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# Sixteenth Biennial Convention of District No. 3

## Independent Order B'nai B'rith

Wheeling, W. Va., January 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1917

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Cleveland O

Dear Sir & Bro

Bully Gee. I can't be formal with you after talking such letters with you. I have done in the past so I am going to cut it out.

He said that means 101% of our lodge want you to make one of the address on the Sunday evening of Convention there that is Jan. 27. He intended having a kind of get-together - good fellowship meeting devoted to singing, music and a couple of talks. They need not of necessity be on religious topics but this is up to you. The other speakers will possibly be Judge. Cohen & Rabbi Fink of Newark. Two complimentary banquet tickets (for Monday evening) will await you on your arrival. You can bring male or female company. What could we ask more

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan 6.

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Thank you all have a good time. Am mighty glad  
to hear all the pretty things being said about you but  
am not surprised.

On my return home Friday forenoon.

My heart that Rabbi Gross is to go to Brooklyn. (St. James temple)

What do you think of that: Am sure we can count on  
your acceptance. For Jan 27 & we want you to stay  
the limit. With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Saml B. Fein

[1917?]

January 9, 1918.

Mr. Leon B. Stein,  
Wheeling,  
W. Va.

My dear Mr. Stein:

Thank you for your very kind invitation to address the B'nai B'rith Convention Sunday evening, January 27th. Unfortunately I am scheduled to speak in Akron that evening.

I hope to arrive in Wheeling on the 28th and spend a few days with you.

Hoping that your arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily and with kindest regards to Mrs. Stein, Helen and Miriam, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:G

September 27, 1917.

Dr. M. B. Kelly,  
Chaplain St.,  
Wheeling,  
W. Va.

My dear Dr. Kelly:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your splendid photograph. I have been anxiously waiting for it, and I am very happy that I have received it.

When you are in Cleveland, some day, drop in to see me, and incidentally, also, your photograph in my study.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Kelly and to yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ANS\*G

October 29, 1917.

Mr. Leon B. Stein,  
Wheeling,  
W. Va.

My dear Leon:

I was very happy to hear from you and about the good work that the B'nai B'rith is doing. I am very happy that Wheeling has been decided upon, as the meeting place for the next Annual Meeting of the District Lodge. I have reserved the dates you mention, and unless some important matters interfere, I hope to be with you on these dates.

I regret that you took up the matter of my donation with Mr. Sobel. I have no intentions of making the B'nai B'rith Orphanage, pay the expenses of my trip. I shall send my contribution, together with a few others which I still have, to the Orphanage, in the very near future. Please inform Mr. Sobel of it.

Before I left, you were kind enough to volunteer to take care of my pictures, crate them and store them for me. I understood that you were to send them to the Baer Grocer Company. Gersh seems to know nothing about them. I am very anxious to have them here. Would you please look into the matter, and have them sent to me by express?

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stein, Marion and Helen, I wish to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:G

January 15, 1918.

Mrs. Lee Wolf,  
S. Front St.,  
Wheeling,  
W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Wolf:

I am in receipt of your kind letter requesting me to address the L.H.B.C. I should love to do so. I am not certain, however, that I shall be able to remain in Wheeling over Wednesday. Should I be in a position to do so, I shall be more than happy to speak before the Ladies' Society.

I shall not be in Wheeling for Sunday noon, inasmuch as I must occupy my own pulpit Sunday morning.

I hope to arrive at the earliest possible hour on Monday.

Anticipating with real pleasure my visit to Wheeling, and with kindest regards to all, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AND\*G



R. D. Gross, Rabbi  
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Eoff Street Temple  
Wheeling, West Virginia

April 15, 1918

My dear Mr. Silver,

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Eoff St. Temple, held yesterday, they expressed the desire to have you officiate at the Confirmation exercises of the Class of 1918.

I was therefore instructed to communicate with you, and ascertain, whether you can conveniently arrange to be here, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, or if the date conflicts with any of your plans, we can easily arrange a later day, to suit you.

Awaiting your reply, and with kindest regards,  
Sincerely yours  
Sam Ornstein

P.S. Janet & myself certainly were delighted to have been able to spend a few hours with you on our recent visit, and hope the opportunity will soon present itself, so we can reciprocate for the hospitality shown us, Janet sends kindest regards, and we hope you are enjoying better health.



# INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

WHEELING LODGE NUMBER SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

Wheeling, West Virginia

4/17/18

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At a regular meeting of the Sunday School Board it was resolved to request the Trustees of the Congregation to arrange for a Rabbi for Confirmation services. As we were not able to secure one by that time. The Board had a meeting on Sunday and you were the unanimous choice, it being resolved to instruct their secretary to invite you to conduct the services and no doubt by this time you have received their invitation. I do not know in what form it comes to you but let me say this, that the class, their parents, and everyone in general would feel grateful to you if you can possibly find a way to accept and if you can not I am at loss to know what to do. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Shabbath this year falls on Friday May the 17th and you have your class on the following Sunday May the 19th, if you feel as if Friday would be too close to conflict or rather crowd your time or to inconvenience you, perhaps Wednesday the 15th or Thursday the 16th would lighten your burdens for I realize with the size of your class you certainly have your hands full and if you do see your way clear to come fully realize what a sacrifice you will make so if any way possible please arrange to come. You fix the day and date and I'll have all in shape.

# INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

WHEELING LODGE NUMBER SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

Wheeling, West Virginia

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Under the circumstances there is no one but you who could come at the eleventh hour and do justice to the occasion. You know the personal of this class their traits and qualities and they all know honor respect yes love you. How easily it will be for you to step in and have the ceremony go through without a hitch and how my humble efforts will be rewarded by your presence. I am now all through with the work in general ending last Sunday with the Messianic Hope dwelling on the subject to a considerable length, from now on a general review with short talks which I have prepared. I will make all arrangements with the choir, the decorations etc. and Miss Flora Seuberg will assist me in directing the Sunday school class in the songs and marching. So please do not say no. Then again Mr and Mrs Leo Wolf were over to the house the other night and Mrs Wolf has it all arranged for your coming. Wheeling Jewery wants and needs you on this occasion so let me have day and date and all will be in readiness.

With kindest regards in which Mrs Jacobs and the boys join I am

Yours sincerely

Chas H. Jacobs.

April 22, 1918

Mr. Sam Orenstein  
Secretary Hoff St. Temple  
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Orenstein:-

I am in receipt of your kind letter to officiate at the Confirmation of the class of 1918. I shall be very happy to do so. I am unable, just at present, to set the definite date for my coming. I shall inform you of the date within a few days.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

305 S. Front St.

INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

WHEELING LODGE NUMBER SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

Wheeling, West Virginia

5/13/18

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Sir <sup>and</sup> Brother:

At a regular meeting of Wheeling  
Lodge 615 I.O.B.B. held Sunday eve May 12 it was resolved  
to ask you if it was any way possible being that you  
would be in Wheeling Sunday May 26 for Confirmation  
to deliver the B'nai Brith Memorial Service of Wheeling  
Lodge here in the Temple on Friday eve May 24 Will you  
Kindly let me know by return mail so I can report  
back to the Committee and due notice given thereof  
I assure you the members and the Lodge as a whole  
will be very grateful if you can see your way clear  
to be with us for that evening With kindest regards

Sincerely & Fraternally

Chas. H. Jacobs  
Secretary.

P.S. Confirmation class coming on fine and have  
their parts perfect all will be in readiness



May 14th, 1918

Mr. Chas. H. Jacobs  
305 S. Front Street  
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Jacobs:-

I appreciate very much the kind invitation of the B'nai B'rith Lodge to address its Memorial Service on Friday, May 24. I should be tempted to accept the invitation if it were not for the thought that I may not be in Wheeling in time for the service. My program for the next few weeks is so uncertain as to prevent the possibility of making definite lecture engagements for any evening.

I trust that your meeting will prove a success and with the hope of seeing you in the near future, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 24th, 1918.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Hillel:-

Many sincere thanks for your kind note of the 20th instant and I am happy to inform you that my mission was successful, except that the Jewish community has dwindled down to a handful in Morgantown.

Succeeded in having Benj. Oppenheim take the lead by being president and Mrs. Oppenheim, who has always been interested in Jewish affairs in Morgantown, is interested in organizing a religious school. I understand that there are about 35 children and there has been absolutely nothing done, which condition I consider very serious. If it is not imposing on your kind nature, I would like you, since Benj. Oppenheim is President and you know Mrs. Oppenheim, to drop him a note congratulating him upon the elevation of his position in Morgantown and expressing your hope that he will succeed in the co-operation of the B'nai B'rith by establishing some kind of force in Morgantown.

Assuring you of my high esteem and with kind personal regards, I am

Most sincerely and fraternally yours,

*Edw. Hemple*  
Secretary.

EH/S

*P.S. Huntington is doing remarkable.*

*Ray has over 100 members and are going to the  
25 Sunday next. R. 26th.  
C.H.*



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Sept-10-18.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

This Association is planning to hold a state convention, in this city, Jan-21-22-1919. On the night of the 21st, a large dinner is planned at the McLure Hotel, and the unanimous desire of the entertainment committee was, that you be the speaker at that dinner; and so I am writing to see if you will honor us to that extent.

*Tuesday*

The subject of your address is to be of your own selection, and I would deem it a personal favor, if you would permit the use of your name, as the speaker for that evening.

I would ask that you let us hear from you by an early mail.

*With warmest personal regards.*  
Very truly yours,

Dic. H. MS.

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September 18th, 1918

Mr. Herbert M. Sonneborn  
The Hub,  
Wheeling, West Va.

My dear Herb,

It was very lovely of you indeed to extend to me the kind invitation to address your Association on January 21st. I should love to say yes, but unfortunately I am in no position at the present time to make definite arrangements for a date so far ahead.

There may be a slight possibility of my being able to come. If you would write me some time in November or December, I might be able to give you a definite answer then, that is provided your plans do not call for an immediate acceptance, which of course I could not give.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Sonneborn, Morton and Junior, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

# *Kraft Manfg Company,* *Pelliccoats*

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1133 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK



*Wheeling, W. Va.*

Sept. 26, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Garfield Hotel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You brought joy to the heart with your telegram that you would come here and make our campaign a success. At the present time it is impossible to give you any details of organization or plan of meeting, because we have not determined on this yet. It is likely that the meeting will either be a large open event at one of the theatres or auditoriums, or a dinner at a place like the Scottish Rite Cathedral. As soon as our plans are formulated, however, will write you again.

We want to follow out lines of action similar to those adopted at Newark, N. J., and Wilmington, giving the campaign as much prominence as we can and enlisting the aid actively of non-Jews as well as Jews.

When you come to Wheeling, and I hope it will be possible for you to come before the day of our meeting, I want you to stop with me, so I am getting in my "bid" in ample time, I hope.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Louis Kraft*

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# THE AMERICAN JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE

WEST VIRGINIA STATE DRIVE

WHEELING, W. VA.

October 24, 1918.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Garfield Hotel,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

In answer to your wire of this afternoon. Was awfully sorry to be forced to say that everything was off locally on the 28th. No mass meetings, theaters, or anything of the sort. The same condition prevails nearly all over the state. This may interfere somewhat in our State Drive, but we think we will be able to overcome it.

I am not near so regretful of having to forgo the pleasure of your talk as I am of not having the opportunity of having you give us a skein of yarn about your trip Over There.

By the way! Do you know you owe me a couple of letters? Better pay your debts.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

*Eugene M. Baer*  
Chairman for the State.

*Samie Kraft gave you the  
Dope on the War Chest*



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*Wheeling, W. Va.* Oct 24 1918

Rabbi A.H. Silver  
Garfield Hotel  
Cleveland Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

I was on the point of wiring you to-day when Gene Baer phoned me that you had telegraphed him about the meeting here being postponed on account of the epidemic. As you know by this time, not alone has the meeting been postponed, but the whole Drive to have been held here has been called off with it.

Ohio County is going to have a War Chest campaign on Nov. 11th to 18th merging the United Drive, local charities and American Jewish Relief. We were prepared to have our local campaign go on on Oct. 29th but after taking the matter up with the War Chest (at their request) believed we would fare as well, if not better by joining forces with them. We are asking for \$50,000 as Wheeling's share for Jewish Relief and feel pretty sure that War Chest will bring us that much. Joe Baer and myself are on War Chest's executive committee and Louis Horkheimer on the budget committee.

Naturally, I regret that you are not going to come down as have been anticipating seeing you with a great deal of pleasure; but hope that your visit here is only going to be postponed and that not indefinitely. I also hope that our sudden change of plan will not be the cause of any inconvenience to you.

With kind regards and trusting that you are well,  
I am,

Yours very sincerely

*Louis Kraft*

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RABBI A H SILVER

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WILL YOU COME HERE MONDAY NOVEMBER ELEVENTH TO OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR OHIO  
 COUNTY WAR THEST IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD A LARGE MEETING AND WE WANT  
 YOU TO DELIVER A " SERVICESPEECH " HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT AS I FEEL  
 THAT WE NEED YOU WIRE ME

LOUIS KRAFT

FOR OHIO COUNTY WARCHEST

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Wheeling, W. Va. Sunday 10/27/18.

Dear Rabbi: Was delighted to receive this morning your  
wire consenting to come to Wheeling for Nov.  
11<sup>th</sup> - Let us hope that by this date the Epidem-  
ic will have passed, not only here, but every-  
where. - I want to renew my request that  
when you come here, you will stop with me.  
Let me know when to expect you - Remember  
you are welcome as long before the 11<sup>th</sup> (and  
after) as suits your convenience -  
Sincerely yours  
Louis Kraft.

You will be glad to learn that J.D. Gordon  
was this morning another victim to this  
dreadful disease.

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A H SILVER

GARFIELD HOTEL 3848 PROSPECT AVE

GLAD YOU CAN COME NOV 11TH PLANNING TO HAVE UNION SERVICES HERE SUNDAY  
NOV 10TH COULD YOU COME FOR THIS ALSO WIRE ANSWER

OHIO COUNTY WAR CHEST

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STRICTLY ONE PRICE.



315 CHAPLINE STREET

WHEELING, W. VA. 11-27-18.

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

My dear Mr. Silver:

This is a reminder that you were going to let me know, sometime this month, regarding your being able to speak at the banquet of the W. Va. Retail Clothing Association on the night of January 21.

I sincerely trust that you will be able to address us at that time and hope to receive your favorable answer by return of mail.

Sincerely,

Dic. H.M.S.





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1315 CHAPLINE STREET

WHEELING, W. VA.

December 10, 1918

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Silver:

May I request a very early answer to my letter of November 27th as we are holding our program up.

Awaiting your reply which we certainly hope and trust will be a favorable one.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

HMS  
HR

Copy of  
Telegram - { 2:30 p. m.  
Wednesday  
Dec 11/18

"Pardon delay in answering.  
Impossible to come. Letter follows.  
A. H. Silver

December 14th, 1913

Mr. Herbert Sonneborn,  
1324 Market Street,  
Wheeling, West Va.

My dear Herb,

I am very sorry that I was delayed in answering your letter, and regret exceedingly that I am not able to accept your kind invitation to address your organization. I am fairly overburdened with work for the next few months. I know that you will sympathize with me.

Let me congratulate you and Irma upon the addition to your family. I hope that on my next visit to Wheeling I shall have the pleasure and joy of seeing the new-come.

With kindest regards to you and to Irma, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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1315 CHAPLINE STREET

WHEELING, W. VA.

December 18, 1918

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 14th and also received the very disappointing telegram, very disappointing not alone to myself but to every member of our Convention Committee and I think you will be owing us a great many dollars for the lack of attendance ~~at~~ our banquet due to your defection.

We were all disappointed and I only hope that if you find it working out so that you can possibly get away around the 21st that you will do all you can to be the impromptu number of our program.

Thanks, also, for your congratulations.

With kindest regards from Irma and myself. I am, as ever

Yours very truly

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RABBI A H SILVER

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MY DEAR SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I WROTE ASKING YOU TO LECTURE FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE GUILD AS YET NOT A WORD FROM YOU ANSWER AT ONCE AS WE  
MEET NEXT WEEK AND I MUST GIVE YOUR ANSWER THEN PLEASE  
I SAY YOU WILL COME THE ISENBERGS ASK YOU FOR LUNCH THAT DAY

FLORAD

T. Feb. 25.  
T. Feb. 4

*Miss Flora Eisenberg Incubated Temple Guild - Wheeling*  
*Flora - - Tues Feb 25/ 6:10 PM - 7:11 PM*

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January 3th, 1919

Miss Flora Isenberg,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Flora,

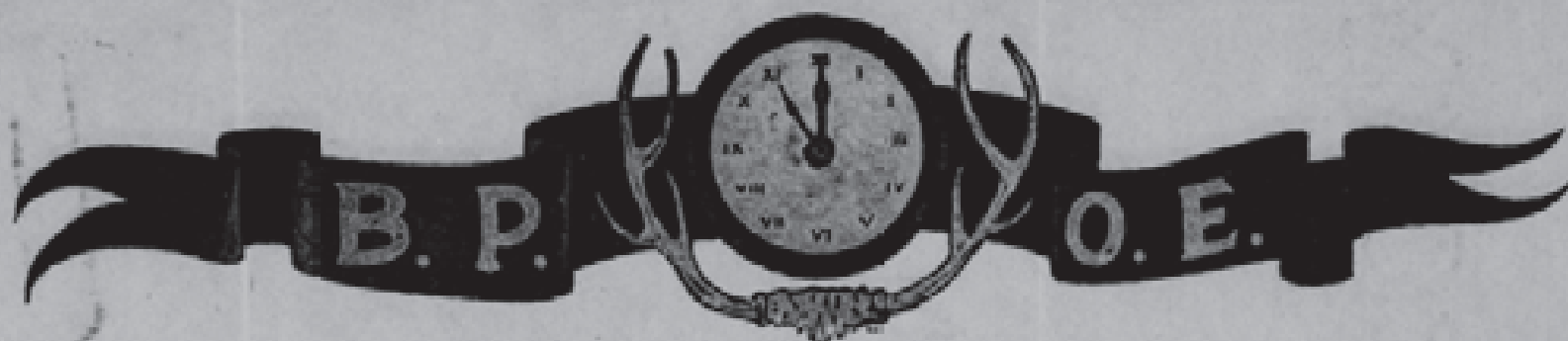
I received your kind night letter requesting me to address a meeting arranged by the Temple Guild in Wheeling. I might see my way clear to come on Tuesday, February 25th.

