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Willoughby, Ohio, 1918-1949.

Address May 24

Willoughby, Ohio, May 7, 1918

Rabbi Silver,

E. 55 th St. & Central Ave.,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

As per our conversation over the 'phone a week ago,
I am writing you the date set for our Chamber of Commerce
banquet, when we are to have you with us as speaker of the
evening. Wednesday evening May 22 or 29 or June 5 are
available for us, and we shall conform to any one of the
dates you may choose.

Kindly let us hear from you so our plans can be
made accordingly. I remain

Ernest F. Birkhof

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May 15, 1918

Mr. Ernst F. Birkholz
Secretary Willoughby Chamber of Commerce
Willoughby, Ohio

My dear Mr. Birkholz:-

I regret exceedingly that I am compelled not to accept your kind invitation to address the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce. I am so over burdened with work just now and I expect to leave Cleveland for the East early part of June. I shall be most happy to be of service to you some time during the next Fall.

With kindest regards I am

Sincerely yours,

Willoughby, Ohio.
Feb 28, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E 55th and Central Ave.,
Cleveland; O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to your letter of Nov 18th, 1921 regarding proposed visit to our Willoughby Chamber of Commerce, at your suggestion I am writing you again to know if you cannot give us an evening date here in Willoughby in the next two or three months. We have a large number of Cleveland business men on our membership list and they keep insisting that we leave no stone unturned to have you come out here if possible.

We will try and accommodate ourselves to your convenience in the matter of dates although we would prefer to have you come some other evening than Thursday or Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,

F. N. Shankland

F. N. Shankland, Pres.
Wby Chamber of Commerce.

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March third, 1922.

Mr. F. N. Shankland,
Willoughby Chamber of Commerce,
Willoughby, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shankland,

I wish I were in a position to accept your very kind invitation to address your organization, but I must decline. I am very much overburdened with lecture engagements, most of them in behalf of War Relief and my official duties at this season of the year are particularly heavy. I cannot, therefore, in justice to myself, take on any additional obligations to speak.

I trust that I may yet have an opportunity to serve you at some future time..

Regretting exceedingly my inability to be with you this season, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Willoughby

March 8th, 1923.

Mr. Max Simon,
1303 West 6th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Simon,

I am very sorry indeed that I cannot see my way clear to accept the kind invitation of the Godd People of Willoughby which came to me through you. I wish I could do it. Unfortunately the number of my lecture engagements during the next few months are so great and the amount of work incidental to the building of our new Temple so heavy that I cannot in justice to myself accept any more invitations this season.

Trusting that you are well,
I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Willoughby, Ohio
April 19, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,
My dear Rabbi Silver, -

I am writing to ask if
it would be possible for
you to address the
Willoughby Woman's Club
at its annual guest day
program, Friday afternoon,
May tenth, at three o'clock.

Our budget limits us
to twenty five dollars
for the speaker, which
we realize is not generous
but our eagerness to have

you prompts us to ask
if you have an open
date.

Our meeting will
be in the Masonic Temple
Building next to the
Willoughby Library.

Hoping that you
may favor us by
coming, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Hazel Y. Sheetz

(Chairman of Program.)

Mrs. John A. Sheetz
c/o First National Bank
Willoughby, Ohio.

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April 23d, 1929.

Mrs. John A. Sheetz,
c/o First National Bank,
Willoughby, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Sheetz:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of April 19th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Willoughby Woman's Club on Friday, May 10th.

I would gladly have availed myself of your kind invitation, but I have a class at four o'clock every Friday afternoon which I personally instruct and I must therefore forego the pleasure of being with you. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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JAMES A. MCMAHON

51 EUCLID AVENUE

WILLOUGHBY, OHIO

January 26, 1932

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

My dear Rabbi:

We are having a big celebration in Willoughby on Washington's Birthday, Monday February 22nd in keeping with the Federal celebration which is spreading all through the country.

We are very anxious to secure you to speak for the evening. We can not offer you what we would like to and what we know you are worth but could offer you an honorarium of \$50.00 for the evening.

Kindly let us know if you can accept. We will guaranty a large and appreciative audience and we know your speech will do lots of good to our community.

Sincerely

James A. McMahon

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Jan. 28th, 1932

Mr. James A. McMahon,
51 Euclid Ave.,
Willoughby, Ohio.

My dear Mr. McMahon:-

I am very appreciative of your kind invitation to address your George Washington Celebration in Willoughby and I should very much like to accept it.

Unfortunately I have another engagement of long standing for that day.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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PERRY A. HARRINGTON, PRINCIPAL
WILLOUGHBY, OHIO

March 9, 1934

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

Our graduating class would be very much honored if you could arrange to deliver the class address at their commencement to be held Friday eve. June 1st.

We have to be conservative in spending money, and while we know that your services merit a much larger fee than we are able to pay we feel that an address would prove of great good to the people of our community. We can pay you \$ 25.00 and a large vote of thanks if you can arrange to come to Kirtland on June 1st.

Trusting that we may have a favorable reply to our bald request, we are

Most cordially yours,

Perry A. Harrington

March 19, 1934.

Mr. Perry A. Harrington, Principal,
Kirtland Township Schools,
Willoughby, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Harrington:

I am very appreciative of your kind invitation to address the Commencement Exercises of your School on June 1st and I should be very happy to accept it. Unfortunately my plans for June and the months following are quite uncertain. It may be that I shall leave for Europe the end of May. I do not, therefore, wish to commit myself to any lecture engagement which I would be compelled to cancel at the last moment.

Hoping that I may be of service to you at some future time, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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AUGUSTUS C. KNIGHT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
WILLOUGHBY, OHIO

November 30, 1948

Abba Hillel Silver Rabbi
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Down through the years, since your arrival in Cleveland, I have listened and have read what you have said upon diversified subjects, with much profit and pleasure to myself.

On one of the occasions, when the Shriners and Knights of Columbus participated in a joint luncheon, you were the guest speaker, and immediately after that memorable and happy event, I asked you whether we, in Lake County, could look forward to a time when we would be privileged to have you as our guest speaker.

Upon receiving a most gracious and encouraging reply, I now wish to extend to you an invitation to address our Lake County Bar Association at Painesville some time the early part of January, 1949.

The subject, of your own choosing.

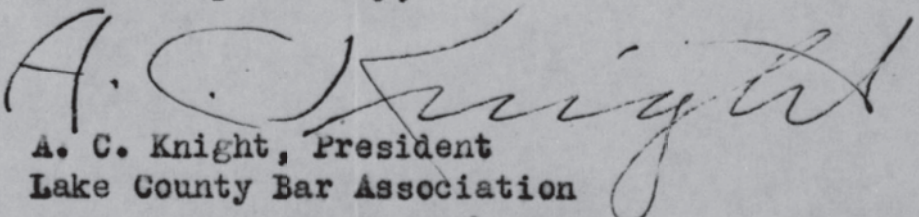
The occasion, our Annual dinner meeting to be held 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. at a place to be selected.

The early part of January, any day suitable and convenient to you.

We shall be glad to provide transportation from and to your home.

We do hope that none of the more important matters throughout the world will require or engage your attention at that time.

Yours respectfully,


A. C. Knight, President
Lake County Bar Association

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December 1, 1948

Mr. A. C. Knight, President
Lake County Bar Association
Willoughby, Ohio

My dear Mr. Knight:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Lake County Bar Association some time in January. It would give me great pleasure indeed if I were free to come. Unfortunately, I am committed to so many obligations for the year over and above my Temple activities that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of serving you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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