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Wisconsin, University of (Madison, Wisconsin), 1924-1963.

1214 W. Dayton St.,  
Madison, Wis.,  
Feb. 11, 1924.

My Dear Rabbi Silber,

Having heard you speak  
a few times, and having heard of you, I should  
like to inquire whether you would consent to  
come and speak to the Jewish Students  
Association of the University of Wisconsin  
sometime between now and the middle of next  
May.

The Jewish Students Association  
is an organization composed of most of the Jewish  
students of the University organized for  
religious purposes. But in case you would be  
able to come, a big open affair could be  
made of it.

Will you, therefore, try, if possible,  
to give some of the people out here a chance to  
hear you.

Thanking you in advance for your  
time in this matter, I remain,

Yours respectfully,  
Charles A. Lipkowsky.



February 18th, 1924.

Mr. Chas. A. Lipkovsky,  
1214 W. Dayton St.,  
Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Lipkovsky,

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 11th, and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Jewish Students Association of the University. I wish I were in a position to accept it. Unfortunately the amount of work involved here in the construction of our new Temple is so great and the many lecture engagements which I have already scheduled make it impossible for me to accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



THE B'NAI B'RITH  
HILLEL FOUNDATION  
OF THE  
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A Jewish organization devoted to social and religious work  
among students at the University

RABBI SOLOMON LANDMAN  
DIRECTOR

November 4, 1924.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abe:

I don't know whether you know it or not but I am out here at the University of Wisconsin at the head of the Hillel Foundation doing the work similar to that of Frankel's at the University of Illinois. Without taking any of your time with a long schmoos and explanation, the enclosed card will give you an idea of the kind of work I am trying to do.

What I want to ask you specifically is this, "Are you going to be in or around Chicago or Milwaukee at any time during the winter?" If you are, I would like you to come up to Madison, which is only a few hours from each of these two cities, to talk before the Jewish Students at one of their Open Forum meetings. These are held once a month, when our guest speaks, following the close of the religious services on Sunday night.

The dates for our Open Forums are the following: December 13, January 18, February 15, March 22, April 19, and May 17. If, being in our neighborhood, you could arrange to come up for one of those days, I would be extremely grateful.

The only rub is the financial one. Our budget is extremely limited, else I would invite you to come and pay your expenses even from Cleveland. But that is impossible; and I am afraid that I will even have to ask you to come up without being able to offer a honorarium.

I hope you will be able to do it. If you will, please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to come and, if at the same time you can send me the title of your address, that will help us tremendously in lining up the year's program.

Hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you again, I am, with cordial regards to you and your wife in which Dorothy joins me,

Sincerely yours, *Al.*

SL: GR



November 20th, 1924.

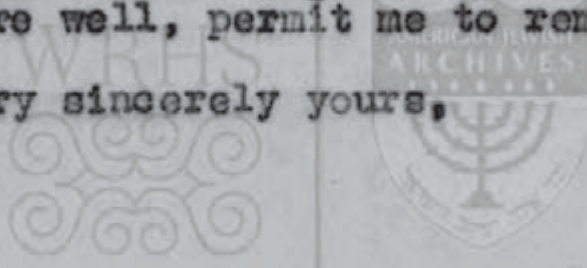
Rabbi Solomon Landman,  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Sol,

I appreciated very much your kind letter of November 4th. I shall try to be in Milwaukee some time in the spring but I do not know just when and when I do come, I shall try to meet the Jewish students of the University of Wisconsin. Write me later in the year.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are well, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,





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A Jewish organization devoted to social and religious work  
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RABBI SOLOMON LANDMAN  
DIRECTOR

November 24, 1924. MADISON, WISCONSIN

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abe:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 20. I certainly do hope that it will be possible for you in the near future to come up and talk before our Open Forum.

I heard the other day that you are slated to talk in Chicago at Sinai Temple Open Forum, and that that Forum is holding its meeting on a Monday night. If this is so, will you please let know if you can arrange to be up here on the preceding Sunday night? For if it is possible, we can transfer the date of our Open Forum to meet your convenience in that regard. I might say that it will be possible <sup>for you</sup> to leave <sup>here</sup> on the sleeper that same Sunday night and arrive the following morning at Chicago at half-past eight.

I would appreciate it if you would let me hear from you immediately, particularly as to the date that you will speak in Chicago and especially if you will be able to come up here the night before so, that we can make our arrangements not only for your convenience but for a capacity audience.

