure and profit in hearing you again. Of course this is a different class from the one you addressed before, so that you need have no compunction about repeating what you have already said.

Again thanking you for your great kindness in consenting to render us this service and with cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

T. S. McWilliams

TSMcW:g

T. S. McWilliams

Card

March 6th, 1931

Dr. T. S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:-

I should like to come to address your class on March 11th but I have a furiously busy week this coming week and I should much prefer to come a little later on, say Tuesday, March 24th.

If that date is a convenient one for you, please let me know. If not, suggest another date.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

ROBERT ERNEST VINSON
PRESIDENT

March 12, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The University Faculty at its annual meeting yesterday afternoon unanimously and very heartily voted to ask you to preach the Commencement Sermon to the graduating class of 1931. The exercises will be held in Severance Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, June 14th, at four o'clock. We shall be able not only to promise you a very large and interested audience, but also the opportunity of delivering the first formal address under the University auspices in Severance Hall.

Needless to say, I myself am in hearty sympathy with the Faculty action in this matter and personally would like very much to have you accept its invitation.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Vinson

card ✓

March 13th, 1931

Dr. Robert E. Vinson,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Vinson:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of March 12th and for the invitation which you extend
to me to deliver the Commencement sermon to the graduating
class of 1931.

I feel highly honored in having been chosen
for this important occasion and I am very pleased to accept
the invitation.

Trusting that you are well and with kindest
regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 14, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

We were sorry you could not be with us
on March 11th, but look forward to your address at a
somewhat later date.

Allow me to say that the class for
Comparative Religion meets only on Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday. May I therefore ask that instead of
March 24th, which is Tuesday, you come to us either on
March 25th or 27th, preferably March 25th, as I shall
probably have to be out of the city on March 27th.

Hoping that this suggested change may
suit your plans, and with very cordial regards to you
and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. S. McMillan

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March 17th, 1931

Dr. T. S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:-

Rabbi Silver has asked me to tell
you that he will be with your class in Comparative
Religion on Wednesday, March 25th.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PUBLICITY SECRETARY
MARIE KIRKWOOD

April 8, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At your convenience
will you be so kind as to send me two copies of your
photograph to be used for publicity in connection with
the Baccalaureate sermon at Commencement time, when
you are to give the principle address.

ful for this.

I shall be very grate-

Marie Kirkwood
Very truly yours,

April 9th, 1931

Miss Marie Kirkwood,
Publicity Secretary,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Kirkwood:-

I am enclosing herewith two photographs
of Rabbi Silver in connection with your request of April
8th.

As our supply is depleted, may I ask
that soon as these have served your purpose, that you kindly
return them to us.

With kindest regards and thanking you
in advance, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PUBLICITY SECRETARY
MARIE KIRKWOOD

June 8, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 108 St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I have a
copy of the address which you will give at the
Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, June 14, at Severance
Hall, or at least an abstract of it for the news-
papers, to insure correct quotation, to be released
upon completion of your address.

It will be very
good of you if you will help me by sending this in
at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Marie Kirkwood

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
OF
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
IN AFFILIATION WITH
CASE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A. CASWELL ELLIS
DIRECTOR

September 29, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver;

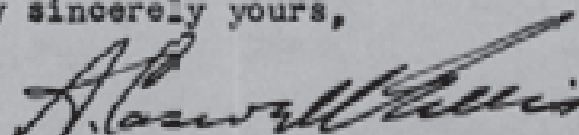
The morning full-time college of Cleveland College has an assembly every other week at which some prominent member of the faculty or a distinguished leader of thought in this community presents to the students an idea or a challenge that will help them better to understand either themselves or the civilization about them. The two men receiving the highest vote of the student body when they were asked to indicate speakers that they would like to hear were you and Newton D. Baker. It was most interesting to see how eagerly they drank in the message which Mr. Baker brought to them. You know, practically all of our students are very earnest and serious-minded. Mr. Baker himself commented on what intense and intelligent attention they gave to what he was saying.

We would appreciate it most highly if you would consent to speak to our students at their meeting on Tuesday morning, October 27, at 11:30, in the auditorium here at Cleveland College. They prefer to leave the choice of subject to you. The meeting lasts one hour. There are about fifteen minutes of student community singing at the beginning, followed by the address of the day, which consumes the remainder of the hour or such part of it as the speaker chooses to use.

I know how busy you are and how many calls like this are made upon you, but I hope that you will realize that this is not an idle group that are just seeking to be entertained by an eloquent orator, but an unusually bright and serious-minded group of students seeking for light.

I hope that I may have a favorable reply from you at your very earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,



A. Caswell Ellis
Director

card

October 1st, 1931

Mr. A. Caswell Ellis,
Director Cleveland College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ellis:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of
Sept. 29th and for the invitation which you extend to me
to address your student body on the morning of October 27th.

I shall make every effort to be with you.
You will however understand, I am sure, that I may be suddenly
called out of the city and in that case I shall notify you
and come at some other time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 12, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Again my class in Religious Education has decided by a large vote that they wish you to address them as the culmination of our study of Judaism. I need not assure you that their vote is entirely in accord with my personal wishes. I feel it almost an imposition to ask you again to render this important service but sincerely hope that you may find it possible to come to us some Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at eleven o'clock the latter part of March. If you are willing to serve us, I shall get in touch with you as to the exact date. The hour, as you may recall, is eleven o'clock.

With high appreciation of your past services and warm personal regards, I am

Yours very cordially

Thomas S. McWilliams

Thomas S. McWilliams
Professor of Religious
Education

Feb. 22d, 1932

Dr. Thomas S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:-

Thank you for your kind letter of
Feb. 12th.

I shall, of course, be very happy to
talk to your class again this year. I enjoy those
meetings tremendously.

Please get in touch with me towards the
end of March and we will set a definite date.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS/IR

(phoned)

11 am - Friday March 11, 1932

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
CLEVELAND, OHIO

COURSE IN FAMILY CASE WORK
ELIZABETH P. LYMAN, DIRECTOR

October 21, 1933

AFFILIATED SOCIAL AGENCIES
CLEVELAND ASSOCIATED CHARITIES
JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU
TRAVELERS AID SOCIETY

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

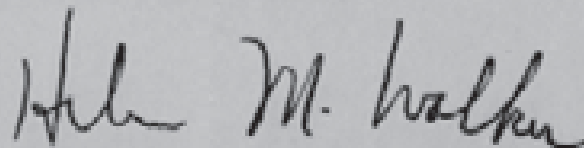
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Several years ago I asked whether you would be able to give us a little time in connection with our course in Nationality and Racial Backgrounds. You found it impossible to do so then as it was in October, a particularly busy time for you, but you very graciously said that you would try to arrange it if it could come later in the year. I am therefore writing you again to know whether you would be willing to give us an hour. The course has as its aim that of helping the students to develop a keener appreciation of the cultural backgrounds of the various nationality groups represented in our community. The class lectures serve as a stimulus to the students own efforts which include the reading of books, contacts in local neighborhoods and participation in local activities. Miss Kaiser of the Group Work faculty and I, who share responsibility for the course, thought that you might discuss the history of the Jewish group with emphasis on cultural aspects and the differing points of view regarding the maintenance of Jewish culture in the future.