If this date is agreeable to you, please let me know and I will try to make arrangements to come.

Please convey my kindest regards to all the members of your family.

Very sincerely yours,





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WHEELING LODGE  
THIRTY-TWO FIFTEENTH STREET

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January 13, 1919

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend & Brother:

At a meeting of Wheeling Lodge No. 28 B. P. O. Elks on Thursday evening January 2nd, the Speaker's Committee for 1919 was instructed by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, to extend to you an invitation to deliver our annual Memorial Address to be held on Sunday December 7th 1919, and it is the earnest desire of the Committee, as well as all of the Brothers of Wheeling Lodge to have you with us on that occasion, and we sincerely trust that you will be able to accept this invitation.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with best personal regards from all of the members, I am

Sincerely yours,

*James A. Dyson*

Chairman.

Speakers' Committee:

James A. Dyson,  
C. M. Vester,  
J. B. Handlan.

January 16th, 1919

Mr. James A. Dyson,  
Wheeling Lodge 28, R.P.O.E.,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Jim,

I received your very kind invitation to deliver the Memorial Address at your next Annual Meeting, Sunday, December 7th, 1919.

I shall be most happy to render my services on that day. I trust that nothing will intervene to make it impossible for me to come.

Please convey my greetings to the members of Wheeling Lodge.

With kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

M. SONNEBORN, PRESIDENT  
E. M. BAER, VICE-PRESIDENT

H. O. BAER, TREASURER  
S. L. ORENSTEIN, SECRETARY

EOFF STREET TEMPLE

L. A. MISCHKIND, RABBI

WHEELING, W. VA.

Feb. 4, 1919.

Dear Silver:-

The community here is undertaking a campaign for the general fund of the Union of Am. Heb. Congr. The chairman of the committee in charge, Julius Herkheimer & Mr. Sonneborn suggested that the campaign could be consummated quite simply by your addressing the members of the congregation. Would it then be possible for you to speak for that purpose here Monday night, Feb. 24 (one day before your scheduled appearance) or Wednesday night, Feb. 26? The audience then, of course, would be only Jews. You yourself realize the immense benefit accruing to the cause of the Union from the result. Wheeling is to raise \$1600 in annual contributions.

Can you - will you come?

Regards,  
Louis Mischkind

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February 4, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

I learned thru Mr. Henry Front that you will be in Wheeling on February 25th to lecture at the Temple.

The Wheeling Rotarians have directed me to invite you to be our guest for the noon luncheon, 12:15, at the McClure House on that day and at the same time, give us a talk on a subject of your own choosing.

If you can see your way clear to be with us, please advise as to how much time you may take and we will gladly give you the full time.

Awaiting your reply, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Fred W. Colmar*

TREAS. & ASST. SECRETARY.

February 6th, 1919

Rabbi Louis Mischkind,  
Boff Street Temple,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Mischkind,

I regret exceedingly my inability to accept your very kind invitation to address the Congregation, either on Monday or Wednesday night, in the interest of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' campaign.

I cannot remain in Wheeling more than one night.

Very sincerely yours,



February 6th, 1919

Mr. Fred W. Colmar,  
Treasurer and Asst. Secy.,  
Rotary Club of Wheeling,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Colmar,

I am very grateful for  
your kind invitation to address the Rotary  
Club of Wheeling and regret very much that  
I cannot accept, not knowing what time I  
shall be able to leave Cleveland, nor when  
I shall arrive in Wheeling.

Very sincerely yours,

will not  
show up  
the 26th

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WHEELING, W. VA.

FEBRUARY 10TH

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Cannot  
come any  
Tuesday in  
March

My dear friend:-

I am writing you to inquire if you can so arrange your trip when you come to Wheeling on the 25th so as to remain over until the night of the 26th. Our lodge intends holding a class initiation at the March meeting at which time we wanted to have you and Bro. Feuchtwanger present thinking that probably if you could arrange for the 26th we might be able to arrange with him to be here. We would have a special meeting and "some doings". Can you arrange for this, so that I can get in communication with him. If you cannot, could you arrange to be here on Sunday March 9, or if not on Sunday could you be here on Monday March 3 or 10? The former date preferred. We want you with us and will set our date to conform with any suggestion that you may offer as to time providing that ~~are~~ agreeable with those of Bro. Feuchtwanger who is doing quite a lot of traveling in the district at present. All want you and I hope to receive an affirmative reply from you soon.

I understand that the Rotary Club (of which I am a member of the past three weeks) is also leaving no stone unturned to so arrange to have you at the noon day meeting on the 25th. Can't you arrange to go to Pittsburg Monday night and be with us all?

With best wishes in which the whole family join me, I am with kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

Levi S. Stem

will not  
address Rotary.

February 20th, 1919

Mr. Lewis B. Stein,  
Care E. M. Rice & Co.,  
1300 Main Street,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Stein,

Kindly pardon the delay in replying  
to your kind letter of the tenth instant.

Much as I should like to do so, I  
cannot remain over in Wheeling for the 26th.  
Neither can I arrange to be in Wheeling on any  
Sunday in March. I am very much over-burdened  
with duties and obligations to speak, and cannot,  
in justice to myself, take on any more for many  
weeks to come.

I cannot arrange to speak for the  
Rotary Club at noon on the 25th.

With kindest regards to you and all  
the folks, and looking forward with much pleasure  
to seeing you soon, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI A H SILVER

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CARFIELD HOTEL CLEVELAND O

WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ADDRESS THE OPEN FORUM AT THE  
TEMPLE THE NIGHT AFTER YOUR APPEARANCE AT THE ELMS MONDAY  
DECEMBER EIGHTH PLEASE WIRE AT ONCE BEST REGARDS

LOUIS A MISCHKIND.

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WHEELING, W. VA. Oct 17, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend:-

They say "the early bird catches the worm" and paraphrasing on this quotation, I wonder if the early "Birdie" and the earlier "Leon" will be in time to extend you an invitation for dinner on the first Sunday in December on which day you have been announced by Wheeling Lodge B P O E at its meeting last night," would be the great orator of the day."

I certainly hope that we will have the pleasure to have you with us for either noon or evening meal, the former preferred. We have not seen you for so long and knowing that you have been all over the world since our last visit with you, we will all be very glad to see you.

At the same time, at the suggestion of the B'nai B'rith, at our meeting held Sunday evening, it was hoped that you would accept an invitation to be with us at a special meeting that we would call for that night, as our guest. Just a little informal meeting, no doings, no over-coats, no morris chairs, no orations, simply hand shaking and telling funny stories. Will you be with us or against us?

I certainly appreciate in advance your acceptance of both of these invitations. Please let us hear from you just as soon as you can.

Hoping that you are very well, I remain

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely  
Leopold Stein



Oct. 22, 1919.

Mr. Leon B. Stein,  
1300 Main Street,  
Shesling, W. Va.

My dear Leon,

It was very good of you to extend to me the hospitality of your home. I shall be glad to take the evening meal with you and your family.

Of course I shall be happy to meet the members of the B'nai B'rith at the informal gathering, provided there will be no orations or speeches.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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RABBY A H SILVER

GARFIELD HOTEL



SORRY TO AGAIN TO HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT ALL MEETINGS HERE FOR  
WAR CHEST ARE CALLED OFF ACCOUNT OF EPPEDENIC WISH YOU COULD  
HAVE COME

LOUIS KRAFF

601PM

*The Gift of  
Immortality*

**Tom B. Foulk**

Attorney at Law  
519 Schmutzbach Bldg.

Wheeling, W. Va.

November 17, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

*Chas Hille Silver*

My dear Mr. Silver:

My program for Elks' Memorial Day is just about ready for the printer. Upon receipt of this letter, kindly advise me of your topic for our Elks' Memorial; also how you desire your name used upon the program. It seems to me that I have heard of some honorary degrees being conferred upon you. If you have a Doctor's degree, it seems only fitting and proper that it should be used.

Awaiting the pleasure of seeing you on the 7th of December, I  
am

Cordially yours,

*T. B. Foulk*

TBF:MAY

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Tom B. Foulk,  
519 Schmalbach Bldg.,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Foulk,

The subject of my address before  
the Elk's Memorial, will be

"The Gift of Immortality"

Just print my name as "Tom Foulk"

Abba Hillel Silver.

Anticipating the pleasure of meet-  
ing all my brother Elks, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

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Rabbi A.H. Silver.

Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find copy of "Cervus Alces:" Yours Truly furnished the picture & wrote your life history as far as he knew it.

The chairman of the publicity committee called me up this morning and asked for the subject of your address.

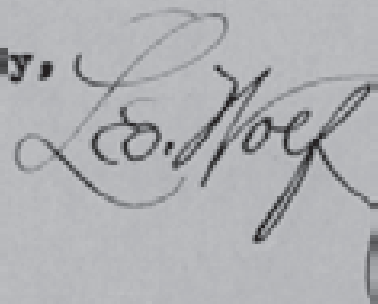
You admit your failing as regards your correspondence but this letter requires an immediate answer. Please oblige us by quick reply.

I did not get an answer from my last letter. I did not ask for any comment. Just your acknowledgment of its receipt.

I am glad to know that we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you. No one of your friends is more gratified than I, at your success & I trust the good Lord will long spare you for the work you are so gloriously accomplishing.

On behalf of the Elks & myself I thank you in advance for prompt reply. Mrs Wolf & Charlie send kindest regards as does,

Yours Very Sincerely,





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PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1919.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Eoff St. Temple,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi:

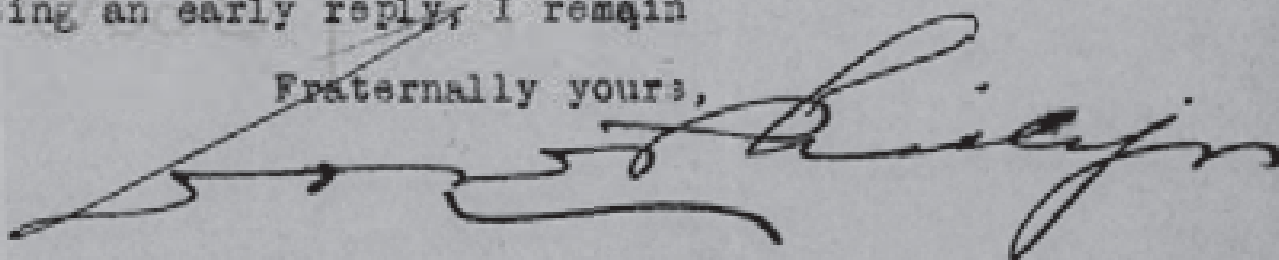
I understand you are going to speak at the  
Wheeling Lodge on Sunday, December 7th.

I have been anxious for several years to have you  
arrange a time when we could have you as our guest at the  
Lincoln Lodge sometime during this winter. If you can  
indicate when you expect to be in or about Philadelphia, or  
if you will make arrangements for such a trip, our Lodge will  
attend to the details.

Awaiting an early reply, I remain

Faternally yours,

P/K

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to David Phillips, is written over the typed name "Faternally yours,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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GARFIELD HOTEL CLEVELAND O

A MASS MEETING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS  
WILL BE HELD SUNDAY NIGHT MARCH TWENTY FIRST AT THE TEMPLE  
THIS WAS DECIDED UPON AS A RESULT OF AN APPEAL JUST RECEIVED  
TO RAISE EVERY AVAILABLE DOLLAR FOR THE HORRIBLE EMERGENCY  
NOW EXISTING IT IS AN EMERGENCY NOT A CAMPAIGN RESULTS MUST  
BE SWIFT TO BE EFFECTIVE THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE FEELS THAT  
YOU ARE THE MAN TO ACCOMPLISH IT WILL YOU COME WIRE REPLY  
AT ONCE

LOUIS A MISCHKIND

CHAIRMAN LOUIS HORKHEIMER MAX SCHAFER

LEON B. STEIN

1159P

OVER

Collect Message March 18th, 1920 - 4:30 p.m.

Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Profoundly appreciate invitation. Regret  
exceedingly inability to come. Absolutely impossible to leave  
Cleveland.

Rabbi A. H. Silver



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WHEELING, W. VA.

July 7, 1920.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

I have this week received the typewritten copy of your lecture which was delivered while I was in Cleveland attending the I.O.B.B. Convention and want to thank you very much for same.

I am writing this not even knowing if you are at home or if you are attending the Convention at London, England, but no matter where you are, let me assure you of my hearty appreciation of your kindness and my best wishes for the future. In this latter all the Steins, big, little and intermediate sizes all join.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam D. Stein*

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WHEELING, W. VA.

Dec. 10, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, OHIO.

My dear Friend:-

Referring to my recent communication to you and your cheerful acceptance of our invitation to be one on our proposed plan for a Lecture Course, I regret to inform you that the other persons we had in view and whom we hoped to procure through the various Lyceum Bureaus with which they were connected, were either booked up in our immediate territory or could only be available at such times as did not suit us. Others seemed to have taken the advantage of the high cost of living and made us feel that the high prices they asked should be evidence of their ability to deliver the goods and as the committee as a whole did not assess them at as high a valuation as they personally thought they were worth, we have given up the idea of a course this year.

My object in writing you this is that Mrs. Wolf inquired of me the other day whether our course was to be a go and in the event of its not, that she desired to invite you for some affair which I believe the Sisterhood intends giving. So you see I am writing this so that your previous acceptance to me for the Lecture Course will not interfere with your acting as you may care to, should you hear from her.

Hoping you are very well, and with kindest regards to you, in which all the members of our family join me, I am

Very sincerely,

*Sam J. Rice*



December twenty-fourth,  
1920

Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
45 South Broadway,  
Wheeling, West Va.

My dear Mrs. Wolf,

I have just received your letter with its kind invitation to address a meeting of the Sisterhood on some evening in January or February.

I could come on Monday, January 24th or Monday, February 28th. If either of these dates ~~is~~ acceptable to you, please let me know and I shall be delighted to see the Wheeling people again.

With kindest regards to yourself, Mr. Wolf and Marc, I am

Very sincerely yours,

45 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

My dear Ruth Silver:

Kindness

to say I was glad to hear  
from you. We have probably  
heard that the Bnai B'rith  
lecture course has been  
abandoned and now our  
Sisterhood want you to  
come to Wheeling on any  
date in Jan. or February  
that will suit you - We

shall give a community  
supper - followed by your  
lecture on any date  
you find convenient -  
May I ask that you  
let me know definitely  
about the date before  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - which is the  
annual meeting day <sup>and</sup>  
I should like to announce  
your coming then. If your  
coming to Chicago will af-  
ford you one half the pleas-  
ure that having you here

45 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

give me - we shall be mu-  
tually benefitted. I am glad  
to tell you that Mother is  
recovering from an attack  
of pneumonia - for one week  
her chances for recovery were  
poor - but today Dr. Reed pro-  
nounced her out of danger.  
Even with two good nurses  
I was there day and night  
and have not yet been  
able to relax - Have you  
read 'The Brass Check' by

Upton Sinclair? It is an amazing  
expose - shall be glad  
to loan it to you if you  
want it.

With kindest regards  
to you and your Aesrones  
and hoping for an early  
reply Love

Cordially yours,  
Claudia P. May

Mr May & Marc send regards  
to you.



January 7th, 1921

Mrs. Lee Welf,  
45 South Broadway,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Welf,

Just a note to confirm the date  
of February eighth. I am enclosing herewith a  
list of subjects from which you may be able to  
choose a lecture which would meet your require-  
ments. Please let me know your choice.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 5th, 1921

*right*  
Paid ~~my~~ Letter to

*to Wolf*  
Mrs. I. Wolf,

45 South Broadway,

Wheeling, W. Va.

WRHS  
I am compelled to cancel lecture of January twenty-fourth.  
Have a very important wedding on that night. Can give you Tuesday,  
February eighth or Monday, February twenty-eighth. Please wire.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

# The Temple Sisterhood

Wheeling, W. Va. Jan. 12 1921

Ruth A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Ruth Silver:

In reply

to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
I want to state that our  
choice of a subject for your  
lecture is "Prejudice -  
How to meet it." If, however  
you think that subject  
less desirable than  
"The Triumphs & Failures of  
Democracy," we are

## The Temple Sisterhood

Wheeling, W. Va.

19

willing to abide by your  
choice - If I do not hear  
to the contrary - we shall  
advocate the first named  
subject. As soon as your  
plans are definite, I will  
you let me know just  
when to expect you and  
how long you can be  
with us. All your friends  
are anxious to know -

I have a good  
mound - & pease also  
potato cakes & baked  
beans. By the way  
did you receive the

# The Temple Sisterhood

Wheeling, W. Va.

19

Sehr guten I mailed you?  
You have no doubt  
heard that Rati Thieckhut  
resigned - he will remain  
throughout this year.

With kindest regards  
to you and hoping to  
hear from you soon I am

Sincerely yours  
Claudia R. Ing.

Jan. 12 1891



January nineteenth

1921

Mrs. Leo Welf,  
45 South Broadway,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Mrs. Welf,

The subject which you have  
selected for my address - Prejudice and How  
to Meet it - is very satisfactory to me.

I shall let you know before  
very long just when I expect to arrive in  
Wheeling. The many good things which you  
promise are very tantalizing.

I thought that I had ac-  
knowledged your very great kindness in  
sending me that little box of precious  
things.

I was interested to learn  
of Dr. Mischkind's resignation. I wonder  
why he did so.

Please give my kindest to  
Lee and Bero. Looking forward to seeing all  
of you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1922

Miss Virginia Horkheimer  
Kenwood Place,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Am scheduled for a noon and evening meeting  
at Steubenville on the 18th. Hardly think would have  
time to address convention. Must return on 19th.

Loba.