With many thanks for your interest and your good wishes, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*SL*

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THE B'NAI B'RITH  
**HILLEL FOUNDATION**  
806 STATE STREET  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

RABBI SOLOMON LANDMAN  
DIRECTOR

October 13, 1925

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

Our Religious Committee is laying its plans for its Open Forum season for the year 1925-26. They are very anxious to have you upon their program as Open Forum speaker should it be possible for you to come.

They have asked me to write you inquiring whether you are going to be in this section of the country sometime during the period of this academic year, and especially if you will be so good as to arrange it so that you can come up to Madison to address the students. The Forum will be held following religious services which begin at 11 o'clock on Sunday mornings.

I shall appreciate it more than I can tell you if you will arrange to speak to us. Please give the matter careful consideration, Abe, and let me hear from you at the earliest possible moment.

Let us know when (if you can do so at this time) you will be in this neck of the woods. We shall be happy to arrange the date to suit your convenience in so far as possible.

With cordial greetings in which Dorothy joins me, believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

*Sol*  
Rabbi Solomon Landman  
Director, Hillel Foundation

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO

NOTICE THAT YOU ARE TO SPEAK IN MILWAUKEE FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH

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February 7th, 1926

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Rabbi Sol Landman

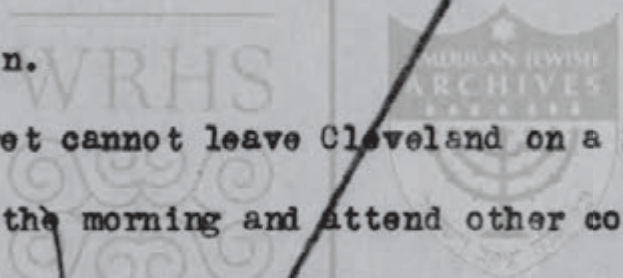
Hillel Foundation

Madison, Wisconsin.

Regret cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. Must occupy my own pulpit in the morning and attend other congregational duties during the day. Hope to be available to you at some future time.

Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver





THE B'NAI B'RITH  
HILLEL FOUNDATION

512 STATE STREET  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Sept. 11, 1929

RABBI SOLOMON LANDMAN  
DIRECTOR

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

Dear Abba:

I received today a letter from Mr. Max E. Meisel inclosing your letter of introduction to me which you had given him when he came to Madison last month. I am sorry, indeed, that I missed the pleasure of meeting him. I have written him today assuring him that Dorothy and I should be happy to do whatever we can to make Max Jr. comfortable in Madison.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter that I have written to Mr. Meisel. I wish you would tell him, on the basis of our personal friendship, how earnestly I mean this invitation for his son to make himself at home with us. Your personal interest in the boy will be ours, and he is welcome to make himself at home not only at the Foundation, but especially in our own home.

*File no answer*  
I wonder if you would be able to come out to Madison to talk to our students this year? I know you can't come on Sunday, so I am inviting you to come on Thursday evening, February 20th, 1930, to participate in a series of lectures on Judaism which are being given by a number of rabbis from Wisconsin and Chicago. I would like you to talk upon the subject "The God Idea in Judaism". This would fit in with the other lectures, which will form a unified series, as follows:

1. The Historical Background of the Bible.
2. The Development of the Idea of God in Judaism. *(The God Idea in Judaism)*
3. The Prophets.
4. The Evolution of the Synagogue.
5. Judaism and Christianity.
6. Mediaeval Judaism.
7. Modern Judaism.

I'd appreciate it if you would let me hear from you in this matter at your very earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,  
*[Signature]*



610 West Johnson Street  
Madison, Wisc.  
March 14, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver:

For the past four years an informal group of students at the University of Wisconsin here have been studying questions relative to cultural conflicts. Last April for the first time we sponsored a three-night series of discussions under the name of an "Institute on Cultural Conflict." It was very well received.

This year we plan to repeat a similar series. Three speakers are being invited to speak respectively on the extents, on the causes, and on steps leading towards the remedy of cultural conflicts. The meetings will take place April 21, 22, and 23.

This letter is to invite you to be the guest of this group for the discussion of the "Extents of Cultural Conflicts" on April 21 (Tuesday). Kindly let me know what honorarium, besides expenses will be expected of us.

A word more about the group may not be out of place: We number about 19 in all--some Nordic Gentiles, some Jews, some Negroes. To the Institute we invite about 200 pivotal people on the campus. The speakers may each talk for 45 minutes or an hour, and allow an hour or thereabouts for questions and discussion from the floor.