The class is composed of forty-five students in the School of Applied Social Sciences, college graduates who are preparing to be professional social workers. As you know, every student is working part time in some social agency in the community. The largest proportion of the group are first year students in Family Case Work but there are also students from the Child Welfare, Medical Social Work and Group Work Courses.

The class meets on Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 at 2102 Adelbert Road, West entrance, room 201, and if you can spare the time, I should like to have you come on November 27th. If this happens to be a particularly difficult day I could shift the date a week, or even two weeks ahead.

Very sincerely yours,



(Miss Helen M. Walker)

HMN:S

October 26, 1933.

Miss Helen M. Walker,
Western Reserve University,
School of Applied Social Sciences,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Walker:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 21st. I would very much like to cooperate with you in your course on Nationality and Racial Backgrounds. Unfortunately I am involved so much in activities in connection with the German-Jewish situation, traveling, lecturing, etc., that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities at this time.

May I suggest my associate, Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, who is Minister of Education, to deliver the address on "The Jewish Background." Rabbi Feuer is thoroughly at home in the subject and will, I am sure, make a very satisfying presentation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 1, 1934

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I am writing to remind you of your gracious promise to address the class in Religious Education as the culmination of our study of Judaism and to say that we would like to have you come to us on the thirteenth, fifteenth, or seventeenth of March. The hour is ten o'clock a.m. If you will be good enough to inform me whether you can come on one of these days, and which one you would prefer, I shall be greatly obliged. I assure you the class as well as myself greatly appreciates your willingness to again render us this valuable service.

Ever cordially yours,

T. S. McWilliams

Thomas S. McWilliams,

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March 2, 1934.

Dr. Thomas S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:

I shall be very happy to come to
your group on Thursday, March 15th at 10 o'clock
A.M.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A. CASWELL ELLIS
DIRECTOR

April 24, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

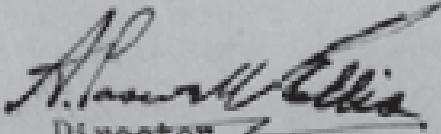
Our faculty Committee on Commencement reports to me that you are their first choice in all the world of men to give the graduating address to our senior class this year. I am sure that I do not need to say to you that I heartily endorse their selection.

As you perhaps know, the graduates of all the Schools and Colleges of Western Reserve University first attend a Convocation at ten o'clock on Wednesday, June 12, in Severance Hall, at which the President usually delivers the farewell address. Then each School or College marches in procession to its respective hall, and there the diplomas are delivered to the graduates and each group is addressed by some distinguished man or woman. The several speakers for the individual graduating exercises are expected to sit upon the platform during the Convocation in Severance Hall and proceed in formation to their several places. The individual exercises usually consume about an hour, thirty minutes being given to the address and thirty minutes to the delivery of diplomas and other formalities. This means that the entire performance lasts from ten to twelve o'clock. However, if you would be pressed for time and feel that you have served your quota for this incarnation in attending graduating Convocations, it would not be considered rude if you skipped the Convocation and came directly to Beckwith Hall in the Church of the Covenant, where the Cleveland College graduating exercises will begin at eleven o'clock. We should, of course, love to have you at both exercises.

I assure you that it would give the authorities of Cleveland College and me personally peculiar pleasure to have you as our Commencement speaker. I regret that the finances of the College are such that no honorarium is possible at this time.

With my cordial good wishes always, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Director

May 6, 1936.

Dr. A. Caswell Ellis,
Cleveland College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Ellis:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 24. I shall be very pleased to deliver the commencement address at the exercises of Cleveland College on Wednesday, June 12. If there is any information that you think I ought to have in preparing my address, I shall be very happy to receive it.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to our meeting again soon, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RX

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A. CASWELL ELLIS
DIRECTOR

University Station
Austin, Texas
June 27, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Downer have both written me about what a splendid address you gave to our Cleveland College graduating class. They both felt that it was the gem of all the commencement addresses, and was such a relief from the ultraconservative speeches of Throckmorton and Bourne.

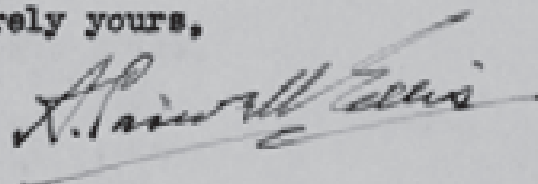
Allow me to again express my most cordial appreciation. I feel very strongly the need for keeping Cleveland College liberal and progressive in its teaching and its ideals—especially in these trying times when timid conservatism, racial prejudice, narrow nationalism, and selfish economic interests are pressing everywhere so hard upon education. Such groups do not like the spirit of Cleveland College, and unfortunately they are the very ones usually able to give or withhold needed support. More than once it has been suggested to me that the way to secure badly needed support was to have Cleveland College stand for the vested interests.

We have just barely managed to pull the College this far through the depression. It is still in danger and the development of all progressive plans almost stalled by its lack of financial support. I fear that I am not a very good financial agent. But we liberals must find some way soon to put it out of constant danger. If Cleveland College is left impotent to develop, I do not see any other Cleveland institution that is likely to take up the fight for liberal ideals in education.

I am saying this in confidence to you, because I know that you are a real liberal and in sympathy with the democratic ideal of education to which I am doing my best to keep Cleveland College true.

Again, with my cordial thanks, and with every good wish for you and Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver
The Temple
Amsel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

February 7, 1936

Dr. T. S. McWilliams,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McWilliams:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 8. Of course I shall be very happy to come to your class. The date of February 27, however, is not possible because I am to be in St. Louis on that day. I can come on Tuesday, February 25 and I shall be happy to discuss with your group my interpretation of Jesus and his mission.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 8, 1936.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am nearing the end of the trail. The present semester will be my last in connection with the faculty of Western Reserve University, as I have passed the age limit for professors.

This is, therefore, the last time that I shall have the privilege of calling upon you to address my class in Comparative Religions. I very much hope that you may again honor us with your presence and inspiration.

If it suits your convenience, I would like to have you come at ten a.m. on the morning of Thursday, February twenty-seventh. If the preceding Tuesday, February twenty-fifth would suit you better, we will accommodate ourselves to that date. If I may suggest a topic of discussion, it would be in the line of your conversation with members of the Alathian Club at one of our recent meetings. In that informal discussion you gave your view of the apocalyptic character of Jesus' mission. In other words, I would be glad for you to offer the Jewish estimate of Jesus. This is merely a suggestion and of course you will be free to choose your own topic.

Hoping very much that you may find it possible to comply with this request, which is heartily endorsed by the class and with sincere regard, I am,

Very cordially yours,

T. S. McWilliams

T. S. McWilliams.

TSM:DW

March 4, 1937

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


My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be convenient for you to give the opening prayer at the Adelbert Commencement Services? As tentatively planned we hope to have Reverend Bird deliver the benediction.

Commencement will take place on the evening of the 16th of June.

On behalf of the college may I say that we should certainly enjoy having you, should you find it possible to come.