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A H SILVER

**91** THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

SISTERHOOD STATES CONVENTION MEET HERE JANUARY EIGHTEEN TH AND  
NINETEENTH THINK SOCIETY WOULD WANT YOU TO ADDRESS THEM IF THEY  
KNEW YOU WERE IN THE VICINITY HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT SHALL I  
MENTION IT

VIRGINIA

1245P

NOT BETTER THAN THEY—ONLY MORE FORTUNATE

## American Jewish Relief Committee of West Virginia

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CO-OPERATING WITH  
CENTRAL AND PEOPLE'S RELIEF COMMITTEES

Wheeling, W. Va.  
February 20th, 1922

Rabbi Aba Hilla Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

The way you have neglected me we should not be on speaking terms. The great and powerful have always been excepted, therefore I will excuse you, but don't dare come to Wheeling in the future no matter what the errand may be, without at least showing yourself to yours truly.

I have a favor to ask of you and a big one this time. I want you to go to Charleston to speak to the American Jewish Relief on March 12th. Now just a minute until I outline to you why I am asking this favor, and I know you will grant same if possible.

We held a drive during the last holidays, but it was not very successful because we lacked the impetus of a national drive. But we did do fairly well. When this \$14,000,000 campaign came up, as state chairmen, they demanded that I run another campaign. Charleston is a wealthy community that is in good shape and all that they need to get it is an able orator. They expressly asked if I could obtain you. Rabbi Bettan heartily seconded the motion. Therefore I would greatly appreciate if it were possible for you to do this favor for me and for the Cause. May I have an affirmative answer from you with all possible speed, by wire?

With very best regards, and hoping to see you in person soon, I am

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Chairman

HOB/HCP

February twenty-first,  
1922

Mr. H. O. Best,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Herb:-

I wish I were in a position to accept your very kind invitation to address a War Relief Meeting at Charleston on March 12th. However, I find myself compelled to decline. In the first place, I already have an engagement for March 12th, and secondly, the number of speaking engagements which I have for the next two months is so large, that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more. Yours is the seventh request which has come to me within a period of five days, six of which I have been compelled to turn down.

I trust that you and yours are well.  
I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



110 CHAPLINE STREET  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

May 7, 1922

My dear Mr. Reber - The Library  
Department of the Women's Club  
would like you to lecture them  
sometime next year. Mrs. Brittingham  
the chairman of that department asked  
me to write you (I am to be chairman  
for the Club Program) she thanks you  
know me better than you do her - Do  
you remember the Rev. Jacob - her  
husband the pastor of St. Luke's - To  
prove that Mrs. B. has no prejudice  
she is selecting Jewish talent, she  
naively told me - we have the Best -  
(I trust you do recall the Rev. Jacob)  
Mrs. B. has already asked Dr. Wooley  
of your city - where he was here this  
spring - Mr. Louis K. Anspacher

116 CHAPLINE STREET  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

will talk on either Russian  
Literature or Ibsen - Your Wheeling  
friends want you and I trust you  
will honor us - We now have a club  
of 750 members. (not all literary) our  
meetings are always on Friday after  
noons - Oct 6-13, Nov 17-24, Feb 2 and  
Mar 16 are filled - Miss Janet Richards  
Dr Ragnard for Current Events. Dr  
Manley, a possibility of Lathrop Stoddart  
and Ruth Bryan Owens who talks  
on Putting the movie in the movies - for  
Community Service - When that  
chairlady called her Mrs Cohen I  
realized I was sensitive -

Please come and make  
us happy. Sincerely  
Elia H. Meyer

May Twenty-third,  
1922

Miss Celia H. Speyer,  
1118 Chapline Street,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Miss Speyer,

I wish I were in a position to accept the kind invitation of the Wheeling Womens Club to address them this coming year. I am afraid, however, that I cannot at this moment accept it. The coming year will be exceedingly busy for me, inasmuch as we are building our new Temple.

If you still want me later in the year, and if I still have the time, I shall do my utmost to come.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are well, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. Brittingham  
St. Luke's Rectory  
Hunting, Pa.

WOMAN'S CLUB

HUNTING, W. VA.

July 14/22

My Dear Mr. Silver:

I trust you  
will pardon the importunity  
of The Woman's Club of Hunt-  
ing, and say you will come  
and address us in either  
of the spring months, under  
the Literary Dept. of the Club.  
It would afford a great pleas-  
ure to your numerous friends  
here, and would be a lasting  
benefit to the Club. If possible  
I would like to have your name  
in the year book, under the Literary  
Dept. of which I am chairman.  
Sincerely, Sarah A. Brittingham

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July Eighteenth,  
1922

Mrs. J. Brittingham,  
St. Luke's Rectory,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Brittingham,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of July fourteenth. I have hesitated for two reasons. First, because I was unable to give you a definite date for a lecture this year, inasmuch as the building of our new Temple will undoubtedly take up a great deal of my time during the coming year. In the second place, I understand that my colleague and fellow-townsmen, Dr. Wolsey, is on your program for next year, and I am wondering whether Cleveland and the ministry are not sufficiently represented for one season on your program.

However, if you still feel that you want me, I shall try to give you a date some time in March or April.

With kindest regards to Dr. Brittingham,

I am

Very sincerely yours,



August eleventh, 1922

Mrs. Celia H. Speyer,  
1118 Chapline Street,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Mrs. Speyer,

I am sending you herewith a list  
of subjects, from which kindly select one  
which will be most appropriate for your  
audience and let me know which one you choose.

With kindest regards and looking  
forward with pleasure to meeting the members of  
your organization, I am

Very sincerely yours,

What is Culture -

With special reference to.  
Friends I have made and Lost  
Organizing for Service  
Racial and Religious Conflict in the U.S.  
Is Progress Possible  
Censors and Censorship  
The Bible, Darwin and Mr. Bryan  
Have we an American Civilization

September 25th, 1922.

Mr. Wm. E. Irwin,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Irwin,

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to be the guest of the Masonic Forum on March 14th, 1923. I do not know whether men who are not members of the Masonic Fraternity are privileged to avail themselves of such an invitation for I am not a member. If the privilege is extended to nonmembers, I shall be very happy to be with you at that time.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

3/3/23

Women's Club and all Wheeling looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us Friday afternoon, the 9th, at 2:30 at the Elks Club. Knowing what a very busy man you are, I thought best to remind you of your promised visit to Wheeling. Answer.

Sarah A. Brittingham.

A<sup>c</sup> 2' 3/9



Women's Club & all Wf



MRS. LEO WOLF  
45 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

June 6 '1924.

Dear Rabbi:

I am writing to ask  
if it will be possible for you  
to come to Wheeling next season  
to be one of several speakers  
for a lecture concert to be  
put on by the Ohio County League  
of Women Voters - We are plan-  
ning to have Judge Florence  
Allen - Norman Thomas -  
David Lawrence - Mrs. Carrie



Chapman Catt & yourself  
& others if they will, come - the  
subject I come to be those  
fatal to American Citizens -  
Will you please let me hear  
from you soon - as we  
are arranging for the come  
to begin either September or  
October and end in April.  
Also I want to ask you if  
you ever heard Tom Skye kill  
The young Australian soldier  
who was killed by shell shock -  
He traveled during third &  
fourth Liberty Loan campaign

MRS. LEO WOLF  
43 SOUTH BROADWAY  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

with Theodore Roosevelt on speaking  
tour. I have a chance to look  
him but want to be sure  
he is a speaker. I shall be  
very grateful for any informa-  
tion you can give me. Also  
grateful for a speedy reply  
about yourself re. to terms  
etc.

How are you & Luke?

Planning to come here soon?  
Leo joins me in sending love  
to you both -  
Fondly yours  
Claudia

June 16th, 1924.

Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
45 South Broadway,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Wolf,

Thanks very much for your letter of June 6th and for the invitation to address the Ohio County League of Women Voters. I wish I were in a position to accept the invitation definitely at this time but my program for next year is very uncertain. We are moving into new quarters and there will be many activities to claim my time. If you will have need of a speaker in the fall, please write to me and I shall try to come.

I never heard Tom Skoyhill but he is spoken of very highly in the city. I found John Spargo and Raymond Hobbins splendid speakers and worth while.

Jinks is in Baltimore now getting acquainted with her new niece. I expect her home within a week! Please remember me to Leo.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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*Wheeling, W. Va.*

Dec. 19th, 1924.



Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
1485 East 106th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear John:-

Last year the Men's Temple Club wanted you to deliver an address to us.

Uncle Lou was our emissary and he "muffed the ball". He did not bring "home the bacon".

We are saving a date in April for you. We generally meet the first Wednesday of each month. What time have you open? The first or second week in April that you could give us. We would rather have you on the first or eighth.

We have the following speakers for 1925:

January 7th, Tom Skeyhill,  
" 15th, Captain Donald B. MacMillan  
February 4th, Burnell Ford, Lecturer and Scientist.  
a rather light number but think it will prove entertaining.  
March 4th, Congressman Meyer Jacobstein.  
April 1st or 8th, our closing meeting for the year,  
the great and inimitable "Swiss bell ringer".

We want you to deliver a message to our Club which will provide sufficient religious pabulum to carry over into the fall, when we will resume meetings again.

Our May meeting will just be the election of officers for the ensuing year. June, July and August, there will be no meetings.

At a joint meeting of the Program, Executive and Entertainment Committees last night, you were the unanimous choice. It is needless for me to tell you how delighted our people would be to hear you and what an ovation you will receive. I also believe you want to come to us. You will please let me know if it will be convenient for you.

Best regards to Jinks. Am pleased to advise that Mother is making steady progress toward complete recovery.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Mail all correspondence regarding this letter to Wheeling, W. Va. office.

MD

EUGENE M. BAER

December 28th, 1924.

Mr. Eugene M. Baer,  
Union Warehouse and Storage Co.,  
Wheeling, W.Va.

My dear Eugene,

I shall come to you in April.  
I cannot at the present writing say  
just what day but I will let you know  
before very long.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





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Wheeling, W. Va.

Jan. 8th, 1925.



Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:-

Replying to your letter of December 28th, will  
say that your letter has brought much joy to me and the  
members of our Temple Club.

We are waiting your selection of a definite  
date in April.

With very best regards to you and Jenks, believe  
me,

Cordially yours,

*Eugene A. Darr*  
EUGENE A. DARR

MD

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February Tenth  
1926

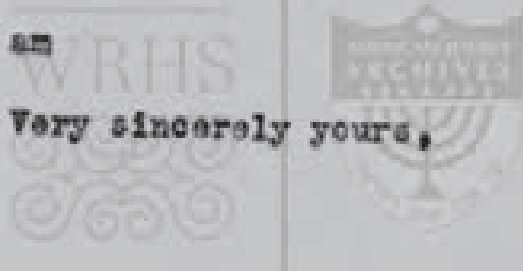
Mr. Eugene Baer,  
Union Warehouse & Storage Co.,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

My dear Gene,

I think I shall be able to come to  
you on Monday, April 20th. You may book me for  
that date.

With kindest regards in which Virginia  
joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,



# MEN'S TEMPLE CLUB

## OF THE EOFF STREET TEMPLE

### WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eugene M. Baer  
Harry Van Bergh  
D. Milton Gutman  
Irwin H. Baer  
Sidney Reichart  
Charles H. Jacobs  
Chas. L. Sonnenborn  
Samuel Good

February 13th, 1925.

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Samuel Good, Chm.  
Joel E. Moss  
Benj. S. Baer  
A. M. Vatz  
Rabbi H. A. Isa

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear John:

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Harry Van Bergh, Chm.  
David Banov  
Harry Barach  
David Tyler  
Ben F. Baer  
Milton Schlesinger

Replying to yours of the 10th in which  
you state you can come to us on April 20th.

#### COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Chas. Sonnenborn, Chm.  
Louis Horkheimer  
Leon B. Stein  
Max Crane

We are very, very glad to have you on  
the 20th but would rather have you on Wednesday  
the 8th or Wednesday the 15th as our meetings  
are generally held on Wednesday.

#### ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Chas. H. Jacobs, Chm.  
Henry Jacobs  
H. O. Baer

If you could change the date to either  
of the dates above mentioned, it will be more  
preferable to us, but if your other commitments  
prevent you from coming on the 8th or 15th, we  
will arrange matters for the 20th.

Cordially yours,

  
EUGENE M. BAER

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CHICAGO, ILL.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear John:

April 20th O.K. Please send subject and  
newspaper cuts.

Best regards to you and Jinks.

Yours Sincerely,

*Eugene M. Baer*  
EUGENE M. BAER

MD

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March 5th, 1925.

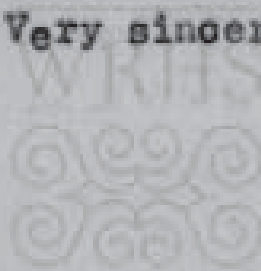
Mr. Eugene M. Baer,  
Union Warehouse & Storage Co.,  
Wheeling, W.Va.

My dear Gene,

I shall speak on, "Is  
Progress a Myth?"

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,





Wheeling

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RABBI A. L. FEINBERG  
WHEELING, W. VA.

Apr. 22, 1926.

Dr. & Mrs. A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

Dear Friends:

Due to a bit of nervous fatigue from my rather strenuous and protracted tour of West Virginia, I did not think to express my deep gratitude to both of you for your services this evening. The success of the appeal will mean much to the religious life of the community. We all are profoundly thankful to you. And it was all very instructive to me; I learned a great deal which will some day, I hope, be devoted to a greater expansion of my work.

Please then, be assured that your coming has been and will be felt in the spiritual elevation of the Jewish group here. And accept my personal thanks sincerely and earnestly voiced for a very helpful and inspiring evening.

Respectfully,  
A. L. Feinberg.

April 30th, 1926.

Rabbi A.L. Weinberg,  
Wheeling, W.Va.

My dear Weinberg,

Thank you very much for your kind note of April 22nd. Both Mrs. Silver and I enjoyed our short stay in Wheeling immensely and we were thrilled with the response of your community to the appeal of foreign relief. You have a splendid host of men and women to work with and you ought to feel very much stimulated.

With kindest regards and hoping to see you some day soon in Cleveland, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



# The McClure HOTEL.

F. L. CARENBAUER,  
MANAGER

McCLURE BROS.,  
PROPRIETORS.

WHEELING, W. VA. Nov. 29/  
26

Dear Ruth:

We have set the date  
for our state sisterhood con-  
vention and I am telling you  
at once, hoping it will be pos-  
sible for you to be with us -  
We open with a religious service  
Monday eve - at 8 P.M. - March 28 -  
Convention closes at noon on  
30 - Of course we'd like to  
have you make the address  
on 28 - but if that is impos-  
sible and either other day  
is possible for you - we shall  
place you according to your  
desire. We, in Wheeling still  
feel that you are a part of us  
and so would like to have



# The McClure HOTEL.

F. L. CARENBAUER,  
MANAGER

MCCLURE BROS.  
PROPRIETORS.

WHEELING, W. VA.

you a part of our big lounge.  
Please let me hear from  
you as soon as you know  
what you can do - as we  
want to get an outline of  
our program, etc.

With kindest regards  
to you & Virginia in which  
Leo joins I am

Sincerely yours,  
Claudia B. Wolf.

W  
Wolf  
Wheeling \*

December 7th, 1926.

Mrs. Leo M. Wolf,  
Wheeling, W.Va.

My dear Mrs. Wolf,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your kind invitation to address the State Sisterhood Convention the latter part of March. It would give me great joy to be in Wheeling again if only for a day but I have been compelled to decline so many invitations because of my crowded program. I am overburdened with work in my community and with lecture engagements which I have already unwisely accepted. I cannot in justice to myself take on additional work.

I trust that you will understand and that you will sympathize with me. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards to you and Leo in which Virginia joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 19, 1927.

~~Pay Letter~~

Mr. Herbert Baer,  
Wheeling, West Va.

Regret exceedingly cannot come to Wheeling for  
Charity dinner. Miller of Youngstown is good.

N.E.B.  
2:25 P.M.

A. H. Silver

sent by  
A.K. 2:30 P.M.



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RABBI A H SILVER.

CLEVELAND OHIO.

1927 OCT 18 AM 12 50

WRHS  
ORGANIZING FEDERATED CHARITY DINNER AND GET TOGETHER MEETING  
DATE OPEN NEXT FEW WEEKS WANT A GOOD SPEAKER ARE YOU COMING  
THIS WAY SOON OR CAN YOU SUGGEST MAN WHO WILL ANSWER MILLER  
HAS BEEN SUGGESTED ANY CHANCE WIRE ME BEST REGARDS.

HERBERT C BAER.



RABBI CHARLES E. SHULMAN  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Oct. 17, 1928

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Friend:

The social and cultural activities of Wheeling Jewry have been at a standstill for quite some time--pre-dating my coming to this city. There is no common gathering place, for the Temple facilities are woefully inadequate. For one year now I have pleaded at every opportunity for a community center where the Jewish people might gather for cultural and recreational activities. And I have interested not a few of our brethren who are willing to give financial aid to the project in support of their approval.

We plan a community dinner in the early part of November. I am writing to ask you whether you can spare us an evening and come to address us. We feel sure that your presence here will stimulate sufficient enthusiasm to make the project a success. I know that your time is greatly in demand these days, but I know too that no one can appeal to the Jewish people of this city more than you can, for although ten years have elapsed since you ministered here, your name is still a household word.

I think you are familiar with the physical equipment we now have--it has not changed since your residence here--and can appreciate our need. And I am hopeful that you will be able to help us. With my highest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself,

Sincerely,

*Charles E. Shulman*

card

Oct. 23d, 1928.

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Shulman:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 17th and for the invitation which you extend to me. I wish I could see my way clear to come but unfortunately I am so heavily booked up with lecture engagements for the next three months that I can not in justice to myself, accept any more.

I am also planning to be away from Cleveland almost the entire month of February and I feel morally obligated to remain in the city as much of the time preceeding that month and following it as I possibly can. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*card*

Oct. 5th, 1929.

Mrs. Herbert Sonneborn,  
3 Laurel Ave. Lenox,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Sonneborn:-

I need not tell you that I appreciate very much your letter inviting me to address the Edif Street Temple Sisterhood some time this season.

I should very much like to come but it will be quite impossible for me to accept any more lecture engagements before the Spring of 1930. I am overwhelmed with lecture engagements for the next few months. If your course carries through the months of March and April I shall try to set aside an evening for you.