Very truly yours,

*G. James Fleming*  
G. James Fleming



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WROTE TWO WEEKS AGO INVITING YOU TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY  
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INSTITUTE ON CULTURAL CONFLICT STOP NO REPLY FROM YOU TO  
DATE STOP KINDLY ANSWER THIS COLLECT UPON RECEIPT I HERE  
ASSUME THAT YOU RECEIVED MY LETTER=

G JAMES FLEMING.



card

March 25th, 1931

Mr. G. James Fleming,  
610 West Johnson St.,  
Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Fleming:-

I should be very much tempted to accept your kind invitation to meet your group in a discussion on "Cultural Conflicts" on April 21st. Unfortunately I am so terribly crowded with lecture engagements for the next few months that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

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With kindest regards, permit me to

Very sincerely yours,

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*Aug. 12*  
*not accepted.*

120 West Wilson  
Madison, Wisconsin  
August 8, 1931

*card*

Rabbi Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Silver:

The Inter-Church Council, composed of representatives from the student religious organizations and the student pastors, is planning a series of talks to be given this next school year for the student body. We shall have patrons from the faculty of the University and from the membership of the various churches. The central talk is to be given by a well-known outside speaker in one of the University auditoriums at four-thirty in the afternoon of the first Sunday of the month, after which the students are to go to their respective group meetings and discuss the topic presented.

For March the sixth, we are planning to have a talk on the general topic, Spiritual Emphasis and Ethical Conduct. We should like very much to have you speak on this topic, as we feel that there is no one better qualified to do so. If you could not come for that date, we could arrange to have the talk a week earlier or later.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to come. If you find it possible, we should like to know what financial arrangements would be necessary to bring you to the University.

Sincerely yours,

The Inter-Church Council

*Please return*

Send reply to:  
Miss Albee Jones  
120 West Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin



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The Chicago Round Table  
of the  
National Conference of Jews and Christians  
*For Justice, Amity and Understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews*  
203 North Wabash — Chicago, Ill.

February  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

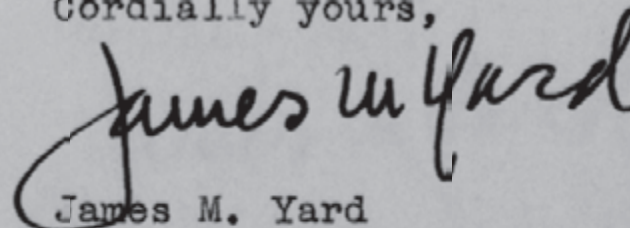
I wonder if there is a chance that you will be in this country the latter part of next August. We are planning an institute at the University of Wisconsin August 23 to 28. It will be fashioned somewhat after the institute at Williamstown last August. If it is at all possible, I hope you can speak for us on Wednesday, August 26th, on "The Significance of Judaism for the Present Day." I know of no one who could do it so well and your name on our program would be a great drawing card throughout the Middle West.

Of course, if you could spend the whole five days with us, that would be still better. We are prepared to offer you a modest honorarium in addition to your expenses.

The work here is opening well and we have every reason to be encouraged. I enclose a copy of the program of our seminar which will be held in March.

With kindest regards

Cordially yours,

  
James M. Yard

JMY:W



February 24, 1936

Mr. James M. Yard,  
National Conference of Jews and Christians,  
203 North Wabash,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Yard:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your gracious invitation to take part in the program of the institute at the University of Wisconsin the latter part of August. I wish I were free to accept it. In all probability, however, I shall be abroad this summer. In that case I shall not return before the early part of September.

With all good wishes and trusting that you are well, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



THE  
UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS COUNCIL  
AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
740 LANGDON STREET, MADISON, WISCONSIN

December 3, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

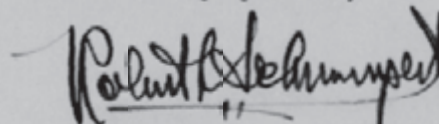
There is a very strong feeling on this campus which I should like to share with you. University of Wisconsin students, faculty leaders, and others in the community want someone in a position of authority to speak to them on some phase of "Religious Living in Time of War".

The University of Wisconsin Religious Council has been urged to secure you to speak on this general subject, preferably on a Sunday evening during the winter or early spring season.

The Council is made up of student and faculty representatives of the campus churches, University YMCA and YWCA, including representatives of the three great religious faiths--Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant.

The more we think and plan for both the present and the future, the stronger we feel that, if at all possible, you must share with us what you have to say on this general subject suggested above.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Schumpert  
For the U.R.C.