Very sincerely yours,



George S. Cuming

George S. Cuming,
Commencement Committee (Chm.)

Adelbert College,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 10, 1937

George B. Cuning,
Commencement Committee Chairman,
Adelbert College,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cuning:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of
March 4 and for the invitation to deliver the
opening prayer at the Adelbert Commencement Services.
I shall be very happy to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 20, 1937

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

My Dear Rabbi:

Speaking for the Senior Class of Adelbert College, your presence at Commencement will be greatly appreciated. I should like to make one further request of you. Reverend Bird finds it impossible to attend our services so, rather than obtain another of unknown quality to replace him, we would like to have you conduct both the opening and closing prayers should you have no objection to so doing.

Contrary to the notation in my previous letter, Commencement is scheduled for eleven A.M. on the sixteenth of June. I hope this slight alteration will not interfere with your plans to attend.

We all anticipate with pleasure seeing you on the sixteenth. It is an auspicious day in our lives.

Very sincerely yours,

George S. Cuming

George S. Cuming,
Commencement Committee (Chm.).

Adelbert College,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 23, 1937

Mr. George S. Cuming,
Adelbert College,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cuming:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of April 20th. I shall be very happy to offer both the opening and the closing prayers on the morning of June 18th in connection with the Commencement Exercises of Adelbert College.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ADELBERT COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 21, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I, on behalf of the Faculty and
the graduating class of Adelbert College, thank you
for your part in the Commencement Exercises last
Wednesday.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness
and helpfulness, and wish to express our gratitude
to you.

Sincerely yours,



W. D. Trautman

W. D. Trautman
Dean

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FLORA STONE MATHER COLLEGE

December 29, 1937.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would it be possible for you to speak at
our chapel service on either Wednesday, January
12th, or Friday, January 14th? Our service is at
eleven o'clock, and the talk may be ten or twelve
minutes in length.

We hope that you can be with us on one
of these days.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Swain

Chairman of the Chapel Committee

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December 31, 1937

Miss Millicent A. Swain,
Flora Stone Mather College,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Swain:

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to speak at the Chapel Service on January 12th or 14th. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately that week is an unusually crowded one for me. If you can indicate some free dates in February, I shall make an effort to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FLORA STONE MATHER COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

January 15, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You suggested in your letter of December 31 that you might be able to speak at a Chapel Service some time in February. We do hope that you will find one of the following dates a possible one: February 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 28. Our services are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at eleven o'clock, and the talk may be ten or twelve minutes in length. We are looking forward to having you with us some time this year, and I shall hold these dates open until you have made your selection.

Cordially yours,

Millicent A. Swain
Millicent A. Swain

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 29, 1939

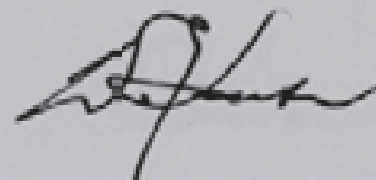
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Baccalaureate Service this year falls on Sunday, June 11th, and is being conducted in Severance Hall beginning at four o'clock. Bishop Beverley D. Tucker will deliver the sermon, and I am writing to you now to ask if you will do us the kindness and honor to accept the responsibility for the prayer on that occasion.

We shall go to press soon with preliminary announcement so that early word at your convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



W. G. Leutner
President

May 3, 1939

Dr. W. G. Leutner, President
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Leutner:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to deliver the prayer at the Baccalaureate Service of Western Reserve University on Sunday, June 11th. I would have been very happy to come and share in the service but I have a wedding scheduled for that hour; in fact, I have three weddings that afternoon. June, you will remember, is a very popular time for weddings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 21, 1942

Mrs. Arthur Shepherd
Cleveland College
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Shepherd:

These are only a few hasty notes on what I should like to see included in a course on the relation of religion to the war and the post-war world.

You will recall your remarks about mysticism, and later, before we parted, about that indefinable and important spirit that is implicit in true religious feeling, whether it is formal or not. It is something I recall discussing with Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, and he calls it the spirit of Hasidism. It is a kind of spiritual heroism which is hard to put into words and which people will not get by talking about it or by hearing it talked about. However, I wonder if one lecture on it could not be included, if the course is given.

I feel that religion has its part to play in those areas which lie beyond, or apart from, the intellect. Our racial prejudices often lie in that realm; they are too often deeply-rooted feelings, and they can be attacked on both the intellectual and spiritual fronts. One lecture, or even two, might be devoted to the dynamic part religion can play in changing attitudes in this direction. The question in our own country is the immediate one, but it has repercussions that echo around the world.

The lecture by Clarence Pickett on rehabilitation, in the W-men's Association program, is one which I should like to see included in the course we are planning. The Friends have given a practical demonstration of what a religious group can do in this direction, and their efforts could be extended by other groups.

In a negative direction, I should like to hear something about what has happened to religion in the overrun countries, and in Germany. Many of us cannot realize a state of affairs which results in the suppression of religious practices, eventually of religious feelings, or their perversion to destructive ends. The things that have already happened in the world should demonstrate that religion has a great stake in this conflict, and one of the lectures should consider that.

I should like to see the course result in an idea of the relation of religion to the living of our day. Religion is a solace, we want it to be a solace, but with the world burning around us, it ought to be more than that. It would be hard, I should think, to rest comfortably in our cathedrals and churches, and temples, and know that all over the world people are, and will be, starving, homeless, suffering to a degree that is away beyond our imaginations. We cannot, most of us, go out and change an iota of it physically with our bare hands, but we can give our eyes open to the situation as it is now and as it will be. It is, and it will be, the greatest humane task there has ever been to accomplish. What part will religion play, and how will it be different from secular activity? Is there some subtle ingredient that it can add, and can we define it through this course?

As I recall the discussion at lunch, the question of the inclusion of social, economic and industrial problems in the course was raised. It seems to me that they cannot be excluded, for these will call for the most difficult and thoughtful solutions. To me it is not a question of religion as a domain separate from all these, but added to them. One lecture could consider the relation of religion to the material problems of our time --- housing, employment, security, all of them on which no one can turn his back.

I hope that these remarks may be of a little help in formulating our plans.

Very sincerely yours,

Fern Long

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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September 24, 1942

Mrs. Arthur Shepherd
Cleveland College
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Shepherd:

Last Friday you requested that each of us send some topics or questions which might be helpful in planning the lecture series on religion today. The following may or may not be of help. They are items which occur to me at the present time:

1. Religion as a means to mental health -- perhaps given by a psychologist.
2. Developing the religious attitude of devotion to the common good.
3. Religion and our attitude toward our enemies.
4. Religion and the scientific approach -- enemies or allies.
5. To what extent should religious leaders utilize the findings and approaches of the broad science of Mental Hygiene or Psychology?

I enjoyed the chat with you people last Friday, and would enjoy looking forward to another.