With kindest regards to you and your dear ones and to all my friends in Wheeling, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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## OGLEBAY INSTITUTE WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

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# Executive Committee

E. A. Burt President  
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Dear Mr. Silver:

How pleased we all are to  
have your generous acceptance of our  
invitation to speak for the Activities  
Committee. The date you chose was  
December ninth, I understand.  
We will plan accordingly.

We will write later about  
the place and hour, probably  
six o'clock.

Very sincerely

Paul M. Pearson

Accepted  
by A. H. S.  
Personally

card

# Oglebay Institute

## *Purpose and Plan*





## WHEELING SETS THE PACE IN PARKS

### Evolution of a Hill Farm

This is the title of a feature article in the Baltimore Sun for August 3, 1930.

The closing paragraph contains this sentence:

"All of which means that there is a new movement under way for the development of parks—a movement in which Oglebay Park is a pioneer. It effects every city."



## PURPOSE:

There are three important reasons for the recently organized Oglebay Institute, which has been chartered under the laws of West Virginia as a non-profit institution.

1. To undertake, coordinate or promote such cultural activities as the Trustees may determine. To be to the cultural life of the Wheeling area what a city wide group of business men might be in promoting its industries.
2. To provide a medium through which representative men and women may unite to co-operate with the Wheeling Park Commission, The Extension Division of West Virginia University, and the Oglebay Park Activities Committee in furthering the educational program of Oglebay Park.
3. To receive and disburse such moneys as the Trustees may determine: and to advise with the executors of the estate whether the \$100,000 bequest of Mrs. Sarita Oglebay Russell shall be used for current expenses or held as a permanent fund, of which only the income shall be used.



*The character of a city is determined by  
what the citizens do for which they receive  
no pay*

## TRUSTEES:

Oglebay Institute is governed by a Board of Trustees of which D. A. Burt is President, Crispin Oglebay and Louis Horkheimer, Vice Presidents, Mrs. A. Singleton Paull, Secretary, and J. D. Merriman, Treasurer.

## THE ASSOCIATES:

The membership of Oglebay Institute includes the Associates, a continuing membership covered by an annual payment of \$100.00. To this membership are invited those persons who wish to express in this substantial way their appreciation of what is being done under the educational program at Oglebay Park, and who wish to encourage the promotion of cultural activities throughout Wheeling and its neighboring communities.

## FINANCING:

The maintenance of the Park is through a city tax levy administered by the Wheeling Park Commission.

In addition to this maintenance expense there is the educational-recreational program, for which \$50,000 is needed for the year beginning October first. If the bequest of Mrs. Russell is set aside as a permanent fund, of which only the income is used, and if the Extension Division and interested friends make about the same contributions as for the current year, an additional \$25,000 will be needed for the year ending October, 1931. It is expected that most of this sum will come from membership dues of Associates.



*An investment in leisure time pays sure dividends.*

## ASSETS OF OGLEBAY PARK

1. Waddington Farm with its improvements, buildings and beautification represents a value of approximately \$1,000,000.00.
2. Through a tax levy the City of Wheeling provides about \$70,000 annually for the maintenance of Oglebay Park. In addition to this sum the West Virginia University Division of Extension, the Oglebay Estate, and interested friends have for the year ending October first given about \$43,000 for the recreational and educational program.
3. Oglebay Park is a "going concern," with a tremendously valuable good will, and the active co-operation of some two hundred volunteer workers, an asset of inestimable value.
4. The beginning of a natural history museum with a director in charge.
5. The beginning of an arboretum with some 700 varieties, and a hundred years of growth.
6. A nursery and staff for reforesting the Park hillsides, planting the cottages and roadsides, and a staff for carrying on highway beautification and reforesting throughout the area.
7. Nature trails, and a year-round naturalist carrying on a popular educational work through a nature school, and many other activities.
8. The mansion-museum, with a director in charge, where several thousand persons visit during the season.
9. A musical program and a symphony orchestra, which is the pride of the entire community.



*Give leisure time as respectable a place in  
the scheme of life values as we give work.*

*Henry Suzzallo.*

10. The camp unit used for the 4-H Clubs, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and a hundred similar organizations, giving a directed program.
11. Little Theatre productions, Panhandle Nights, and many lectures and concerts.
12. A golf course, riding horses, and bridle paths, picnic sites, tennis and other recreational opportunities.

The Extension Staff and the experts who have been called in to study the program are united in the opinion that what has been accomplished is only a beginning of what may be done in providing and promoting leisure time activities and cultural opportunities.



*A better town to live in makes better business.*

: — : OGLEBAY INSTITUTE : — :

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Washington, D. C.  
August 2, 1930

Mr. A. C. Spurr,  
Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va.

Please extend my congratulations to all those who are aiding in developing Oglebay Park as a great recreational and educational playground. Promotion of leisure time activities, the ideal set forth by Colonel Oglebay, is worthy of emulation throughout the nation.

Herbert Hoover





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## Oglebay Park

Wheeling, W.Va.  
Nov. 25, 1930

Rabbi A.H.Silver, D.D.  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

This letter is to request that you have your secretary send me , as soon as possible, an outline of biographical matter of yourself in order that we may use it in advance of the meeting which you are scheduled to address in Wheeling on December 9.

May we have, also, a copy of your address in order that we may insure that it receives adequate attention from the Wheeling newspapers following its delivery ? In the event you do not prepare manuscripts for your talks, or do not intend to do so for this one, we would greatly appreciate an abstract of important points you propose to make.

I appreciate that there must be many demands upon your time , but assure you that I will greatly appreciate any attention you can give to the requests I have made above. As a cub reporter for a Wheeling newspaper, I heard you speak upon one occasion and assure you that I am anticipating with eagerness an opportunity to hear you here in December.

Yours truly,

J. W. Handlan

✓ J.W.Handlan  
Publicity Director  
Oglebay Park  
Wheeling, W.Va.

*W. S.*

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AM FORWARDING YOU BIOGRAPHICAL MATTER

A. H. SILVER

Dec. 4th, 1930

Mr. J. W. Handlan,  
Oglebay Park,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Handlan:-

I am enclosing herewith at your request, some biographical matter which you can use in your publicity.

I regret that I have not at hand any advance copies of my address for the newspapers. They will have to do the best they can in reporting it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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# OGLEBAY INSTITUTE

## WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Dec. 10,  
1930.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the members of Oglebay Institute and their guests who attended the dinner last evening at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, I wish to thank you for the very thoughtful address which you delivered at that time.

It was an inspiration to those who were present, and I am sure, as a result, we may expect more and better work on the part of our membership in the upbuilding of Oglebay Park.

Trusting you had a most pleasant trip home, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*D. A. Burt*  
President.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
East 105th St., Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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*Jack*

Oglebay Park  
Wheeling, W. Va.,  
Dec. 12, 1930

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th St., Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept the sincere gratitude of the Park Staff for the masterly way in which you put your stamp of approval on the program, in your address on Tuesday night. I am sure that you realize the value of having an "outstanding authority" come in from time to time to help the local people in appreciating what is "on our doorstep."

Your address is sure to mean much in the local cooperation we receive, and has helped to renew confidence and enthusiasm in our Park Staff.

I am sure that it meant considerable sacrifice for you to include Wheeling in a very full schedule. You may be assured, however, that your time and effort will mean a great deal to the future of the Park program.

Thanking you again for  
your helpfulness, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Betty Eckhardt*

Betty Eckhardt  
State Recreation Specialist.

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Oglebay Park  
Wheeling, W. Va.,  
February 2, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the  
address you delivered in Wheeling on December 9, 1930.  
This copy is from notes taken by myself in long hand.

Your address here was so  
impressive and inspiring to those who heard it, that  
leaders of Oglebay Institute are casting about for a  
way to finance its publication, and distribution to a  
selected list of people who had not the opportunity to  
hear you.

Will you be so kind as to  
glance over the enclosed copy and let me know whether  
or not it is accurate enough to serve as this proposed  
piece of printing.

Thanking you very much for any  
attention you can spare for this request, I am

Very truly yours,

*John W. Handlan*

John W. Handlan  
Publicity Director

JWH:NM  
Encl.

April 23d, 1931

Mr. John W. Handlan,  
Oglebay Park,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Handlan:-

Please pardon the long delay in replying with your request to revise the address which I delivered before your organization on December 9th. I have been tremendously busy and out of the city a good deal of the time.

I am enclosing herewith a corrected transcript of the address.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*Give AHS  
Copy  
also see file*

RABBI L. FISHER

HERMAN LEVIN, President

## Synagogue of Israel

Edgington Lane

Wheeling, W. Va.

November 13, 1933

Rabbi H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if there is a possibility of having you honor us with a lecture. I feel it is essential in this community, to have somebody enlighten us on Jewish problems.

Kindly let me know what date you can spare and what would be the expense for this lecture.

I hope you will see your way clear to spare an evening for our community.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Fisher*

Rabbi L. Fisher

LF:SK

November 17, 1933.

Rabbi Louis Fisher,  
Synagogue of Israel,  
Edgington Lane,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Fisher:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 13th and for the invitation which you extend to me to deliver an address before your organization. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately the pressure of my work here is so great that I cannot, in justice to myself accept any more work. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

# The Family Service Association

FORMERLY

## The Associated Charities

1205 Chapline Street

Wheeling, W. Va.

Jan. 15,  
1934.

J. A. BLOCH, PRESIDENT  
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MARY B. BUCKINGHAM,  
CARE SUPERVISOR

Reverend H. Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

Confirming my conversation with your good wife today over the telephone, I am sure that our Associated Charities, now the Family Service Association, would be more than delighted if you were able to accept the invitation to address the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Meeting on Friday evening, February 2, on The Place of the Family Service Association in the present National Relief situation.

All the older members remember with satisfaction your great and abiding interest in this good work while you were serving your local congregation, and they know that your interest in enterprises of this character has never abated and that your voice and influence over the years have always been raised for suffering humanity.

We plan to have at this dinner, all the pioneers in our charity movement along with those who have been actively connected with its growth and development and we hope to have a few words from each of the past presidents who are now living.

We earnestly trust that your engagements will permit you to accept our invitation and can assure you of a warm and cordial welcome, such as you always get from Wheeling people who have followed your fine career with pride and satisfaction. We will be glad, if you can accept, to have you and Mrs. Silver both as our guests on this occasion and trust we may hear from you very soon.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

*Roy B. Naylor*

Roy B. Naylor,  
Member of Board and  
Committee on Arrangements.

RBN:RB

*replied on  
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THE FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Formerly

The Associated Charities

1205 Chapline Street

Wheeling, W. Va.

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2nd Vice Pres.

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Jan. 16,  
1934.

Reverend H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansell Rd., 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

Confirming my conversation with your good wife today over the telephone, I am sure that our Associated Charities, now the Family Service Association, would be more than delighted if you were able to accept the invitation to address the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Meeting on Friday evening, February 2, on The Place of the Family Service Association in the present National Relief situation.

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With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

*Roy B. Naylor*  
Roy B. Naylor,  
Member of Board and  
Committee on Arrangements.

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Wheeling, W. Va. July 8th, '34

Rabbi A. M. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

In as much as we were so keenly disappointed that it was impossible for you to come to Wheeling as guest speaker for the Family Service Association this past winter, I am writing you as Vice Chairman of the Community Service Department of the Woman's Club of Wheeling, hoping against hope that you may be able to appear before our Club this winter.

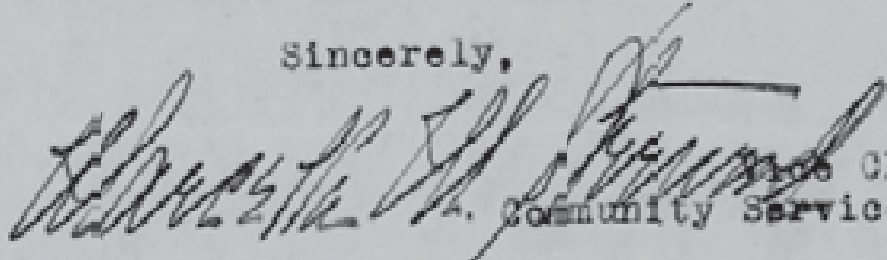
The dates given me for our department are January 25th and March 29th, I realize that perhaps you may have services on those days, (our Club meetings are always on Friday afternoon,) so I have asked permission of our Program Chairman, Mrs M. R. Elian, to offer you the following evening dates to choose from -January 23rd or 24th, and March 27th or 28th.

Our budget is so very small for the entire year, that I hesitate to tell you that our fee for the wonderful service you would be rendering the Woman's Club of Wheeling could only be \$75.00. If you feel that you could possibly come to us for that small amount (we know your time is valuable) you certainly would be giving us real "community service".

Would you kindly let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience, as you know we have to plan our program in July.

Trusting that you may be able to give us a favorable reply, I am,

Sincerely,

  
Chairman  
Community Service Dept.

(Mrs Lewis Mc C. Steenrod,  
Steenrod Place,  
Wheeling, W. Va.)

# Borkheimer Brothers

• WOOL •

Wheeling, W. Va.  
December 26, 1934

My dear Ones,

I really shouldn't write you at all. Haven't had a line from you since we were up in Cleveland and candidly speaking I don't like it.

Things here are rolling along about as usual and when I say usual, I mean just as usual as they could possibly be in doing business but profits are hard things to realize.

Sunday we had a meeting of the Congregation Board and we are going to put on our celebration sometime in February, possibly the early part or about the middle. If Abba could let me know what day would suit him will try and arrange it so it will not interfere with any of his other dates. We should like to have a banquet on Thursday evening followed up with the Friday evening services. Please tell Abba to let me know about this.

Called on Claude Wolf last night. She looks about the same as usual but is not improving any.

Otherwise there is nothing new.

With lots of love,

*Dad*

December 28, 1934.

Mr. Louis Horkheimer,  
Horkheimer Brothers,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Dad:

I am glad to know that you are well. Virginia  
and the children are splendid.

About the congregational celebration in  
Wheeling, I looked through my schedule and find that I would  
be free on Thursday evening, February 7. This is the one  
Thursday evening in February that I would have free. Please  
let me know soon whether this date is convenient for the  
congregation.

With love to you and Sadie, I remain

As ever,

AHS:EK

EOFF STREET TEMPLE  
WHEELING, W. VA.

January 15th, 1935

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Rd. and 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:-

I am delighted that you are to be with us at the 85th Anniversary Banquet. The entire community is looking forward to your coming.

Could you, perhaps, lay aside a half-hour or so for me when you come here? I want very much to talk to you about a number of things, and I am hoping that you will be willing to give me a little of your time.

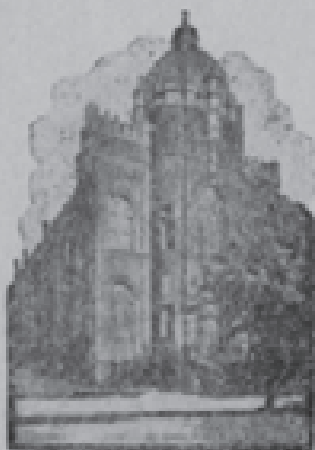
Mrs. Braunstein joins me in fondest greetings to Mrs. Silver, the boys and to yourself.

We look forward very keenly to your coming.

Very sincerely yours,

*Baruch Braunstein*

P. S. I am wondering if you have noticed my article "Relics of Spain's Inquisition" in the current issue of the B'nai B'rith Magazine. Don't judge too harshly, because the piece was mercilessly cut! B. B.



## E OFF STREET TEMPLE

WHEELING, W. VA.

January 16th, 1935

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

The Temple is celebrating the 85th Anniversary of its Founding on February 7th, 8th and 9th. We are anxious to have a word of greeting from you as a former Rabbi of the Temple. We plan to place your greeting in the Anniversary Souvenir Booklet, containing the program of the Celebration, the high-lights of the Temple's history, etc. Because of the limitations of space, we hope you will want to restrict your greeting to 100 words.

The Temple will be deeply grateful for your contribution to the Celebration, for we remember with gratefulness your distinguished part in the growth and development of this congregation. We hope you will send the copy to Mr. D. Milton Gutman, 1600 Main Street, Wheeling by January 28th.

Be assured of our best wishes for your continued success in your work.

Very sincerely yours,

85TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

By Sig S. Front Pres



January 17, 1935.

Rabbi Baruch Braunstein,  
Eoff Street Temple,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Baruch:

I shall be very happy to come to the Eoff Street Temple. I am sorry that I will not be able to stay over Friday as I must return to attend to my own congregational duties on that day. Of course I shall be delighted to spend as much time with you as I possibly can in Wheeling. I will probably arrive in the morning.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Braunstein,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



Apr. 6th. 1935.

Dr. A. H. Silver.  
Cleveland Ohio.

A meeting of the board decided to continue with the Leon Stein Memorial Lecture course, if suitable place could be had, and would like to have you speak on our series, in Nov. or 1st. part of Dec. Would you please give me some tentative date, and also fee as speaker and how long would we be able to hold date, as other activities are planned in securing a desirable place.

With kindest greetings

43 Maple ave  
Wheeling W. Va.

Sincerely  
Mrs. David Tyler.  
Corres. Sec.

April 16, 1935.

Mrs. David Tyler,  
43 Maple Ave.,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Tyler:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to be on the Leon Stien Memorial Lecture Course next season. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. I am not, however, in a position to make lecture commitments that far ahead. My work for next Fall is not planned and I am unable to commit myself to definite engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

LOUIS BERMAN  
TRUSTEE

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WHEELING POST No. 201

# Jewish War Veterans of the United States

## WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA



May 27, 1939

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Rabbi Hellel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Having recently been transferred to Wheeling, I had the Honor of Organizing a Jewish War Veterans Post.

While here, I learned that you were Rabbi of the Wheeling Congregation also married one of our own.

As I had the honor of attending the Detroit Convention where I had the privilege of hearing you present our cause so brilliantly and also recently forwarded you a book from Mr. Dunn of Louisville. I am taking this opportunity to invite you to Wheeling as our Honorary Guest in presentation of Color Exercises which we expect to have in the near future.