Cordially yours,

Dwight L. Arnold
Director of Research and Guidance

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 2, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

For some months a committee from the education committee of the Federation of Churches have talked with representatives of Cleveland College about the possibility of a short course to be given at Cleveland College dealing with Religion in the Present and Future. Now it begins to take shape. Dr. Loomis has consented to serve as moderator, and the tentative set up follows:

1. Dr. Miles H. Krumbine, Religious Faith for Today and Tomorrow
2. Rabbi Abba H. Silver, Religion and Democracy
3. Mr. Clarence Pickett, Rehabilitation
4. An Oriental, possibly from Washington, Oriental point of view
5. Father Thomas J. Donnelly, Catholic point of view.
6. Panel discussion in which all course speakers, if possible, would participate.

Dr. Krumbine is much interested and will give the first lecture.

For your interest I enclose copies of two letters of members of the committee, indicating the thinking of the group.

We are hopeful that you can take this into your already crowded life; so far as I am concerned our only qualification for asking it, lies in the statement in Fern Long's letter: "What part will religion play, and how will it be different from secular activity? Is there some subtle ingredient that it can add, and can we define it through this course?"

Very sincerely yours,

Grazella P. Shepherd
Grazella P. Shepherd

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Enclosures

October 6, 1942

Miss Grazella P. Shepherd
Cleveland College
Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Shepherd:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 2. The course which you are planning interests me greatly. I should be very happy to participate in it provided the time is convenient. When are the lectures to be given?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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CLEVELAND COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 22, 1942

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

Re: Course, Religion: Today and Tomorrow

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The small attendance at the opening meeting of Religion: Today and Tomorrow, makes it necessary to postpone the course indefinitely.

We are appreciative of the help you were willing to give, and deeply regret the failure to make it worth your while.

Very truly yours,

Grazella P. Shepherd
MS.
Grazella P. Shepherd

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 28, 1943

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
105th Street Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will confirm our recent telephone conversation with regard to the University Convocation on December 6 to mark the anniversary (next day, to be sure) of Pearl Harbor.

I appreciate deeply your willingness to address the University body on that occasion. The hour is eleven o'clock, and I shall be glad to meet you in the Green Room of Severance Hall at ten forty-five.

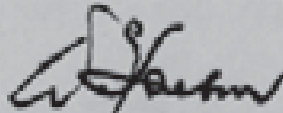
Our committee particularly suggested a discussion of some such general topic as the conservation during and after the war of the great spiritual values in America life. The committee felt that you would be glad to talk on some aspect of that subject on the basis of a text such as you would be most competent to select from one of the great Hebrew writers of antiquity. However, there are "no strings" to this invitation.

You put us under great debt by your acceptance, and we look forward with pleasure to having you as our guest.

If you are free immediately following the Convocation it would give me great satisfaction if you would lunch with a small group of us at a convenient place.

With my personal thanks and cordial greetings,

Ever sincerely yours,



W. G. Leutner
President

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEONARD W. MAYO, DEAN
2117 ADELBERT ROAD

January 8, 1943

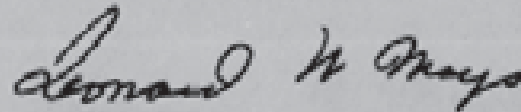
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a brochure on the lecture series about which I conferred with you recently. We are delighted that you have agreed to preside at the lecture by Eduard Lindeman on February 18th. You will note that the meeting is at 8 p.m. and that the place is to be announced. A biographical sketch of the lecturer you are to introduce appears on the reverse side of the brochure. We shall be glad of course to furnish further information if you desire. Before February 18th I will get in touch with you again to give you further information on the material that has already been presented with some ideas for the opening remarks which we hope you will give.

We hope that there will be time for a discussion period following the lecture and I will be glad to assist in that in any way possible but hope you will be willing to take the main responsibility for it.

Sincerely yours,



Leonard W. Mayo
Dean

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Shelby Harrison
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Michael Davis
Chairman, National Committee of Economic
Aspects of Health
New York, N. Y.



Eduard Lindeman
Professor of Social Philosophy New York
School of Social Work
Columbia University

January 19, 1943 — 8:00 P. M. — Cleveland College Auditorium

"Major Developments in Social Work Since Pearl Harbor" - - - - - **Shelby Harrison**

Chairman—President W. G. Leutner, Western Reserve University

January 26, 1943 — 8:00 P. M. — Cleveland College Auditorium

"Planning For Families and Children in the War and Post War Periods" - **Stanley Davies**
and **Katherine F. Lenroot**

Chairman—John A. Green, Vice President and General Manager, Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

February 9, 1943 — 8:00 P. M. — Cleveland College Auditorium

"Health Problems and Programs in 1943 and Beyond" - - - - - **Michael Davis**

Chairman—Dr. R. H. Bishop, Director, University Hospitals

February 18, 1943 — 8:00 P. M. — Place to be Announced

"Significant Social and Economic Trends Here and Abroad and Their Relation to the Future
of Social Work" - - - - - **Eduard Lindeman**

Chairman—Rabbi Abba H. Silver, The Temple

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A WORD ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Mr. Shelby Harrison, a distinguished pioneer in important social research work and welfare planning is the author of many books and articles on significant social problems. Formerly a Lecturer at the New York School of Social Work, Mr. Harrison was appointed by President Hoover to the Committee on Social Trends in 1932. He has been closely identified with the Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs, an outstanding community survey sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation. After many years of active service he was made President of the National Conference of Social Work for 1942. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and in June 1942 received an honorary degree of Litt.D. from Boston University. He has been associated with Russell Sage Foundation since 1912 and in 1931 became General Director of the Foundation.



Mr. Stanley Davies has furnished outstanding leadership to the growth of family welfare work in America. He is at present a member of the Board of the Family Welfare Association of America and from 1936 to 1939 served as President of the Board. As a member of the National Committee on National Hygiene he has contributed much to the success of that movement. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Welfare Council of New York City and is active on many of its major committees. He received his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1923 and an honorary degree of L.H.D. from Bucknell in 1939. From 1933 to 1939 he was General Director of the New York Charity Organization Society and since 1939 has been Executive Secretary of the Community Service Society of New York City.



Miss Katherine F. Lenroot has been associated with the U. S. Children's Bureau since 1914. She was Assistant Chief from 1922 to 1934 at which time she was appointed Chief of the Bureau by President Roosevelt. For her service and leadership in the field of child welfare Miss Lenroot was awarded the honorary degree of LL.D. by the University of Wisconsin and in 1942 she received the Rosenberger Medal from the University of Chicago for distinguished service to social work. She was President of the National Conference of Social Work in 1935 and President of the Eighth Pan-American Child Congress held in Washington in 1942. Miss Lenroot was executive Secretary of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, 1939-40. Her contributions to the cause of child welfare are outstanding.



Mr. Michael Davis is one of the rare instances of non-medical men who achieve national reputations in medical administration. Since taking his Ph.D. degree at Columbia University he has given constant leadership to the meeting of problems surrounding the economic and social aspects medical care. Among his numerous books, his last publication, "America Organizes Medicine," has attracted unusual interest. For many years Mr. Davis was Director of Medical Services for the Julius Rosenwald Fund in Chicago and during this period lectured on medical economics at the University of Chicago. As Chairman of the Committee on Research in Medical Economics he is editor of the quarterly Journal Medical Care, and continues his activities as a lecturer, author and consultant on the economic and social aspects of medical care.