Many of the boys who are members of our Post remember you as their spiritual leader and have asked me to extend this invitation to you.

We would like to have these services on a Sunday as our Installation of Post was held on a Sunday and we had almost four-hundred guests. Will therefore appreciate hearing from you telling me which Sunday in the next two-months would be available and be more convenient for you.

Assuring you that the happiness you would bring our Post as well as the City of Wheeling, words cannot express.

Looking forward to a reply that will make us all happy, I remain:

Very sincerely yours,

Adjutant  
Wheeling Post 201  
1061 Main Street  
Wheeling, W. Va.

DC:BN

June 12, 1939

Mr. Dan Cohen, Adjutant  
Wheeling Post 201  
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.  
1081 Main Street  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I thank you very much for your kind letter and for your invitation to be your guest on the occasion of the Presentation of Color Exercises some Sunday. I deeply appreciate the honor of your invitation. I am, however, leaving for my summer's vacation in a few days and will be abroad the entire summer. Furthermore, my duties in connection with my chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal make it difficult for me to accept invitations which otherwise I would be very eager to accept. I wish you every success in your fine work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:DK

[June 1940]

SISTERHOOD, SYNAGOGUE OF ISRAEL

EDGINGTON LANE

Wheeling, W. Va.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Sisterhood are planning a  
cultural forums to include three speakers to  
take place during the Fall season.

We are sponsoring this project for  
the joint benefit of 'European refugees', and  
our Sisterhood.

Please let us know what you  
would charge us to come here, and send your-  
self to our programs. We would be proud to have  
you.

Sincerely yours,  
Sisterhood, Synagogue of Israel  
Rosalie H. Enlow,  
Cultural Forum Chairman.

Mrs. Saul Enlow,  
45 Haddale Ave.,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

June 17, 1940

Mrs. Saul Enelow, Cultural Forum Chairman  
Sisterhood, Synagogue of Israel  
45 Haddale Avenue  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Enelow:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to come to your Cultural Forum in the Fall. I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation. Unfortunately I cannot as my schedule for the Fall months is already very crowded.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BX



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## EOFF STREET TEMPLE

CONGREGATION L'SHEM SHOMAYIM

WHEELING, W. VA.

January 10, 1949

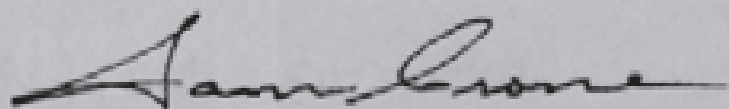
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

The Eoff Street Temple is celebrating its Centennial this spring. A program is planned for the week ending May 22, 1949. On Wednesday of that week, May 18, the Centennial Banquet will take place and we should be most happy and honored to present you as the speaker of the evening. The Congregation has expressed the strong desire to hear you and we anticipate a warm welcome for you and Mrs. Silver, should you be able to join us at this festive occasion. We realize that your schedule is quite heavy and we hope that, at this early writing, you will be able to see your way clear to accept our invitation.

Should this happily occur, we would appreciate hearing from you as to the subject of your remarks to the Congregation some time before April 1, at which date our program for the occasion will go to the printer. May I repeat how much we would like to have you with us. Your presence at this memorable occasion will be a strong bond between the memories of the past, the developments of the present and our plans and hopes for a future century of productive activity. We do hope that you and Mrs. Silver can join us. Hoping, then, to hear favorably from you in this matter, and with the best of good wishes to yourself and to Mrs. Silver, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Sam Crone  
President

jyb

January 17, 1949

Mr. Sam Crone, President  
Eoff Street Temple  
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Crone:

Dr. Silver is at present out of the city, and I am, therefore, replying to your letter of January 10th. Upon his return the latter part of this week, I shall bring your kind invitation to his attention, and I am sure that you will hear from him shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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*[Handwritten signature and scribbles in the bottom right corner]*

January 25, 1949

Mr. Sam Crone, President  
Eoff Street Temple  
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of January 10th, I was very happy to read that the Eoff Street Temple is celebrating its centennial this year. It was gracious of you to invite me to participate in the centennial program in May. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately, the nature of my work makes it impossible for me to commit myself to any engagements in April and May. There is a possibility of my going abroad so that much as I should like to accept your invitation, I find it impossible to do so, and I am sure that you will understand.

Please convey all my good wishes to the officers and members of the Temple. I know that you will have a magnificent celebration. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

December 28, 1949

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Congregation Tifereth Israel,  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In conformance with our telephone conversation this morning, I am writing to confirm our invitation to you to deliver the address at our Brotherhood meeting which will be set at any date to suit your convenience in the month of February or the first ten days of March, 1950.

You would have an immediate audience of 750 in Scottish Rite cathedral auditorium and a radio audience of many more thousands due to the power of Station WWVA which, with 50,000 watts, covers the whole Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida.

There would be no other speaker, save a brief introductory talk. Our policy here has been to have one really distinguished speaker, rather than to have three, one for each of the major religions. This has proved very successful.

Austin V. Wood, publisher of the above newspaper and others in West Virginia, suggested your name as ideal for a Wheeling and Ohio valley gathering and I am certain he would be much pleased to learn you had accepted.

WEd.  
Feb. 22

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

Page 2 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

We would want to make everything pleasing and convenient to you, and of course, would be delighted to pay your expenses. Should you prefer we can arrange to have you as a guest in some distinguished private home; or should you wish it, could have a suite engaged for you ~~at~~ at a leading hotel. We would also be very glad to have you bring Mrs. Silver with you as ladies will be among your audience.

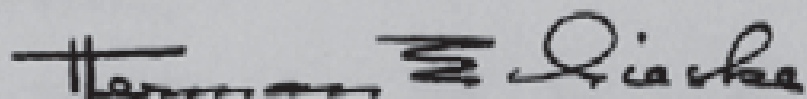
*That* There never was a year, we believe, when ~~at~~ it was more important to stress human brotherhood in the present juncture of mundane affairs with recurrent crises.

We would all be overjoyed if you can see your way clear to fit a trip to Wheeling into your schedule which we know is heavy.

I am chairman of the Brotherhood committee of the Arthur S. Harrison Memorial Foundation which annually sponsors the Brotherhood meeting of Catholics, Jews and Protestants it having taken over that task from the B'Nai ~~B'rith~~ B'rith.

Kindly let us have your answer at your convenience. With best regards,

Sincerely,



Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor



January 5, 1950

Mr. Herman Everett Gieske, Editor  
The Wheeling Intelligencer  
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Gieske:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of December 28th. I wonder whether Wednesday, February 22nd, Washington's Birthday, would be a convenient evening for your organization. I find that it is about the only evening I can spare.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

January 7, 1950

Herman Everett Gleske  
Editor

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are all thrilled and delighted to have you accept our invitation to be our speaker at our Ohio Valley brotherhood meeting on Washington's Birthday, February 22d, and will make all arrangements .

Our plan is to make your visit as pleasant and comfortable as we can both for yourself and for Mrs. Silver should she accompany you to Wheeling.

Mr. Austin V. Wood, our publisher, was greatly pleased along with all the rest of our Committee to hear the good news.

I shall write you more in detail at a little later date as soon as we can perfect our arrangements in accordance with your wishes.

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

Herman Everett Gieske

Editor

## Page 2 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

We feel certain your presence here will assure a grand success for our endeavors, not only in the immediate states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but also along the entire Atlantic seaboard, and nationally as well.

Again thanking you and expressing our profound gratitude that you have so very graciously accepted our invitation, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Herman E. Gieske". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

January 20, 1950

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are some samples of our preliminary publicity with regard to your forthcoming appearance at our Brotherhood banquet on February 22.

The announcement has been greeted with wide acclaim and requests for reservations are beginning to pour in .

I am writing to obtain your wishes as the making of detailed arrangements is now proceeding rapidly.

Would you prefer to have us provide a suite of as many rooms as you might desire at our best hotel? Or would you prefer to have one of our leading citizens entertain you as a guest at his home? Either way would be most agreeable to us, and we await only your word to make the arrangements. Kindly let me know your preference, and also whether it will be possible for Mrs. Silver to visit here with you.

We are arranging for the President of one of our Valley colleges to introduce you, and are dickering with CBS for a national hook-up.

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

Herman Everett Gieske

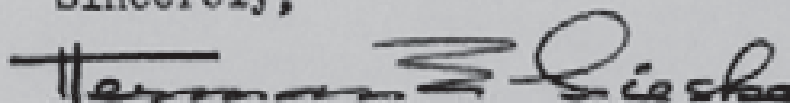
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Page 2

We are all happy and thrilled to know you will be our most distinguished guest on this very notable occasion.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor



January 23, 1950

Mr. Herman Everett Gieske  
The Wheeling Intelligencer  
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Gieske:

Thank you for your letter of January 20th to Dr. Silver with the enclosures. I am enclosing a more recent photograph of Dr. Silver which you may wish to use for publicity.

Dr. Silver would like you to engage a room for him at a hotel. He is planning to arrive in Wheeling on Wednesday afternoon, February 22nd, at 3:16 p.m. via Capitol Airlines, and will leave Wheeling for Cleveland on Thursday morning at 11:52 a.m. Mrs. Silver will not be able to accompany Dr. Silver.

I shall appreciate your informing me of the hotel at which you are making a reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Enc.

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

January 28, 1950

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

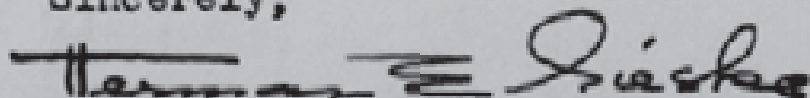
We are all greatly pleased to have your letter indicating the time you will arrive here by plane on February 22. We have obtained a suite for you at the Hotel McLure.

Meanwhile our plans are progressing rapidly. You will be introduced by the President of Steubenville College, a Catholic institution. It has been our custom here to have a college president introduce our various speakers from year to year.

We would like your permission to use your famous quotation on America, which we understand is copyrighted, on our programs. We also received the new picture of yourself, which we will use at an early date in the press here.

Again thanking you, and  
with kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor



# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

Dr. Abta Hillel Silver Page 2

Post Script:

If there is additional biographical data available in your office, we should be very glad to have the same at your convenience.

HES.



January 31, 1950

Mr. Herman Everett Gieske  
The Wheeling Intelligencer  
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Gieske:

In accordance with your request, I am herewith enclosing a copy of Dr. Silver's poem, "America". I have also prepared a few items of publicity concerning Dr. Silver's biography which you may wish to use.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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My dear friend:-

We are all so  
happy that you are  
coming to Wheeling on  
Feb 22"- for the Big Brother-  
hood meeting - it will be  
an interesting home-coming  
for you - and a great crowd  
is expected -

Will certainly be happy  
to see you again -

Best regards to you & yours

I know you'll  
enjoy the Clipping

Sylvan H. Huns

February 24, 1950

Mr. Norman Everett Gieske  
The Wheeling Intelligencer  
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Gieske:

Dr. Silver's expenses in connection with his trip to Wheeling amounted to \$35.00.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Wheeling, West Virginia

Carl A. Metz, B. D., Pastor  
~~111 Valley Avenue~~  
443 Main St.

February 27, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As one who attended and listened enthralled to your masterful address at the Scottish Rite Temple in Wheeling on Brotherhood I want to thank you for this fine message. I thought it was one of the finest addresses on that theme I have ever heard. It showed prophetic insight, breath of vision and impartial and scholarly knowledge and estimation of the world's progress in this direction. It gave a true evaluation of the contribution of all men of every race and faith to the spirit of greatness and right thinking. If you were of my faith I would say it was Christian from beginning to end. Even so I think it was just that. It was what you and I would each call a contribution to the true spirit of goodness in the contributions in thought and ideals among men. I used it as such, giving a liberal review of it in my sermon yesterday as evidence of "the Word becoming Flesh and dwelling among us."

I hope you will come to our city again. I have long been an admirer of your written works and I want to wish you God-speed in your splendid ministry.

Sincerely yours.

*Carl A. Metz*

# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

February 27, 1950

Herman Everett Gieske

Editor

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are clippings of my column in today's issue of The Intelligencer commenting on our recent Brotherhood banquet in which you had such a conspicuously successful role, and trust that it will bring back a most pleasant memory to you, because we are still getting reverberations and repercussions throughout the Valley from the impact of your magnificent address. Believe me, you have done a world of good in our Valley and everywhere I go I hear the most favorable comments on your fine speech, especially from those who heard it over the radio.

Our whole Committee whose names are on the back of the program want me to send to you are feelings of the deepest gratitude that you would so graciously come down here to assist us in our program. It was by far the biggest gathering we have ever had, a fact which we attribute to your drawing power as a notable world figure.

It was an experiment to attempt to fill so large a hall, but truly we believe that because you were our headliner we could have doubled and even tripled the attendance, had there been seating space.



# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

Herman Everett Gieske

Editor

Page 2--Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

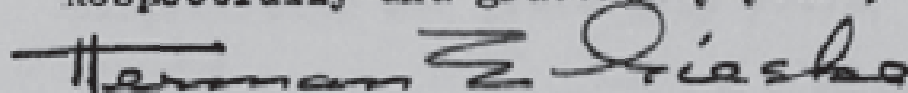
We trust you will have your Secretary send us the amount of the expenses you had in coming down here at our invitation so that we may reimburse you for these.

We can hardly put into words our emotions that you have aroused by your visit here, but we can say that never in the history of Wheeling has there been an address of greater significance than the one which you so ably and beautifully delivered here.

If there is any way, in the future, that we can assist you in your labors, please let us know and we will do our very best to comply with your desires in that respect.

Again thanking you, from the bottom of our hearts, we remain,

Respectfully and gratefully yours,



Herman Everett Gieske  
General Chairman

March 2, 1950

Mr. Herman Everett Gieske  
The Wheeling Intelligencer  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Gieske;

I received your kind letter of February 27th which I read with a great deal of pleasure. I need not tell you that I enjoyed my visit to Wheeling and my participation in the Brotherhood Program tremendously. The great outpouring of people and the fine spirit which pervaded the meeting were a great tribute to the kind of people which you have in your community. I am happy that I was able to participate in that kind of a program.

It was thoughtful of you to send me the clippings of your column. You are indeed most complimentary, and I am afraid that the praise is not altogether deserved.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before long, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 2, 1950

McClure House  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Gentlemen:

On Wednesday night, February 22nd, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was a guest in your hotel. I am wondering whether, in cleaning his room after his departure, any papers were found and also a small scissors in a leather case. If so, I should appreciate your returning them to me.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 2, 1950

Reverend Carl A. Metz  
443 Main Street  
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Reverend Metz:

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in writing to me about the address which I delivered at the Brotherhood Meeting in your community. You are most gracious in your expressions. I tremendously enjoyed the occasion and the great throng of people as well as the fine spirit which pervaded the gathering. I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you on my next visit to Wheeling.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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# The Wheeling Intelligencer

Wheeling, W. Va.

March 3, 1950

Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

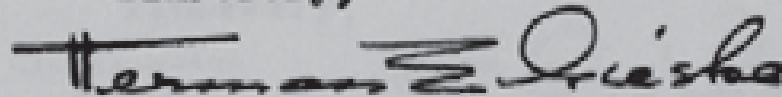
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accord with the letter we received from your Secretary, Elizabeth Rice, we are enclosing a check for \$35 to cover your expenses occasioned by your recent visit in Wheeling .

We again wish to express our profound gratitude for your kindness in coming to our Valley for your fine address which has, we know, been the inspiration for great good among many thousands of persons in our area.

With very kindest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,



Herman Everett Gieske  
Editor



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## The Aims of Oglebay Institute

With the cooperation of the Wheeling Park Commission and the Agricultural Extension Division of West Virginia University, Oglebay Institute has, since 1930, endeavored to develop an ever-expanding program to mold fuller, richer lives for those who participate in or contribute to its diversified areas of interest.

Oglebay Institute provides and conducts educational, cultural, and recreational activities at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia and elsewhere in the area, to encourage the wise and profitable use of leisure time.

Through leadership training, so that its circle of influence may be multiplied; through a variety of activities that touch nearly every outlet of expression; and through the presentation of events for individuals and groups, Oglebay Institute seeks continually to enlarge the human capacity for satisfaction.



**OGLEBAY INSTITUTE**  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

January 15, 1954

To: Trustees and Members of Oglebay Institute  
Trustees, E. W. Oglebay Memorial Fund  
Distribution Committee, The Cleveland Foundation  
Members, Wheeling Park Commission  
Agricultural Extension Service, West Virginia University  
All those who support Oglebay Institute  
through time and gifts

Friends of Oglebay Institute:

At this time of the year, it is customary to make a compilation of staff reports for the current year and to submit it as an Annual Report of activities, centering at Oglebay Park and elsewhere.

While many of our activities are "time-tested" and should be continued from year to year, we are constantly trying to inject new ideas and methods into the program. When we find that certain activities and projects have "served their purpose," we put emphasis and support behind other things, after due consideration and helpful advice from informed sources.

In all this we are trying to follow the philosophy and counsel of our friend and benefactor, the late Crispin Oglebay, who in the Trust Agreement of January 25, 1947, stated, "As time passes, new avenues of community service will open and I trust that you will always be alert to exploit their possibilities in the public interest."

It is with these thoughts in mind that we offer the 1953 Annual Report for your approval.

Edwin M. Steckel  
Executive Director

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## Highlights of the Year

Something new to Wheeling was the Open-Air Art Show held August 22 at the Lower Market in South Wheeling. Amid a Bohemian atmosphere and in all media, 250 paintings were displayed.

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The year 1953 marked the Art Department's initial Beaux Arts Ball. Held in Oglebay's spacious Pineroom on October 28, the costumed event was highlighted by large murals, hand-painted flyers and silk-screened posters that set the tone for one of Wheeling's foremost artistic caprices.