Mr. Eduard Lindeman, well known speaker and writer on social problems, has contributed much to social work and to social progress in America. He has served as a member of and adviser to such important groups as the American Association of Adult Education, National Housing Association, National Committee for the Conservation of Human Resources, and the Institute of Propaganda Analysis. The field of community organization owes much to the pioneer study, writing and teaching of Mr. Lindeman. He is the author of countless books and articles of social significance. He is best known for his long association with the New York School of Social Work at Columbia University where he is Professor of Social Philosophy.

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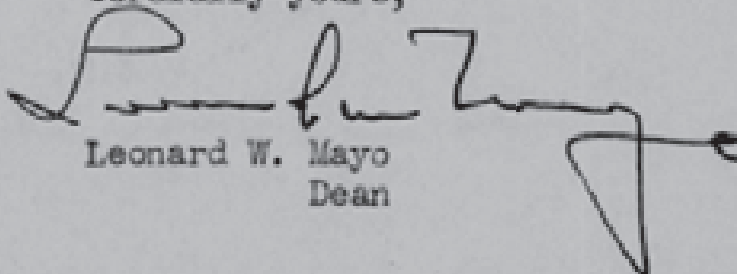
Rabbi Abba Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The faculty of the School of Applied Social Sciences joins me in thanking you heartily and with much appreciation for the gracious manner in which you responded to our invitation to preside at last evening's meeting and for the way in which you added to the evening. I believe we were very fortunate indeed to have both you and Dr. Haber and he was delighted that you were the presiding officer.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Leonard W. Mayo
Dean

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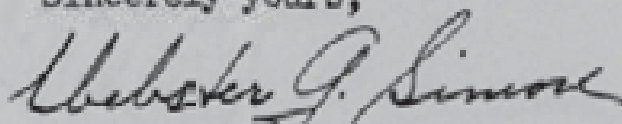
VICE PRESIDENT AND
DEAN OF THE FACULTIES
OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

March 29, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I tried to see you after your magnificent address last Thursday before the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. You certainly said what needed to be said before that group. On every hand, people commented enthusiastically about what you gave us. Men from other cities said to me that we must be proud to have you as a citizen of Cleveland. I personally felt that your address was the high spot of the meetings. Some day I hope I shall have the privilege of meeting you and talking with you about the problems we are facing now and in the immediate future.

Sincerely yours,



Webster G. Simon

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

April 7, 1948

Dr. Webster G. Simon
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Simon:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for the very complimentary things which you say about the address which I delivered before the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges in Chicago. I enjoyed the meeting very much. It was a pleasure to address so intelligent a group, and it was a privilege to have the opportunity of discussing with them the matters which are foremost in all our minds at the present time.

I, too, hope that we shall have the opportunity of meeting again soon to get better acquainted and to exchange views.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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ALPHA OMEGA FRATERNITY

OMEGA CHAPTER

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

October 18, 1945

Dear Rabbi,

Permit me to introduce our organization to you.

We are a group of Jewish students pursuing dentistry as a career. Because of our common ground, we are banded into a national professional Jewish fraternity being forty strong. Each of us is enrolled in the School of Dentistry of Western Reserve University.

It is my duty to secure speakers for our meetings. In the course of these, I feel we have been very narrow minded in limiting our addresses to dentistry and its related fields. In eight years of our existence the dental fields have held our attention, but it is my hope we broaden our scope to those subjects which will prepare us better to cope with the problems that concern us as well as our patients and profession.

Our fraternity is based upon an intricate very powerful and potent supporting triangle. This structure has been well built upon two of its sides that is

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ALPHA OMEGA FRATERNITY
OMEGA CHAPTER
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

professionalism and fraternalsim but the most important, the base, is neglected that is Judaisim.

I see no one better than ^{you} to give us a sense of perspective along Judaisim in relation to the professional aspect as well as to ourselves and those we hope to see, our patients.

Rabbi, on behalf of Alpha Omega Fraternity I should like to ask if it is in any way possible that your presence could appear before us on the evening of December 18, Tuesday in strengthening the base of our triangle as well as broaden our narrow foresightedness.

Sincerely,

Milton Gellin

October 28, 1945

Mr. Milton Gellin
Alpha Omega Fraternity
2118 Abington Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gellin:

Thank you for your letter of October 18 and for your invitation to address the Alpha Omega Fraternity on December 18. I wish I were free to come to you. However my schedule is so crowded for the rest of the season that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY



RABBI SOLOMON E. CHERNIAK, Director
11206 Euclid Avenue Tel. GARfield 1404
Cleveland 6, Ohio

February 18, 1947

B'NAI B'RITH MAINTAINS FOUNDATIONS AT:

University of Alabama
University of Arizona
Boston University
Brooklyn College
University of California
University of California (L.A.)
University of Chicago
College of City of New York
(Downtown)
College of City of New York
(Uptown)
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
University of Florida
Florida State College for Women
University of Georgia
Harvard University
University of Havana (Cuba)
Hunter College
University of Illinois
Indiana University
State University of Iowa
Los Angeles City College
University of Maine
University of Manitoba
University of Maryland
Massachusetts Inst. of Technology
Massachusetts State College
McGill University
University of Miami (Florida)
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University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
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Purdue University
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Smith College
University of Southern California
Temple University
University of Texas
Texas A & M College
Tufts College
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Wayne University
Western Reserve University
West Virginia University
University of Wisconsin
Yale University

B'nai B'rith maintains
counselorships at
140 colleges and
universities.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Ansel Rd. Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Monday evening, March 3, 1947, the formal public dedication of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Cleveland will take place at Severance Hall. Dr. Abram L. Sachar, national director of Hillel, and an outstanding author of books on history, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will deliver the dedicatory address.

As you undoubtedly know, this Foundation was established a few months ago for Jewish students of the universities and colleges in this city. It is the most recent addition to the 164 Foundations and Counsellorships established by B'nai B'rith in this country, Canada and Cuba during the past 23 years.

The Hillel Foundation on a campus is the liaison between the Jewish student body and Jewish knowledge and culture. It offers guidance in the functions of communal leadership. Hillel emphasizes programs of interfaith understanding so that points of group friction on the campus may be eliminated and better understanding given the non-Jew of the mores of Jewish life.

We hope you will find it possible to be with us at the dedication exercises, which will begin at 8:15 P.M.. Inasmuch as we are reserving a seat for you in the honor guest section we shall appreciate a reply at your early convenience, and anticipate with pleasure your acceptance of our invitation. Kindly address your reply to Gabriel Leeb at 1220 Guardian Building.

Cordially yours,

Alfred A. Benesch
Alfred A. Benesch

Gabriel Leeb
Gabriel Leeb

Co-Chairmen, Dedication Committee.

*A National Organization Devoted to Cultural, Religious and
Social Work among Jewish Students in American Universities*

February 28, 1947

Mr. Gabriel Leeb, Co-Chairman, Dedication Committee
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
1220 Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Leeb:

Thank you so much for your kind letter inviting me to attend the public dedication of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation this coming Monday. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to attend the meeting. Unfortunately I must be in New York on that day on urgent matters.