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One Man Art Shows throughout June, July and August made Oglebay's intimate Carriage House Theater a mecca for art lovers. John Pai, a 13-year old Korean, opened the series with his varied water colors. The Pai show was followed by an exhibit of tempera executed in all parts of the globe by Miss Martha Black. Third in the series, Paul de Tagyos, Hungarian, displayed his pastels, landscapes and portraits. Wesley J. Wagner's experiments in all media proved exciting enough to the public to warrant an almost complete sell-out. The final offering of the season, the modern sculpture work of Jacob Tolkach, was so impressive that an important Pittsburgh art figure made a special trip to New York to arrange a showing



there in October. Following his New York exhibition, Tolkach displayed his work in Pittsburgh. Sky-rocketed to fame, Tolkach feels that his popularity can be attributed to his July Carriage House Show.

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An innovation for Oglebay Park and destined to become a part of the new nature center is the short or "concentrated" nature trail, already well under way. The basic work of selecting a trail site and making signs has been completed. Installation and dedication will take place in the spring of 1954.

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Ground-breaking ceremonies, October 4, paved the way for the beginning of work on the new Nature Building. Completion is scheduled for early spring. This structure will consolidate the nature department in such a way as to bring about: a greater efficiency in over-all operation as related to program and contact with the public; storage of equipment and exhibits; supervision of museum, zoo and nature trails; provide a meeting place for nature-minded groups.

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More than 100 kodachrome slides have been added to the collection of color slides depicting Institute happenings and events. Primarily valuable as a record, these slides are used extensively in lectures and promotionals.

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Revival of the long-dormant Regional Festival in August resulted in a carry over of practical values and planning stemming from local county levels. The five Northern Panhandle Counties took part in the all-day affair which included a field meet, an all-star softball game, a picnic, a 125-voice Farm Women's Chorus, and an evening program on the outdoor stage.

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Professional singers who were enrolled in Oglebay Institute's second annual Opera Workshop under the artistic direction of Boris Goldovsky were provided the thrill of a lifetime. Leonard W. Treash, director of the Opera Department of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, headed the staff of instructors.

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Junior Memberships, created by the Board of Trustees of Oglebay Institute, offer a process of indoctrination for the young people into the Oglebay Institute program. The life blood of the Institute's existence is in its membership. Junior Memberships make it possible for families to boast of 100% Membership in Oglebay Institute. Any person under 21 years of age is eligible for a Junior



Membership with annual dues of \$2. Upwards of 100 young people were enrolled in 1953.

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The Conlon Radio Survey conducted early in 1953 gave added impetus to the Institute's radio programs. Junion Town Meeting was first at its time listing; Children's Theatre Radio, second; "News and Views", second; "Youth and Music", third. The survey revealed that between 33,000 and 35,000 people a week hear the Institute broadcasts.

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Some 900,000 viewers saw one or more of the 323 films that make up the Regional Film Library. With participation by 11 member libraries in West Virginia and Ohio, this phase of the Institute's program averages about 31,000 persons a month using the available films.

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Providing a gracious setting, Oglebay's Mansion-Museum was the site of several receptions honoring outstanding artists on the 1953 summer entertainment series.

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Current exhibits in Oglebay's historic Mansion House reached into the field of education, when the art work of Viennese

school children was made available to students of the area. School groups visiting the Mansion during October were given explanations of the pictures that comprised the display from Vienna. Exhibits were taken to the schools, as well.

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An all-day program dealing with the art of flower arrangements made the Mansion a veritable wonderland, when Mrs. Ruth Emerson Kistner, one of the nation's foremost authorities on flower arranging, executed floral pieces for every room in the Mansion. The June 17 affair attracted more than 175 flower enthusiasts.

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Featuring Dr. Charles A. Bucher, recreational specialist from New York University, Oglebay Institute's second annual all-day Recreation Workshop attracted 123 persons on April 18, to the Downtown Center.

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Besides the Indian Pow-wow that brought to a close the Institute's Day Camp, field trips to Pittsburgh were arranged to see the Pirates play the Dodgers and to visit Highland Park Zoo and Buhl

Planetarium. A fishing expedition rounded out the annual eight-week decentralized camping program for boys and girls from 4 to 14 years of age.

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Weekly classes in folk, square and nationality dances were conducted at the YWCA, sponsored jointly by the Institute and Recreation Department of the local YWCA.

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Oglebay Folksters continued to be the Institute's most active dance unit. A number of individuals in the group are qualified leaders for social and folk dance activities. This group has done considerable exhibition work and has become a leader's training project.

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Sponsored by the Nature Department, the annual Arbor Day Ceremony attracted 1,000 persons.

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Food and cover plots to encourage and to increase wildlife in Oglebay Park

were established through the cooperation and sponsorship of the Ohio County Wildlife League and the Wheeling Park Commission.

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Out of Each Dollar Contributed

.57

#### TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP

Salaries, including administrative, secretarial, departmental heads.



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#### DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Includes insurance, utilities, telephones, rental, state compensation, social security, truck expense, janitorial services.



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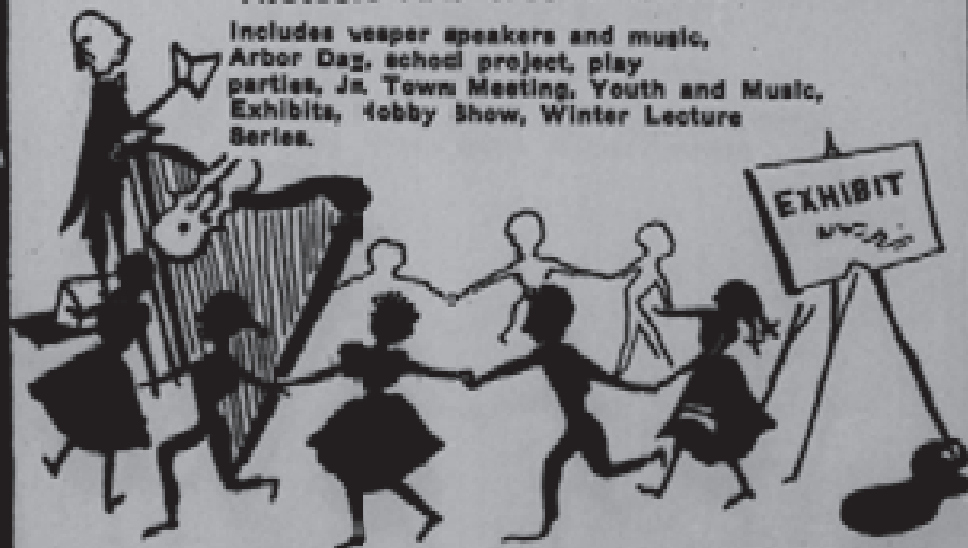
#### PRINTING, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT



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#### PROJECTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Includes vesper speakers and music, Arbor Day, school project, play parties, Jm. Town Meeting, Youth and Music, Exhibits, Hobby Show, Winter Lecture Series.



\$1.00

# Oglebay Institute's Present Financial Status

Oglebay Institute is financially supported by contributions, endowments and memberships in addition to revenues obtained from various phases of the program. Oglebay Institute does not now, nor has it ever received support from tax moneys. The Wheeling Park Commission provides certain facilities in Oglebay Park and the Agricultural Extension Division of West Virginia University cooperates by attaching certain specialists to the Institute staff.

Oglebay Institute is the outgrowth of an educational program, begun at Waddington Farm in 1928 before it was accepted as a gift by the City of Wheeling. In the fall of 1930 the amount of local participation and responsibility was greatly increased by the organization of Oglebay Institute. The citizens of Wheeling, for the first time, were offered, through memberships, the opportunity to participate directly in the financing of the activities program aside from the amounts collected by the various committees for specific purposes. Since 1930 this plan of memberships has been broadened until the expected income from memberships in 1954 is set at \$19,000, providing 15% of the total budget of \$124,576.60.

The primary membership objective is to provide money for current operating expenses. Total dollars are important, but the aim is steady proportionate giving by the largest possible number.

It is an American tradition for our educational and cultural institutions to be financed in part by fees and in part by gifts, thus bringing the privileges of participation to the whole community. Contributions, through memberships, help make up the difference between the fees received and the actual costs of operation. In Oglebay Institute, administrative costs are entirely provided for by contributions and memberships.

## CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT OF OGLEBAY INSTITUTE FOR YEAR 1953

### RECEIPTS

Balance at beginning of year .....	818.00
Memberships .....	17,295.00
Contributions .....	19,203.35
Endowment and Trust Funds .....	13,659.12
Income from Activities, Tuitions and Miscellaneous .....	62,707.61
	<u>\$ 113,683.08</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Personnel (17 Full-Time--51 Summer) .....	48,473.90
Other Expenditures and Disbursements .....	61,035.34
Payment and interest on loans .....	2,664.77
Balance at end of year .....	<u>1,509.07</u>
	<u>\$ 113,683.08</u>

NOTE: In addition to this sum, West Virginia University expended approximately \$7,500 in salaries and services.

# Financial Facts Concerning Oglebay Institute

The uncertain future which educational and cultural centers such as Oglebay Institute face should be the concern of all civic-minded citizens. Ironically enough is the realization that just when people are learning to make full use of leisure time through profitable participation in the various areas represented by Oglebay Institute, these same individuals stand in grave danger of losing such facets of enjoyable living. There is no escaping the fact that civic-minded citizens must assume more of the financial responsibility connected with Oglebay Institute.

## Why Should I Support Oglebay Institute?

People often contribute money for the satisfaction and joy to be experienced in seeing the good it does for a community, in making it a better place in which to live. We cannot find these qualities in a person by cutting him apart and seeing what is inside. Rather, we must look into that person's future to perceive how his life, or that of someone in whom he is interested, somehow, somewhere will be enriched through his efforts.

## Increasing Support

It is a source of great encouragement to Oglebay Institute that citizens and business firms now more than ever before are realizing the urgency of the appeal for funds, making a reality of the slogan "Your Help is Our Hope", thus assuring a future that will be marked by continued growth and expansion.

### Memberships Show Growth

Institute memberships stand at an all-time high, 949 active memberships, having been reported in December, 1953. Memberships fall into four classifications -- Junior Memberships (new in 1953), Business Memberships, Life Memberships, Individual Memberships. These 949 memberships represent a yearly income of around \$19,000, a sum which equals the expected annual income from the Crispin Oglebay Estate.

### Favorable Comparisons

A comparison with two of the country's leading organizations in the category of Oglebay Institute, namely, Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh and the Art Museum in Cleveland, reveals the fact that the percentage of local support given Oglebay Institute equals, if not exceeds, the support given the institutions in Pittsburgh and Cleveland. It is estimated that less than 8 per cent of the operating budget of these institutions is derived from memberships. Memberships account for over 15 per cent of the Oglebay Institute budget.

### Cooperative Agencies

Oglebay Institute, since its inception, has had the cooperation of the Wheeling Park Commission in the use of facilities at Oglebay Park for its park program of activities. The Institute is also indebted to the Extension Service of West Virginia University for continued assistance in nature activities and rural recreation.

### Volunteers Indispensable

Significant is the fact that a staff of nine men and women, especially trained in the several fields of endeavor, are able to carry on an ever-expanding program. This is due largely to the fact that committees, comprising citizens who give unstintingly of their time and effort, augment the work of the professional staff.

### Opportunity to Serve

Oglebay Institute offers civic-minded citizens the opportunity to furnish financial support or to give personal service to a program designed to "Add Life to Your Years". Increased support on the part of individuals and business firms of the Greater Wheeling area will free Oglebay Institute from the oppressor of financial strain and permit increased service in the realm of community betterment.





Ground-breaking ceremonies, October 4, 1953, preceded work on the A. B. Brooks Nature Center. Mrs. D. A. Burt, widow of the first president of Oglebay Institute, lifted the first shovel of dirt. Dr. Ivan Fawcett, a member of the Board of Trustees and second president, assisted Mrs. Burt. Miss Edna Bowles, chairman of the Nature Committee and Henry S. Schrader, the Institute's sixth and current president, await their turns.

DREAM NEARS REALITY

## A. B. Brooks Nature Center

For many years, area nature enthusiasts have longed for a center in Oglebay Park for which the numerous phases of the Nature program might emanate.

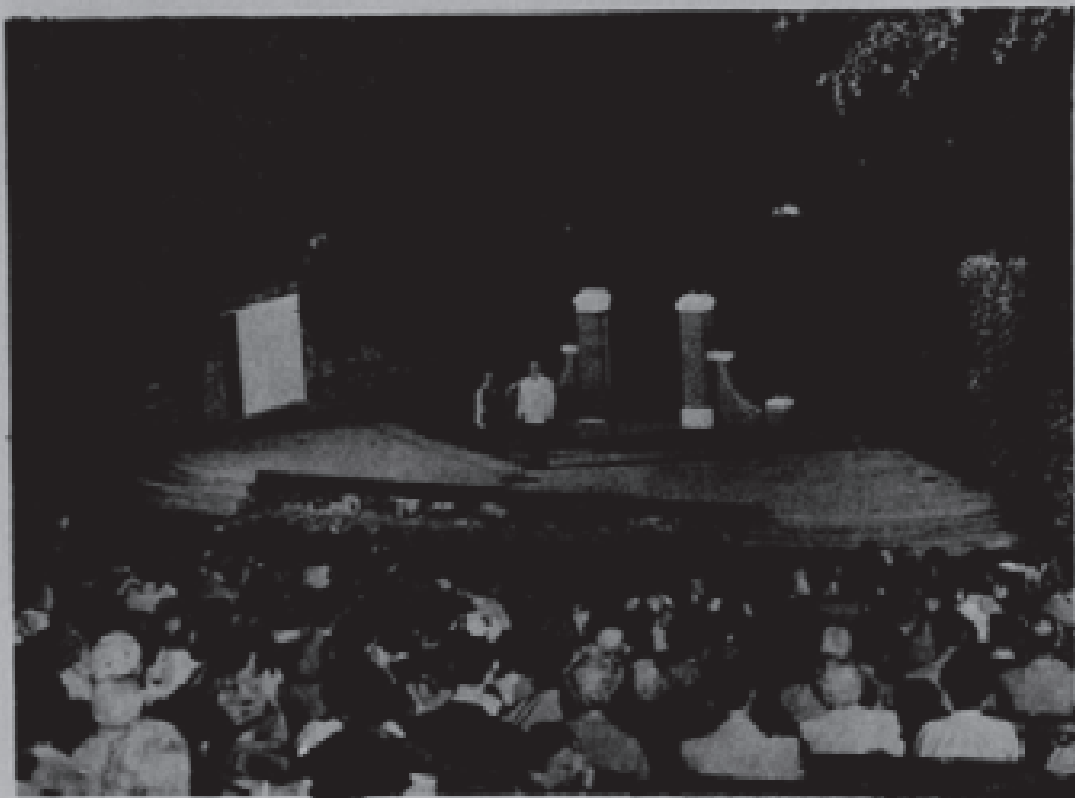
That long-anticipated dream neared reality, when Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Burton pledged \$12,000 towards the cost of a building. The Burton bequest was announced by Mr. Burton, grandson of Col. E. W. Oglebay, at the annual Institute dinner, May 31, 1950.

Those responsible for this project started immediately to plan for the eventual completion of the building. It was agreed that it should be known as "The A. B. Brooks Nature Center," honoring the man whose name was synonymous with the Oglebay nature program from the time of its inception and who gave unstintingly of himself to perpetuate the program that has been steadily gaining momentum during the entire existence of Oglebay Institute.

Brooks Wigginton, Oglebay Park architect, evolved a set of plans for the proposed unit. The Trustees of the Earl W. Oglebay Memorial Fund, at a meeting held August 27, 1953, voted to release funds to the extent of \$20,000, including the Burton gift. This action made possible the immediate construction of the building.

Following ground-breaking ceremonies, the site for the new center was cleared by Oglebay Park's maintenance crew in early November. The center is located adjacent to Locust Cottage, is convenient to cabin guests and is accessible from the "back road" leading into the Park from Waddel Run.





American born and completely American trained, Helen Traubel, dramatic soprano, was one of the highlights of Oglebay Institute's 1953 Summer Entertainment Series. Prior to her Oglebay appearance, Miss Traubel had returned from her first tour outside the United States.



Leonard Warren, considered one of the foremost dramatic baritone before the American public, opened the summer season. Affiliated with the Metropolitan Opera Association, Mr. Warren, "possessor of the most sumptuous baritone voice of our time", made his initial Oglebay appearance on July 7, 1953.

#### Summer Entertainment Brings First Quality Programs

For more than a decade, the Summer Entertainments, sponsored by Oglebay Institute, has brought world-famous artists, lecturers, and entertainers to the outdoor theatre, Tuesday nights during July and August. The purpose behind this project is to provide entertainment of first quality to people of the Ohio Valley at a price they can afford. Children under 12, when accompanied by an adult, are admitted free.

Two great artists from the Metropolitan Opera, Helen Traubel and Leonard Warren, appeared in 1953. The closing event of the season was the Oglebay Opera Workshop, with Boris Goldovsky and Leonard W. Treash, presenting three one-act operas to the largest audience of the summer season. Opera has become a permanent feature of the summer series.

Other events included Robert Friars with his travelogue, his fourth Oglebay appearance. Nelson and Neal, with Gregory and Strong, provided a diversified evening of two-piano music and solo dancing to the accompaniment of a concertina. Teresita Osta, a talented dancer, with her brother, Emilio, at the piano, shared the billing with Don Farnworth and Marlene Dell, both dancers. Charles Vance, magician, appeared in the evening and gave a matinee that was attended by 600 children. The Serenaders Male Quartet completed the '53 series.

## RELIGION STRESSED BY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, VESPERS

Beginning each year with the annual Easter Sunrise Service, religious activities are given primary emphasis in Oglebay Institute's diversified program of cultural, recreational and educational events.

Nine Sunday vespers are scheduled for July and August. Planned by the Religious Activities Committee, in cooperation with the Greater Wheeling Council of Churches, eminent ministers and laymen from leading denominations, as well as outstanding choral groups from the Tri-State area are presented.

As a prelude to the '53 series, the Valley Oratorio Singers, Beaver, Pa., sang Gaul's "The Holy City", June 28. Subsequent Sunday evenings brought Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Dr. Franklin C. Fry, Dr. Chester A. McPheeters, Dr. Irvin E. Lunger, Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, Dr. John Thompson Peters, Dr. Addison H. Leitch, Mr. Charles Phelps Taft and Dr. Leland Stark.

Choral groups included Osiris Shrine Chanters, Wheeling Elk's Male Chorus, Warren (Ohio) Masonic Chorus, Moundsville Male Chorus, Youngstown Sheet, Tube and Metal Male Chorus, Weirton Steel Male Chorus, Crucible Steel Male Chorus (Beaver, Pa.), Civic Oratorio Society of Wheeling, and Warren (Ohio) Music Club Chorus.

Freewill offerings are used to meet current expenses for the vesper series.

Filling the outdoor auditorium of Oglebay Park to overflowing, more than 3,000 worshippers turned out for the twenty-fifth annual Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, 1953. Dr. A. W. Webster, pastor of Wheeling's United Presbyterian Church, delivered the Easter message. The Osiris Temple Shrine Chanters sang.



Mr. Charles Phelps Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and brother of the late Robert A. Taft, was the layman chosen for the 1953 July and August vespers. Behind Mr. Taft are the members of the Warren, Ohio Music Club Chorus. The 1953 vespers were attended by congregations that filled the spacious outdoor auditorium.

## OPERA WORKSHOP

### SECOND ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP FOR YOUNG SINGERS AND TEACHERS

#### SINGERS FROM 14 STATES

An enthusiastic group, including college students, teachers, and experienced singers, completed Oglebay Institute's second annual Opera Workshop's courses and left, eager to return for next year's sessions. Under the direction of Boris Goldovsky, founder and artistic director of the Workshop, the 1953 session attracted singers from 14 states.

Leonard W. Treash, head of the Opera Department of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, and director of the Buffalo Opera Workshop, served as associate director. The coaching staff included Joe Lewis, Francois Jaroschy and Eugene Kusmiak. Miss

Virginia Brand, representing Oglebay Institute, coordinated activities in recreation with the scholastic program.



William Collins, 12 year old soprano from Pittsburgh, rehearses the role of "Amahl".



Leonard W. Treash directs an impromptu rehearsal for several Workshop Singers.

The Workshop provided the final attraction in the 1953 Summer Entertainment Series at the Outdoor Theater. Students appeared in a special performance at Epworth Park, Bethesda, Ohio, and gave two Workshop "recitals" for the public in the intimate Carriage House Theater.

#### STUDENTS IN OPERA

A student at the Oglebay Opera Workshop is literally steeped in all phases of opera from morning until night for 14 days. The period of two weeks was selected principally with the hope of accommodating singers who want to spend their two-week vacations in ideal surroundings and live opera.

#### PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop offers unusual opportunities for public performances to the students enrolled. As a part of the Summer Entertainment Series in Oglebay Park's outdoor theater, "Opera Night" in 1953, drew the largest audience of the season, estimated at 2,000.

## FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

Boris Goldovsky, founder and director of the Oglebay Institute Opera Workshop, served for the second year as artistic director of the 1953 two-week Workshop. Mr. Goldovsky, director of the Opera Department of the New England Conservatory of Music, has been in charge of operatic productions at Tanglewood during the Berkshire Music Festival for several summers. He regularly participates in the Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. In addition, he has served as musical director of the Worcester Music Festival and is now artistic director of the New England Opera Theater, which this season made a six-weeks' tour of 30 cities in a production of Mozart's "The Merry Masquerade." A similar tour is being arranged for next season, presenting "The Barber of Seville". These two operas, sung in English, were presented from Oglebay's outdoor stage in 1952, the first year of the Institute's Opera Workshop.

## SURROUNDINGS IDEAL

Workshop students are able to concentrate on their work, free from all outside distractions. They live, eat, study and have their recreation within the same area. This permits intense daily concentration on their tasks and creates an atmosphere for an enthusiastic pursuit of learning unmatched elsewhere.

The facilities for public performances, both in the large outdoor theater and in smaller auditoriums, are further precious assets. "Oglebay Institute has embarked on a project that should grow and prosper in coming years," said Boris Goldovsky, "I deem it a privilege to guide its artistic destinies".

## HEAD OF INSTRUCTORS

Leonard W. Treash, director of the Opera Department of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, headed the staff of instructors for the Opera Workshop. His productions during the summer of 1953 in Rochester's "Opera Under the Stars" drew an average crowd of 10,000. Mr. Treash is founder and director of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Opera Workshop.



Boris Goldovsky (center) coaches two Workshop Students in the science of dramaturgy, with particular emphasis upon their roles in Chabrier's "The Bewildered Bridegroom".



## CAMPS

# Camp Program Topples Previous Records

Based on a decentralized program of camping--boys and girls free to select the activities of their choice--Oglebay Institute's 1953 Day camp, for children from 4 to 14, opened at the Children's Center on June 15 and continued through August 6. Registration was the largest in the history of the Day Camp. Two youthful campers demonstrate their prowess in the physical-education phase of the camp.

Oglebay Institute's resident and day camp program reached an all-time high, according to attendance records for the spring, summer and fall seasons.

Opening in May with the Spring Folk Dance Camp, Oglebay's camping season began with a record-breaking attendance of 207. The annual Spring Choral Camp attracted 95. During the week of the Junior Nature Camp, 121 boys and girls made up the personnel of the camp. In addition, a group of 16 Choir Boys was registered for the week.

Twenty-nine full-time and 23 part-time campers were enrolled at the Institute's Mountain Camp, Terra Alta, W. Va.

The average weekly attendance at the eight-week Children's Day Camp in Oglebay Park was 254. Total registration amounted to 438, the largest in the history of Day Camp activities. Of that number, 350 were enrolled for the full eight weeks, and 100 registered for four weeks.

Bulging at the seams and utilizing every available inch of space, the annual Drum Major and Majorette Camp at Camp Russel attracted 266 the first week and 257 the second week. One hundred ten attended the Fall Folk Dance Camp.

Camp Russel again served as the site of all Institute resident camps. Oglebay Park's Children's Center provided the facilities for the Day Campers.

Ninety city playground instructors were in attendance during the two-day indoctrination program for young men and women assigned summer playground positions by the Recreation Commission of Wheeling. In addition, boys and girls from playgrounds and orphanages who availed themselves of the activities at the Children's Center totaled 18,312. The Oglebay Park Children's Association sponsors this project.





# Museum 1

Mansion-Museum Stands  
Unmatched in Loveliness

Oglebay's Historic Mansion House Museum, under the guidance of Charles J. Milton, curator, stands not only as a testimonial to the immortal Keats' quotation "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," but it is also an example of gracious living as experienced during early years in the Ohio Valley.

Plans for 1953 brought to life the authentic Period Rooms, and the elegance of the structure provided a perfect setting for such major events as Ruth Emerson Kistner, in "The Art of Flower Arrangements," local flower shows and reception quarters for outstanding personalities, including Helen Traubel.

The yearly Ohio Valley Photography Salon opened the summer season that included "Charleston Gardens," photographed by George J. Kossuth, Wheeling artist; David Payne's "Room Portraits"; the annual Local Artists Show; "Drawings by Vierna School Children."

In addition to the Mansion-Museum, the Institute maintains the Frontier Travel Gallery, where early transportation on the Ohio River and U. S. Route 40 is strikingly dramatized. This exhibit is quartered in the Carriage Barn.

Visitors to the museums during the summer months of 1953 totaled 14,939. The guests represented many states and foreign countries. Gifts and loans accounted for numerous accessions to the Mansion and Travel Gallery during the past year. The pewter collection is gradually being enlarged, as is the china collection. Fast gaining widespread recognition throughout the country is the Ralph J. Boyd collection of Early American Glass, already considered to be one of the best collections of its kind to be found anywhere.

## Art

for Personal Satisfaction and Aesthetic Beauty

Classes for Children and Adults, "One-Man" and Bohemian Art

Shows, Annual Auction-Dinner, and Beaux Arts Ball

Busied Art Department in 1953

### Open-Air Art Event

Fruit and vegetable stalls at Wheeling's Lower Market yielded to some 250 paintings on August 22, when the Art Committee staged Wheeling's first Open-Air Art Show, an innovation in local art circles.

Proving that art belongs to everyone, whether professional, amateur or beholder, the "Bohemian" show was made possible through the cooperation of 45 local and area painters. Dangling from chicken wire and wooden pins, the paintings, including all media, were viewed by hundreds during the day.

### Initial Beaux Arts Ball

Besides regular classes in beginning and advanced art for children and adults, the Art Department sponsored five "One-Man" Art Shows in the Carriage House Theater. A feature of the September Local Artists Dinner was an auction of pictures, executed by area artists. An event of October 28, the initial Beaux Arts Ball was held in Oglebay Park's Pineroom. Atmosphere for the costumed event was created by large murals, hand-painted flyers and silk-screened posters.

# Crafts

## VARIED CRAFTS OFFERED

Classes in leather, plastic strip, jewelry, basketry, textile painting, painting on wood and tin, weaving, enamelling on metal, ceramics and silk screening comprised the Craft Department's program in the shop beneath the Carriage House Theater during the summer at Oglebay Park and at the Downtown Center in the fall and winter.

## CRAFT HOBBIES SHOWN

March 19 through 21 were the dates of Oglebay Institute's fourth annual "Show of Craft Hobbies," held on the sixth floor of the Stone & Thomas Department Store. More than 70 hobbyists displayed creations in leather, ceramics, basketry, needlework, wood work, jewelry, photography, weaving and the like.

## WORKSHOP HELD IN APRIL

Open to all recreation leaders--both professional and volunteer--who wanted new ideas and "how-to-do-it" instruction, Oglebay Institute's second Recreational Workshop, an event of April 18, was held on the fourth floor of the Downtown Center.

## NATURE PROGRAM WELL-ROUNDED

For those who love the great outdoors, Oglebay Institute provides numerous opportunities for relaxation, thought and learning. Under the leadership of George Breiding, Oglebay naturalist, the Nature program includes weekly nature walks, a December bird census, regular Friday Nature Nights throughout June, July and August, conducted tours of the Nature Museum and Children's Zoo, a sanctuary for domestic animals common to this area, Wednesday and Saturday Astronomy Nights and a Winter Lecture Series. Every sixth-grade child in the schools of Ohio County is brought to Oglebay Park during September and October for first-hand instruction in nature study.

## NATURE CAMPS INCLUDED

Oglebay Park's Camp Russel is the site of the Institute's annual Junior Nature Camp, each year an event of early June. Open to boys and girls who have completed the sixth grade, but who are still in high school, the Junior Nature Camp provides an opportunity for additional study in many phases of nature.

Terra Alta, W. Va., is the site of Oglebay Institute's Mountain Nature Camp. The high altitude of Terra Alta provides the flora and fauna of the Canadian Zone, necessary for the diversified training of nature leaders.

# Audio-Visual Aids

## FIILMS, BROADCASTS COMPRISE PROGRAM

Completing its two hundred seventy-third consecutive broadcast on September 6, 1953, Oglebay Institute's "News and Views" continues each Sunday over WWVA at 12:15.

Three other radio programs were sponsored during the year. Junior Town Meeting began its eighth season on October 18. Broadcast over WWVA, these Sunday-at-1:30 programs included 28 Tri-State high schools. Junior Theater was held each Saturday morning at 11:30 over WKWK, marking the fourth straight year that youngsters from 8 through 15 years of age have broadcast.

Choral and instrumental groups in area high schools began the sixth season of "Youth and Music" broadcasts. Vocal and instrumental units presented a 30-minute program each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 over WTRF.

From September 1 through December 31, 1953, 309,836 viewers saw the 396 films that make up Oglebay Institute's Regional Film Library. Eleven member libraries, within 100 miles of Wheeling, received boxes of films containing from 32 to 37 subjects each month. The year 1953 marked the third term of the Regional Film Library.

Member libraries include Wheeling, Weirton, Steubenville, Kent, Dover, Coshocion, Zanesville, Cambridge, Marietta, Martins Ferry and Gallipolis.

# Dancing

## FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING

Recognizing the fact that folk and square dancing are fun, Oglebay Institute has provided the Tri-State area with many different opportunities to take part in the good times that are made possible through these activities. During the months of June, July and August, Thursday night square dances are held in Oglebay Park's Pineroom. A 30-minute period of instruction precedes the 9-to-12 event. Individuals of all ages interested in dancing attend the sessions held throughout the winter months in the local YWCA, in cooperation with the Health Education group of that organization. Leadership in folk, square and nationality dancing is also provided the many community groups throughout the area wishing to include dancing as a part of their over-all program. Spring and Fall Folk Dance Camps, featuring nationally known leaders, are held at Camp Russel.

## THE OGLEBAY FOLKSTEEES

Representing the second generation of folk dancers trained and guided by the leadership made possible by Oglebay Institute, the Oglebay Folksters are well-known throughout the Ohio Valley for their superior demonstrations that include dances from many countries. Singing, costume making, nationality cooking, as well as teaching others, are phases of the program developed throughout the year by these young people, who represent various nationalities, religions and economic backgrounds in their own group.

## FAMILY NIGHTS

Designed for family participation, Oglebay Institute's weekly Family Nights were regular Wednesday evening Park features at 7:30 in the Children's Center, with Mary Ann Busch in charge. Play-party games, square dances, and nationality dances were included in the two-hour program. In addition, participants took part in folk singing.

# *Rural Activities*

## FUNCTIONS OF RURAL ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

Oglebay Institute's Rural Activities Department, in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service of West Virginia University, has developed a program designed to assist groups and individuals in a planned series of recreational activities and leadership training schools. A strong organizational set up has been established to determine needs and to assist Charles L. Taylor, Extension Recreation specialist, in carrying out a program. Each of the five Northern Panhandle Counties has its own committee of five members to formulate plans solely for a particular county. Two persons from each committee, 10 in all, make up the Oglebay Institute Rural Activities Committee, responsible for activities of a regional nature. On August 1, 1953, some 700 participants and approximately 2,000 spectators took part in an all-day regional festival that included athletic events, vespers, Regional Farm Women's and 4-H Choruses, and the Ohio County Farm Women's Trio.

## MUSIC PLAYS DOMINANT ROLE

One of the outstanding developments of the Rural Activities Department is the Regional Farm Women's Chorus of 125 voices. Five choruses meet separately during the year to rehearse a common repertoire. Combined rehearsals are held during the summer to prepare for the Regional Festival. Already four additional vocal units have been organized to participate in the 1954 Festival. A similar program is in progress for county 4-H groups.

## RECREATION WORKSHOPS HELD

Social recreation, song leadership and craft schools were held in the five participating counties. Emphasis was placed on the development of skills among volunteer leaders for the purpose of improving local club and community programs. The Rural Activities Department and the Extension groups received assistance from Oglebay Institute's crafts and social recreation specialists.



# Miscellany

Dr. Perry Epler Gresham, president-elect of Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, speaks at Annual Dinner.



## ANNUAL DINNER, APRIL 14, 1953

Mr. Robert Lee Boyd, treasurer; Dr. Perry Epler Gresham, president-elect of Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia; and Mrs. Thomas Bloch, a member of the Institute's Board of Trustees, look over a display of Institute activities, prior to the annual dinner in Oglebay Park's Pineroom, April 14, 1953. Dr. Gresham was the principal speaker, using as his subject "Life Can Be Managed." Open to members and friends of Oglebay Institute, the dinner annually brings together an assemblage of Institute supporters and provides an opportunity to honor individuals who have rendered unusual service to Oglebay Institute. Robert Lee Boyd was honored in 1953 for 25 years of continuous service.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER ON DISPLAY

The case containing the active membership of Oglebay Institute may be seen on the enclosed porch of the historic Mansion-Museum during the summer months. The case is taken to the auditorium of Oglebay Institute's Downtown Center during the winter season.

Members of Oglebay Institute are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Cragg, William S. Gee and Russell G. Hobbs for designing and constructing the case and standard.

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS

Junior Memberships, recently created by the Board of Trustees of Oglebay Institute, offer a great challenge to the citizens of our community. To create in the minds of our teenagers the responsibility they will inherit as adults toward keeping alive the work of Oglebay Institute is the primary purpose of the Junior Membership. It offers a process of indoctrination for the young people into the Oglebay Institute program. This Junior Membership program which has begun in such a grand style can well be expanded in the future to become a still greater force for the benefits of the citizens throughout the entire Wheeling area. The life blood of the Institute is in its membership.

Through Junior Memberships our children will become accustomed to sharing responsibility for the Oglebay Institute program, thereby adding a zest to its continuing success as nothing else can do. To profitably occupy the free time of youth in the realm of culture and supervised recreation should be the aim of all parents. We suggest that parents investigate the possibilities that Oglebay Institute has to offer children  
NOW!

Any person under the age of 21 years is eligible for a Junior Membership with annual dues of only \$2. The program of activities includes art and crafts, square and folk dancing, playground outings, supervised play, play parties, museums, nature events, vespers, Junior Town Meeting, Junior Theater, Youth and Music, rural activities and camps including nature camp, folk dance camp, choral camp, drum major camp and Opera Workshop (for older group).

To be displayed prominently during the summer at the Park and at the Downtown Center in the winter, the roster of Oglebay Institute members includes the Junior Membership listing.

We believe that the influence of the Oglebay Institute program upon the development of a child is a potent factor which insures further the spirit of Democracy in our community.

"Thinking well is wise; planning well wiser; doing well wisest and best of all."  
(Persian)

## RUNK LECTURES ON PLANTS AND BIRDS

"Plants and Birds for the Autumn Garden" was the subject of the technical color motion picture presented by Alfred E. Runk, Ramsey, N. J., in the Pineroom of Oglebay Park, August 17, under the auspices of the Nature Department of Oglebay Institute and the Wheeling Garden Center.

In his bird sanctuary in Ramsey, Mr. Runk has stocked his miniature botanical garden, during the past decade, with nearly 5,000 ornamental plants of over 400 species or varieties to determine which trees, shrubs, and vines the various feather creatures prefer for food cover and nesting. The main reason for Mr. Runk's new-type research has been to ascertain which ornamental plants or plantings attract birds rather than just serve as emergency food.

## "SELF-GUIDED" TRAIL FOUNDED

Unique in the annals of Oglebay trails is the "concentrated" or "self-guided" nature trail located in the general vicinity of the Children's Center.