I wish the new Hillel Foundation of Cleveland all success. I am sure that it will contribute much to the spiritual and intellectual life of the Jewish students of the universities and colleges in our community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEONARD W. MAYO, DEAN
2117 ADELBERT ROAD

Mon. Dec. 6th
1947

Dear Robbi Silver:

a grand and

a memorable speech - I've
just come from Univ. Convocation,
the spell of your words
and their meaning is still
upon me. Again you have
done us all a great and a
lasting service.

Cordially & gratefully yrs.
Leonard Mayo

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- 2) directory
- 3) key addresses -
- 4) work -



WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 8, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

July 7, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street
Cleveland 8, Ohio

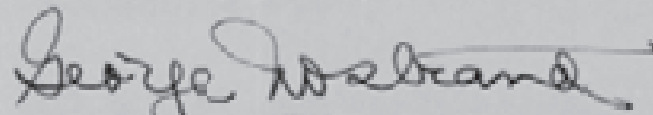
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are making plans now for our University Thanksgiving Vesper Service which will be held in Anasa Stone Chapel on Tuesday, November 22, at 4:15 p.m. This Service will follow our Religious Emphasis Week in which all three faiths on our campus will take part and will immediately precede the Thanksgiving holiday. May I invite you, as one of our near neighbors, to preach the sermon?

The Western Reserve University Choir will take part in the Service, as well as Rabbi Sherman of our Hillel Foundation; and our new President, Dr. Willis, will also be invited to take part. We have a beautiful chapel which does not yet have the place that it should have as a beacon of religion on the campus. I feel that in this invitation we are offering you an opportunity to help us to restore religion to a high place in the University.

You have my cordial good wishes for the summer and for the vital work which you and Rabbi Nedell are doing.

Faithfully yours,



The Reverend George Nostrand
University Chaplain

GS:mlm

July 13. 1949

Reverend George Nostrand
Office of the Chaplain
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Reverend Nostrand:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July 7th and for your invitation to address the University Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22nd. I shall be very pleased to be with you, and I trust that nothing will interfere which will necessitate my being away from the city that week. If there is, I shall notify you in ample time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

~~Rev.~~ George Westland 8-1-49
Western Reserve Church
would like Rabbi Silver
to speak Wed. Nov. 16 at
11 A. M. instead of Nov.
22. because it is a bigger
convocation.

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION
AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
11409 BELLFLOWER ROAD
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

RABBI STEPHEN SHERMAN
DIRECTOR

August 1, 1949

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the month of November, Religious Emphasis Week
will be observed at Western Reserve University.

We would be greatly honored to have you as one of our
speakers during this week, and we are suggesting our
Friday Evening Fireside Service on November 18th, here
at the Hillel House, on the subject "The Future of
Judaism".

We hope to receive the pleasure of a favorable reply
from you.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Leonard Kravitz
Leonard Kravitz, Chairman,
Religious Committee

August 4, 1949

Mr. Leonard Krawitz, Chairman
Religious Committee
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
11409 Bellflower Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krawitz:

In reply to your letter of August 1st requesting Rabbi Silver to address your group on Friday evening, November 18th, the Rabbi is at present out of the country on a brief vacation. He will return to the city early in September at which time your kind invitation will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

September 8, 1949

Mr. Leonard Kravitz, Chairman
Religious Committee
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
11409 Bellflower Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kravitz:

With further reference to your letter of August 1st inviting Rabbi Silver to address your Friday Evening Fireside Service on November 18th, he is already scheduled to address the Thanksgiving Service of Western Reserve University on November 16th, which is also in connection with Religious Emphasis Week. Rabbi Silver has, therefore, asked me to convey his regrets to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

November 16, 1949

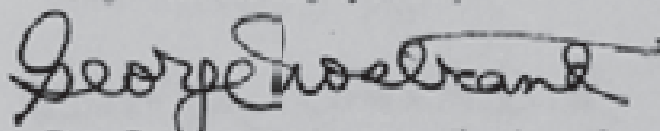
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me express my thanks and the thanks of many others for the address which you gave us this morning in Amasa Stone Chapel. It was the high point of our Religious Emphasis Week as far as large scale meetings are concerned, and we placed great hopes on the occasion. We were not disappointed, in fact I overheard students on the campus both before and after the Convocation saying that they were delighted to have a chance to hear you. I am very glad that we were able to offer you a congregation of such alert, eager and questioning young people.

Please visit us again.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "George Bostrand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Reverend George Bostrand
University Chaplain

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 21, 1951

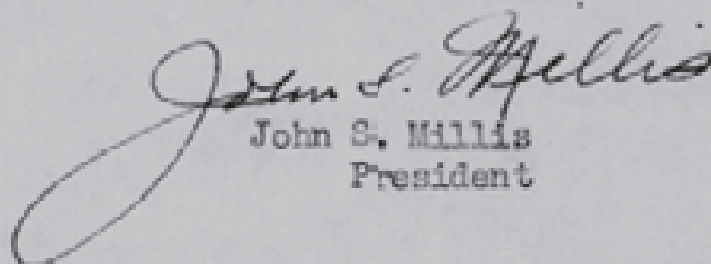
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to join us for the public observation of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Western Reserve University. We are planning a Convocation in the Public Auditorium at 2:00 o'clock on Monday, June 11th. It is my hope that you will be able to be present and further that you will be willing to give the Benediction at the close of the ceremonies.

I shall look forward with anticipation to receiving your reply.

Sincerely yours


John S. Millis
President

May 23, 1951

Dr. John S. Millis
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Millis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 21st and for your invitation to attend the Convocation observing the 125th anniversary of the founding of Western Reserve University on Monday, June 11th, and to give the Benediction. I shall be very happy to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILKEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. Are we to wear academic robes?

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

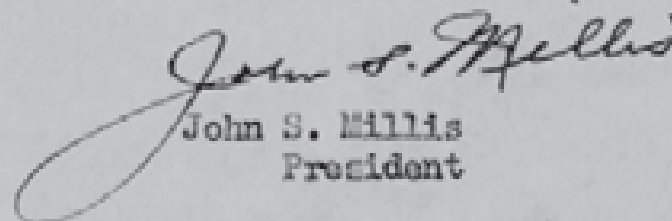
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was delighted to have your letter of May 23rd and to know that you can manage to be with us and give the Benediction on Monday, June 11th, at 2:00 o'clock. We appreciate greatly your willingness to participate in our celebration.

I wish to extend to you a most cordial invitation to join me and other members of the platform party for luncheon at the Hotel Cleveland at 11:45 a.m. on June 11th. We can go directly across the Public Square from the hotel to Cleveland College where we will robe and join the procession at 1:15 p.m.

I understand that my office has already informed you by telephone that academic robes will be worn, and that you have a cap and gown which you will bring with you.

Sincerely yours


John S. Millis
President

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

July 3, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

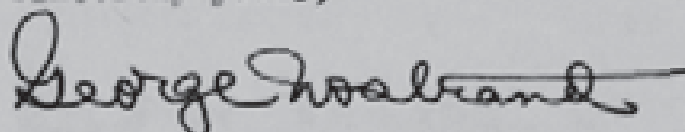
By popular request I have invited you to be one of our University Chapel Preachers during the year 1951-1952 and I am very happy to hear from your secretary that you will be able to preach in our pulpit some time during the year.

Let me underline the importance of your coming to our campus at this particular time. After four years of uneasy competition with class hours, we have received a voluntary gift from the faculty in the form of a free period in the midst of the busy schedule of teaching, and this is the result of much patient labor and the intervention of the Holy Spirit, probably mostly the latter. Faculty people are miserly with their class time and they will look sceptically at our new Chapel Program until it has proved itself.

You will do an important service to this University and to the Kingdom of God by coming to us now.

We will communicate further with you as soon as our final program for the school year is arranged.

Sincerely yours,



The Reverend George Nostrand
University Chaplain

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B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION
AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
11409 BELLFLOWER ROAD
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

RABBI STEPHEN SHERMAN
DIRECTOR

August 13, 1952.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi
The Temple
Ansel Road and 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with great pleasure and a privilege that I extend to you the most cordial invitation of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Hillel Foundation to be the guest speaker at the Sixth Annual Meeting, to be held October 8, 1952, at 8:15 pm at the Hillel House.

It has been our practice to combine this Annual Meeting with an invitation to the students, the local leaders of B'nai B'rith and the community in order to promote understanding of, and interest in, our Foundation and to bring the community and Hillel closer together.

We know that your presence as our guest speaker would help greatly in the achievement of our aims and we hope that you may see your way clear to be with us on October 8.

Looking forward to an early favorable reply, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Sherman
Rabbi Stephen Sherman
Director.

August 25, 1952

Rabbi Stephen Sherman
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
11409 Bellflower Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Sherman:

Upon my return from vacation, I found your kind letter of August 13th inviting Dr. Silver to be your guest speaker on Wednesday evening, October 8th. Dr. Silver has been spending a few weeks abroad and upon his return early in September, your letter will be brought to his attention. I might add, however, that there are a number of important congregational meetings scheduled for that week and I am not sure that he will be able to arrange his schedule to be with you. As soon as Dr. Silver has an opportunity to check his calendar, I know that you will hear from him.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

September 5, 1952

Rabbi Stephen Sherman
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
11409 Bellflower Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Sherman:

I have just returned from Europe and your kind letter of August 13th has been referred to me, inviting me to be the guest speaker at your Sixth Annual Meeting on October 8th. Unfortunately, an important congregational meeting is being held that evening which I must attend. I hope that I may have the pleasure of serving you at some future time.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

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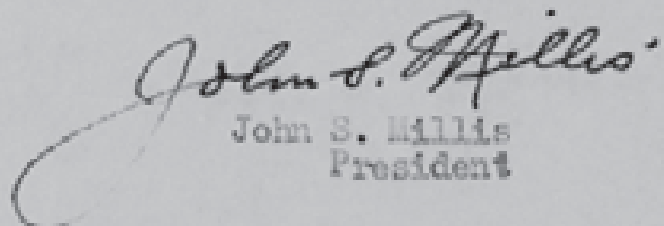
March 24, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to extend on behalf of the officers and faculties of Western Reserve University a cordial invitation to you to be the preacher at the Baccalaureate services to be held in connection with our annual June Commencement on Sunday, June 7, 1953. The services will be held in Severance Hall at four o'clock. It is my earnest hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation and to be with us.

Sincerely yours


John S. Willis
President

March 27, 1953

Dr. John S. Millis, President
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Millis:

Thank you for your note of March 24th and for your gracious invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate address at the Western Reserve University Commencement on Sunday, June 7th. I need not tell you that I would have been most happy to accept the invitation. Unfortunately, I have already accepted some time ago an invitation from the University of Minnesota to deliver the Baccalaureate address there on the very same day.

I trust that I may be able to be of service to you at some future time.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLELSILVER

AHS:er

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
11409 BELLFLOWER ROAD
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

RABBI STEPHEN SHERMAN
DIRECTOR

Sept. 26, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you of this morning with regard to our 10th anniversary celebration on November 9th for which occasion you have consented to be our guest speaker. Details for this event will follow shortly.

Thanking you and with kind regards,



Cordially yours,

Stephen Sherman
Rabbi Stephen Sherman

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION
AT WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
11409 BELLFLOWER ROAD
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

RABBI STEPHEN SHERMAN
DIRECTOR

October 15, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

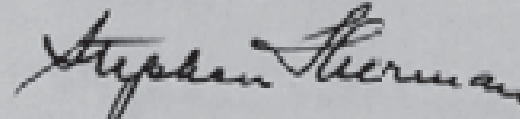
I am sending you, under separate cover, a formal invitation to participate in Hillel's tenth anniversary celebration.

This letter is to notify you that the celebration will be held at Harkness Chapel on the campus on Friday, November 9 at 8:30 P. M. promptly. The presidents of the various colleges will be invited too and will share the platform with us. They will be asked to bring the greetings of the colleges. I will have the honor to introduce you as the main speaker.

We hope that you will also be able to be with us at the reception at the Hillel House immediately following the services.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Stephen Sherman

November 11, 1956.

My dear Mr. Silver:

Please permit me, in the name of our Hillel Foundation students as well as personally, to thank you ever so much for your being with us to initiate our Tenth Anniversary Celebration last Friday night.

Your presence lent the evening its fullest measure of dignity and stature, and your address inspired all of us to try to live up to your and the community's expectations.

Once again - many thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Sherman.



B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

Western Reserve University

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Case Institute of Technology

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John Carroll University

RABBI BENJAMIN L. MARCUS

Director

11409 BELLFLOWER ROAD

CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

GARFIELD 1-2455

February 22, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th & Silver Park
Cleveland 6

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As chairman of the Hillel Forum, it is my privilege and pleasure to invite you to be our final guest speaker, Thursday evening, May 13th at 8:30 p.m. on the campus at Western Reserve University.

Our Forum topic this year has been "The Formative Years - What Makes Sammy Run" and up to now we have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Horace A. Rigg speak on "Basic Human Values", Dr. H. P. Secher speak on "An American's Democratic Responsibility", and Dr. Simon Ostrach to talk on "Space and Morality". We would like you to summarize our Forum with the topic "Is There a Universal Standard Applicable to All".

I look forward with pleasure to your acceptance of our invitation to speak.

Sincerely

Jerold M. Aronson
FORUM CHAIRMAN

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March 6, 1961

My dear Mr. Aronson:

I greatly appreciate your invitation to address the Hillel Forum the evening of Thursday, May 13th. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to avail myself of the opportunity but I have been reducing my lecture commitments to an absolute minimum. My health has not been of the best. I wish you every success in your work.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. Jerold M. Aronson
Forum Chairman
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
11409 Bellflower Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 20, 1961

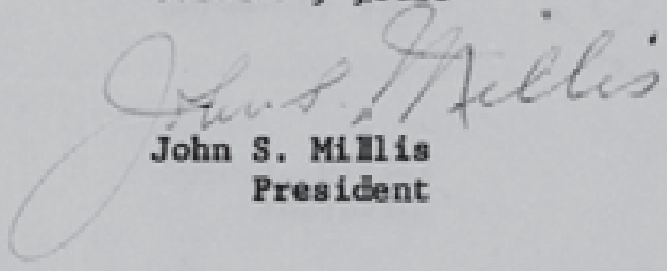
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope I may turn to you once more with a request for your assistance. I wish to invite you to be the Chaplain for our Commencement exercises which will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 14th. The ceremonies will begin at 1:45. As Chaplain you will be asked to give the Invocation and the Benediction.