The idea originated at a joint meeting of representatives of the Wheeling Park Commission and Oglebay Institute, called to review the general program of the nature department and to set new objectives. Last spring, Mrs. O. G. Mastellar and Mrs. Donald Altemus, members of the Institute's Nature Committee, selected the site and made a preliminary survey.

Following the initial survey, the idea of the "self-guided" nature trail became a reality in August, when Mr. & Mrs. Altemus began work.

As artists and naturalists, the Altemuses made 40 signs and labels that reflect the high calibre of their respective artistic abilities. Sections of the trail were cleared and posts set and installed. Jack Lash, Martins Ferry, assisted in this project.

Mr. Altemus' portrayals of the junco, the cardinal, the indigo bunting, or the little shrew stand as evidence of his talent, along with that of his wife's interpretation of the trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

#### DOWNTOWN CENTER REALITY 16 YEARS AGO

Since its beginning, Oglebay Institute, with the help of the West Virginia University Extension Service, has played an important part in the development and use of Oglebay Park. This has been made possible by the splendid cooperation of the Wheeling Park Commission. At the same time, the Institute has been able to extend its sphere of influence and to have a far greater part in the community life of Wheeling through the medium of a Downtown Center.

Sixteen years ago, October, 1937, Oglebay Institute established a Downtown Center in the Hazlett building at Twelfth and Main Streets. Herbert Sanborn, then Institute Museum Director, arranged for this project through Mrs. Edward Hazlett and her daughter. The Art Club, Art League, and the National Youth Administration contributed to and made use of this Downtown Center.

In September, 1938, the Institute's Board of Trustees approved a lease with the Wheeling Steel Corporation for the use of its building at Main and South Streets. Offices were provided for staff members, and a winter schedule of varied activities was carried on. This Center continued for three years.

During the years, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, the Institute staff was engaged in Civilian Defense work in downtown locations, first in the City-County Building, later in the old Eleventh Street Fire Station.

The Institute established "Folk-Lore Village" in October, 1944, in the Reymann Building, Fifteenth and Eoff Streets, in cooperation with the Girl Scouts.

During the second winter in the Reymann Building, staff services were extended into the field of nature education, elementary school radio project, arts and crafts and children's theater, as well as folk dancing. The site also served as a meeting place for certain affiliated community groups.

Used until 1946, the Reymann Building was then offered for sale at auction. Oglebay Institute was among the bidders, but allowed the Veterans of Foreign Wars to secure the structure for its exclusive use.

In a letter dated February 4, 1946, the late Crispin Oglebay expressed keen disappointment that the Institute had not been successful in securing the Reymann Building as a permanent Downtown Center. He wrote in part, "It seems to me that a Downtown Home for the Institute is necessary to assure it a successful and encouraging future. ... The Institute needs a home of its own and cannot hope to succeed as it should without one...."

Soon after Mr. Oglebay's letter, a bid was made on the List property, located at 827 Main Street, then owned by the Woman's Club of Wheeling, now the property of the American Red Cross. Other properties were investigated, but all failed to come up to expectations in so far as suitability and adaptability for the Institute's winter program were concerned.

It was in August, 1946, that the present Downtown Center was acquired. Located in the Pythian Building, Sixteenth and Market Streets, it houses a year-around program of varied activities.

The 1953 Activity Program included arts and crafts workshops, junior radio theater, and special events in the auditorium such as the Winter Lecture Series, Ohio County Wildlife League, Camera Club, Art Club Activities. The auditorium is also used by the Wheeling Little Theater, Ohio County 4-H Clubs, the Youth Symphony, Music Study Groups, and other community groups. By the end of 1953, more than 10,000 persons had made use of the services and facilities afforded by the Institute's Downtown Center.

The headquarters of the Film-Library Circuit, which includes 11 member public libraries in West Virginia and Ohio, is located in the Center as well as the Yale Film Library and other visual aid equipment which is made available to the schools in this section. Office space is provided for secretaries and staff members in charge of arts, crafts, visual aids, memberships and publicity. Drama festivals, recreation workshops and hobby shows all use the Downtown Center for successful presentations.

It would be hard to conceive a year-around community program as carried on by Oglebay Institute without the downtown location as well as the splendid facilities provided by Oglebay Park.

#### MISS BUSCH TO GERMANY

Oglebay Institute was honored by the State Department when Mary Ann Busch, in charge of folk and square dancing, was selected to go to Germany as a Youth Affairs specialist. One of 120 going to Germany under the auspices of the Educational Exchanges office of the State Department, Miss Busch's selection came as a direct result of her three years' experience with Oglebay Institute.

Scheduled to return early in 1954, Mary Ann is working with the Kreisjugendpfleger (County Youth Stimulator) in county Osnabruck in the British Zone of Germany. A visit to the United States with Oglebay Institute as host in the Wheeling community will be made by her German sponsor in the spring of 1954. A part of Miss Busch's time in Germany will also be spent in visiting two former exchangees from Germany who were guests in Wheeling last year, Fraulein Gabrielle Kleitner and Herr Gerd Schober, Kreisjugendpfleger from Bavaria.

#### ANNUAL BIRD FEEDING

In a special program to stimulate feeding and attracting wild birds, the Nature Committee conducted its annual bird feeding party. On January 18, over 250 bird enthusiasts gathered at the Pine Room, Oglebay Park, where they organized small parties to establish bird feeding stations throughout the park.

Following the field trip, a brief program was held, prizes were awarded and refreshments were served. The participants represented school nature clubs and their teachers, garden and 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and their leaders as well as the general public.

#### BIRD FEEDERS, FEED EXHIBITED

In a special program designed to interest those who like to attract and to feed birds that might spend the winter months in this area, the Nature Committee exhibited bird feeding devices and different kinds of feeds on January 18.

Invitations were accepted by school nature clubs, garden clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H members, Farm Women's organizations, Sportsmen and Conservation associations, and the YMCA and YWCA.

### DOWNTOWN CENTER WIDELY USED

An outgrowth of the Audubon Lectures, the fall and winter program in nature activities for 1953 included four stellar attractions. The '52-'53 programs February 5 Hal Harrison showed his technicolor movie, "Atlantic Adventure". On March 27, Hal Linker was the featured attraction with his newest color movie, "Sunny Iceland." Stan Midgely presented "Autumn Across America" on October 8, and the season closed December 4, when Hal Harrison returned with "The Jungle of Grass."

The year 1953 found the Nature Department of Oglebay Institute sponsoring the fall and winter series. Following the Audubon Lectures, the Tri-State Outdoors Club co-sponsored the winter programs.

### "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

In keeping with the Christmas season, Players, Inc., in cooperation with Oglebay Institute, presented Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol." Something new in Wheeling theater marked this four-night stand, as the production was given a theater-in-the-round interpretation. Each of the four nights, December 10, 11, 12 and 13, found capacity audiences and the dramatic production was well received.

Such programs are presented especially for members of Oglebay Institute. Fully aware of the importance of membership privileges, the Institute utilizes its Downtown Center in such a way that area citizens holding memberships may conveniently have an opportunity to participate. Plans for 1954 call for an ever-widening scope in the way of fall and winter attractions in the Downtown Center.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SERIES

The Tri-State Outdoors Club and the Nature Department co-sponsored two stellar attractions in the latter half of the 1952-53 "Outdoor Adventure Series." On March 19, Cleveland and Ruth Grant presented, "Wildlife of Marsh and Mountain." Ted Parkinson concluded the series on April 1 with "Yellowstone."

Programs for 1953-1954 were inaugurated with Stan Midgley's, "Autumn Across America" on October 8. On December 4, Hal Harrison's thriller on the Everglades, "Jungle of Grass," attracted a capacity audience.

All programs included color motion pictures, narrated by one of the persons listed above who are rated highly among their kind of talent. The current series is sponsored by Oglebay Institute.



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OGLEBAY INSTITUTE  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

December 30, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed minutes of the first public meeting of Oglebay Institute held December 9, 1930, will most likely recall to your mind a very interesting occasion in which you played a very prominent role. The transcript of your remarks upon that occasion is included.

I trust that you have kept abreast of Oglebay Institute during the intervening years, and know something of the important place it has taken in community affairs in the Ohio Valley. In order that you may be brought up-to-date, we enclose the 1953 report. Our report for 1954 will be ready within a short time and we will be pleased to send you a copy of the current report.

1955 will be designated "Silver Anniversary Year" and a number of special events are being planned in recognition of the completion of 25 years of service for Oglebay Institute. It is in that regard that I am writing to you. We want to plan an Anniversary Dinner meeting and we very much hope that you can be present and we cordially extend an invitation to you to be the speaker of the evening. It seems entirely fitting that you should return to Wheeling in this connection since you made such a significant contribution to the meeting held in 1930. The definite date has not been determined and it will depend somewhat on your ability to be with us. Our first preference is Wednesday evening, June 1. Other possible dates are Tuesday, June 14, and Tuesday, June 21. The dinner will be held in the Pineroom at Oglebay Park. This annual event will have special significance in 1955 and should draw a very representative group of people. I am sure this will be true if we can announce that you will be with us.

As you know, of course, Crispin Oglebay passed on several years ago, as did Mr. Burt, the President of the Institute in 1930, and Dr. James Potter, who also took part in that program. However, Dean Weimer of Bethany College and Mr. W. P. Wilson, who introduced you upon that occasion, are both quite active and it is likely that we can call on them for help in this anniversary.

In Cleveland, the grandson of Colonel Oglebay, Mr. Courtney Burton, associated with Oglebay, Norton & Company, Hanna Building, maintains a very close connection with our affairs and will be very much interested in the event we are planning at which we want you to be our speaker. You well know that there are many many people in Wheeling who remember you in the days when you were located here and I am sure the occasion would furnish you the opportunity to renew a great many acquaintances in our community.

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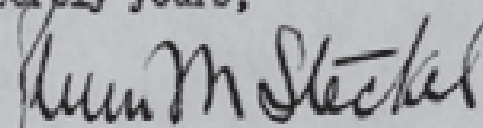
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Will you kindly take this matter under advisement and at your convenience write me as to how these suggestions fit into your other plans. Needless to say we very much hope that you will be in a position to accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Edwin M. Steckel  
Executive Director

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Oglebay Institute  
Trustees, Associates, and Activities Committee

Public Meeting at Scottish Rite Cathedral, Wheeling  
December 9, 1930

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Oglebay Institute's first public meeting occurred at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Wheeling, Tuesday, December 9, 1930, at 6:30 o'clock. Two hundred and fifty guests assembled for dinner before the meeting and an estimated number of 50 others arrived following dinner to be present for the program of the evening.

Mr. D. A. Burt, president of the Institute, called the meeting to order at 6:30 o'clock and requested Dr. James M. Potter, Pastor of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church to invoke the blessing. During dinner an orchestra of six Bethany College students rendered an appropriate program which had been arranged through the courtesy of Dr. B. R. Weimer, of the Institute Activities Committee, and a member of the Bethany College faculty.

Following dinner President Burt called the meeting to order. He briefly welcomed those present. He said the occasion was an important milestone in the history of Oglebay Park and of Oglebay Institute, since it marked the first occasion upon which Trustees, Associates, and members of the Activities Committee had assembled as part of one institution. Mr. Burt complimented those present on the interest shown in attending the dinner, declaring that it proved that even in time of stress Wheeling district citizens were wise enough to plan for the future welfare of the community.

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Mr. Burt then introduced W. P. Wilson, vice-chairman of the Park Commission and chairman for Oglebay Park.

Mr. Wilson said he recalled an evening in 1917 in which a number of Wheeling citizens met in this very room (Scottish Rite Cathedral) on a matter of great importance to Wheeling and the country at large—the first meeting for the discussion of the buying of liberty bonds. At that meeting, he continued, a young man, virtually unknown in Wheeling at the time, a newcomer, was asked to speak. This young man moved the meeting strongly, Mr. Wilson added. This young man left Wheeling shortly afterward and accomplished distinguished service for the French high commission, for which he was decorated and upon his return from abroad went to wider fields. That man, Mr. Wilson said, was speaker of this evening, Rabbi A. H. Silver.

Rabbi Silver was enthusiastically greeted by those present.

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Applause by his audience, which rose to continue its ovation, greeted the speaker as he concluded his talk.



Address  
by  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
of Cleveland, Ohio

Before the public dinner and meeting of the Oglebay Institute — Scottish Rite  
Cathedral — December 9, 1930.

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I am very grateful to the chairman for his graceful introduction and happy to come back to Wheeling. It was my first home, after my college years and I owe a debt of gratitude to the city for the encouragement it gave me in these first two or three formative years of after-college life. There is another and feeling of deep gratitude to your city on my part, a debt of which I have a daily reminder in my own home.

In the last two or three years I have seen the changes of progress here. There are new and higher buildings, new residences, new highways and streets, but above all, a new civic spirit — a civic spirit of which Oglebay Park and your Institute are the product and the symbol.

I look upon a city as something far greater than an aggregate of people or an economic unit. It is a living organism, a living being which manifests itself through economic, spiritual and cultural things. A city reflects the soul of its people. A city IS the soul of its people.

A city where law enforcement is lax, whose courts are corrupt, where a general moral laxity prevails and whose politics is predatory, is a city politically immature.

A city whose schools are inadequate, poorly manned and poorly administered is a city whose intellectual life is immature.

A city whose churches are inadequately manned, poorly attended, and generally inefficient is a city whose spiritual life is immature.

A city without art, without music, without drama, is a city whose aesthetic life is immature.

A city without facilities for recreation for its people is not alert to the full requirements of character building and body building required of the modern city program.

A citizen of a city which HAS all these things can well say with the learned ancient, "I am a citizen of no mean city."

We may have lost something which the ancients had. In their day there were no large countries, there were city states, the urban community of which was the mother city and the suburban communities the daughter cities. Then, a man belonged not to Greece, but to Athens or to Corinth and put all his love into the life of his community. As a consequence these city states were filled with marvels of art, of culture of all kinds.



Now, patriotism is extensive rather than intensive. In our giving to our large, almost abstract-seeming, political units, we often forget our own home town and lack the civic pride of the ancients. Patriotism surely begins at home, for if we make our communities great, then we make the nation great. We enrich all when we enrich one.

I think the Oglebay Park movement, for it is a movement, gives evidence of your community's intention to reawaken local patriotism. I know few movements so full of promise. Few cities are as ambitious. The products of this movement will be to serve and better mind and body, to serve beauty and utility.

The generosity of Colonel Oglebay has this community in a position to pioneer. You needed this movement as every industrial city does. As an industrial community you have here people from all parts of the world. You have the ruggedness, the sturdiness and the harshness of an industrial community.

In common with many cities such as yours, cultural development has not kept pace with business development. Now you begin to feel a hunger for cultural things, for the zest of living, for the beautiful. Your Oglebay movement expresses your desire to satisfy this hunger.

Culture is impossible without leisure. A people which uses itself up in living wants pursuits of the mind, but must have a measure of leisure. We will have more and more leisure in years to come as the machine frees us from toil. Many industries now give men work for but five days a week, soon this time may shorten to four days a week.

What will we do with this vast amount of leisure time? It is the most serious problem of the day, because unoccupied time may be a deadly thing. It may make for vice, indolence, moral laxity. "Killing time" may be found a most serious offense.

The time is coming to train men for expertness in their chosen avocations, to make of them creative amateurs. That much misused word "amateur" we find means a person who pursues something for the sheer love of the thing. When we engage in pursuit of an objective we are amateurs, men who have interests in life, who have developed interest in things other than their daily toil are the real amateurs. It is they who bring beauty and culture to the community.

The average American business man is keen, alert, "on his toes," in his job. His leisure time personality is all too often dull, drab and uninteresting. A man often says that he intends to work for ten, twenty, thirty years and then retire to enjoy the fruits of an entire life devoted to work. That is a fallacy. You can't retire to leisure if you haven't prepared yourself for it and a man may go to pieces physically when he is done with an active career.

There is a better way to live. It is well that man should work for success. Poverty or failure is no virtue. Make no mistake about it, it is just as hard for a poor man as for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But a wise man will preempt time and energy for the pursuit of other things, for spiritual questing. He will not starve his life to one job. He will enrich his life along 100 channels of interest.

A man is free only after his work is finished for the day or for the week. He is not free when he is on the job, whether he be head of his firm or company or not. He is caught, then, in the narrow limitations of his work and is free only when he has closed his desk.

When you have closed your desk be a rebel, a seeker, a non-conformist, read what you want, instead of trade magazines, choose the friends you want, instead of those who will help you in business.

The machine has made it less and less possible for us to be free men. The more we conform to it, the better the machine works. If you wish to be your self it can be accomplished only in your leisure time and after you have prepared yourself for your part.

It is not wise for a man to have only one world. Set your life solely on material success and you may lose all. Build many worlds. I often think of something a learned old Rabbi of my church once said; "In future God will grant to the righteous 310 worlds in which to live." An exaggeration, a figure of speech, but filled with thought!

God didn't make our jobs. Divinity in the ceaseless life of the world. Divinity in the ceaseless life of the world means a manifestation of ourselves, unfolding of ourselves continually to enrich our life and that of our community.

Your institute has some such goal. It wants to you and yours do just that. First of all, it would take you outdoors, to reveal to yourselves the world. It wants to open your eyes to see nature, and nature's beauty. It would teach all of us the sacred lore of forest and fields, would teach us the voices of the wind, the birds, the trees and the flowers.

Something left us when the machine took hold of life. Do not misunderstand me. The machine has given us comforts and conveniences which we would not have but for it. But it has also robbed us—robbed us of the joy of craftsmanship. The thrill of making things with our hands, of creating with our own hands and brain some well-done thing. Your Institute would revive this for you, for all of us. It would give you a chance, teach you how to use your inherent hand and mind skills in creative work.

Your Institute aims to take you into the worlds of music and drama. In Europe every city of twenty, thirty, forty thousand people is proud of its musical organizations, knows music and loves it, and supports its company of actors, also. Here we find good music and drama only in the large metropolitan centers. These and these only have facilities to meet these essential human needs. Your Institute aims to supply them for you.

You have in your midst an agency which will open the windows of life. It is an agency which will enrich your lives by bringing into them the thought of beauty. Oglebay Institute is deserving of your highest ideals and finest enthusiasm.

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