I very much hope you can help us in this way.

Cordially yours


John S. Millis
President

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April 24, 1961

My dear Dr. Millis:

I shall be very happy to be with you at the Commencement exercises on Wednesday afternoon, June 14th to give the Invocation and the Benediction.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HIELEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Dr. John S. Millis
President
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 25, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

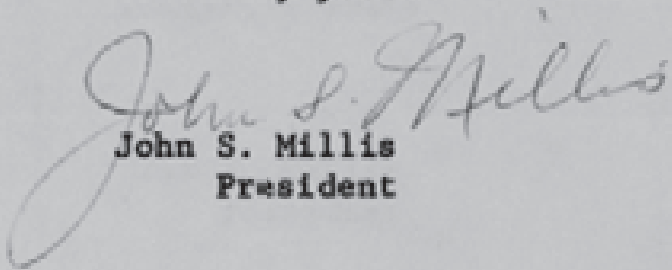
Thank you for your letter of April 24th consenting to be the Chaplain for our Commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 14th. I am most pleased that you have accepted.

As I told you, the ceremonies will begin at 1:45 and the academic procession will form at Guilford House on the Mather Campus at 1:15. If you have need of a cap and gown, we will be happy to provide them for you if you will let us know your height, weight, and hat size.

I hope that Mrs. Silver will be attending with you and we shall provide box seats for her and any other guests whom you would like to invite if you will let us know the number of tickets you will need.

We are most grateful for your willingness to assist us in this way.

Cordially yours


John S. Millis
President

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

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June 15, 1961

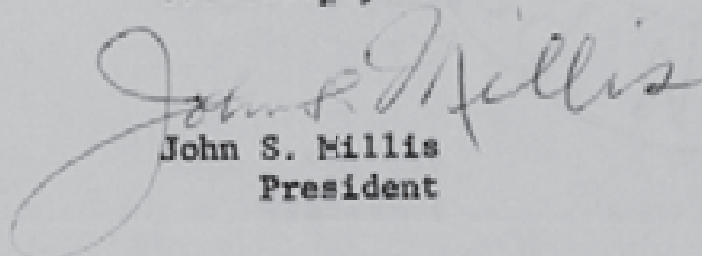
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to be with us at the Commencement exercises yesterday afternoon and serving as Chaplain for the Convocation. I appreciate your kindness in helping the University in this way. It is always a great pleasure to welcome you to the public occasions of the University.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John S. Millis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title of the President.

John S. Millis
President

The J. W. Wills Co.

Funeral Directors

2491 East 55th Street

Cleveland 4, Ohio

June 15, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver :

I am just one of the masses, one of the many who has across the years felt the impact of your spiritual greatness as I have listened to your invocations via the airwaves. Your Dignity, culture, and eloquence has always been admired.

This comes as a follow-up of our telephone conversation Wednesday after Commencement Convocation of Western Reserve University. Kindly forward a copy of your Benediction to Hulda M. Mathews, 2491 East 55 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

For this privilege, consideration, and opportunity I am deeply grateful. Perhaps you will enclose a Schedule of Services at The Temple which will enable to know when I may come and hear you.

Sincerely,

Hulda M. Mathews
Hulda M. Mathews

June 16, 1961

Miss Hulda M. Mathews
The J.W. Wills Company
2491 East 55th Street
Cleveland 4, Ohio

My dear Miss Mathews:

At your request, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Invocation which I delivered at the Commencement exercises of the Western Reserve University last Wednesday.

Beginning in the fall, we have services every Sunday morning in the Main Sanctuary of the Temple with a sermon by one of our Rabbis. Each Friday evening all during the year there are services in Gries Memorial Chapel beginning at 5:30 P.M. There is no sermon during these services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Enclosure

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 25, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

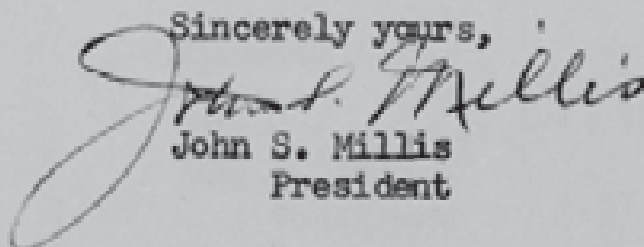
Next fall the University is holding a series of important events dedicating two major new buildings on the campus: The Science Center and the Joseph T. Wearn Laboratory for Medical Research.

As is our tradition on such an occasion, we will have a formal Academic Convocation. My purpose in writing to you is to ask you to deliver the benediction at this Convocation which will be the culmination of the dedication program. The Convocation will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 13th, in Severance Hall. The address will be given by Dr. Frederick Seitz, the newly elected head of the National Academy of Sciences, and we expect a distinguished audience of visitors who will have been attending the various events leading up to the Convocation. GHL

I hope very much that you will honor us by delivering the benediction.

If you are able to be with us on this occasion, I will be in touch with you again early in the fall to give you additional information on the program.

Sincerely yours,


John S. Millis
President

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May 29, 1962

My dear Dr. Millis:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 25th and for your invitation to deliver the benediction at the Convocation on Saturday afternoon, October 13th in Severance Hall. I shall be very happy to comply with your request. I am delighted that Western Reserve University will dedicate two major new buildings next fall.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. John S. Millis
President
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

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June 4, 1962

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am so pleased that you will deliver the benediction at our Convocation on October 13th.

I will be in touch with you again early in the fall with further details on the program.

In the meantime, my best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Millis
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President

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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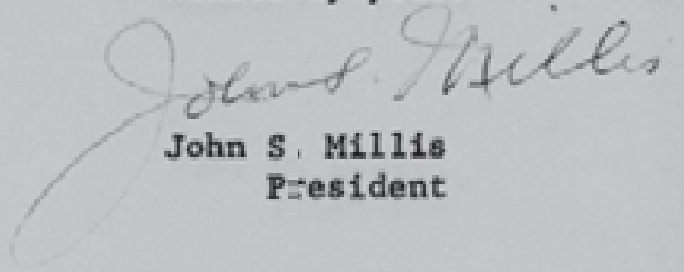
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to share in the Dedication Convocation at Severance Hall last Saturday afternoon. I deeply appreciate your willingness to deliver the Benediction which you did beautifully as always. Your presence on the platform was a symbol of the unity of the institutions in the University Circle as well as the recognition of your very special place in the community of Cleveland and in the University.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours



John S. Millis
President

Mr. *May*

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

There was a telephone call today at _____ o'clock from

Mr. _____

of _____

He wants you to call him. His number is _____

He said _____

Call - W. R. 26
 Carolyn Niff's office
 CE 1-7400
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Applause and thanks for
 her contribution

Actress Helen

Signed _____