Convocation Committee

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

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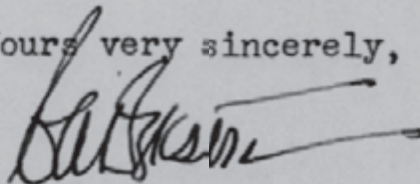
December 9, 1942

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note with great satisfaction that the University Religious Council is inviting you to the campus of the University of Wisconsin for an address on a religious topic. May I add my cordial invitation to you and tell you how welcome you will be if you can possibly come to us. It is our great desire to bring to our students at this time some spiritual inspiration and challenge. I believe deeply that you can help us.

With my kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,



C. A. Dykstra  
President

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



December 14, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Schumpert  
University Religious Council  
University of Wisconsin  
740 Langdon Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Schumpert:

Thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to speak under the auspices of the University Religious Council on some phase of "Religious Living in Time of War". I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to meet with your people. I shall be very pleased to come. I have two dates open: one is on January 31, and the other on March 14. Please indicate to me which is the more convenient date.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 14, 1942

Dr. G. A. Dykstra, President  
The University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Dr. Dykstra:

Thank you so much for your kind note.  
I have this day written to Mr. Schumpert telling him that I would be very happy to come to the campus of the University of Wisconsin. I suggested one of two dates -- January 31st or March 14th. I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you when I visit the University.

I am also hoping that some Sunday morning in the not too distant future we may have the pleasure of welcoming you to The Temple pulpit. Our people are eager to receive a message from you. We shall wait for some important occasion and then I hope that your crowded calendar will permit you to visit our community. It is helpful to have religious leaders speak on the campus. It is also very helpful to have education leaders speak in the pulpit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

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December 16, 1942

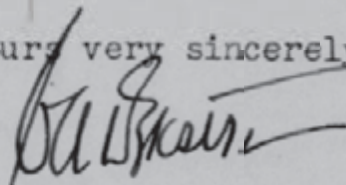
Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have your heartening note of December 14 and you may be sure we shall greet you with open arms when you come to our campus. I have such pleasant recollections of my contacts with you in Cleveland that they stay very green through the years.

I should enjoy very much being with you some time in Cleveland when the occasion offers and we can both fit it into our programs.

With my kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. A. Dykstra", written over the typed name.

C. A. Dykstra

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



December 29, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Schumpert  
University Religious Council  
University of Wisconsin  
740 Langdon Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Schumpert:

Rabbi Silver would appreciate it very much if you would let him know which of the two dates which he offered you is more convenient for you. He has received an invitation from Chicago and he would like to tie up his visit to your group with the Chicago engagement so as to save himself a special trip.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



THE  
UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS COUNCIL  
AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
740 LANGDON STREET, MADISON, WISCONSIN

December 28, 1942

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

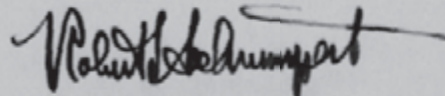
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Members of the University of Wisconsin Religious Council are glad to learn that you can be with us, preferably on Sunday, January 31, rather than Sunday, March 14. The Convocation will be held in the evening.

Will you kindly send us a cut or mat of yourself and such other information which the committee may use in publicizing the meeting. Do you have a specific topic other than the general one "Religious Living in Time of War" which you would like to have us use in publicizing the event? May I ask you what honorarium is expected?

Kindly let me know if there is any additional information of any kind which you might want in preparation for the Convocation.

Cordially yours,



Robert L. Schumpert  
For Convocation Committee

RLS:DJM



January 7, 1943.

Mr. Robert L. Schumpert  
University Religious Council  
University of Wisconsin  
740 Langdon Street  
Madison, Wisconsin:

My dear Mr. Schumpert:

Thank you for your letter of December 28th. I am sending you herewith the cut which you requested and some information about myself for use in your publicity.

As far as the subject is concerned, the general theme "Religious Living in Time of War" is quite satisfactory and is sufficiently broad to enable me to say the things which I will want to say on the occasion.

As far as honorarium is concerned, I have no fixed honorarium for this type of meeting. Just follow your own custom with this regard.

With all good wishes and looking forward to meeting you and your group, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

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THE  
UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS COUNCIL  
AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
740 LANGDON STREET, MADISON, WISCONSIN

January 11, 1943

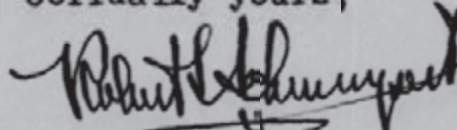
Rabbi A. H. Silver  
E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter with the inclosed photograph and biographical material. We shall look forward to seeing you on the 31st of this month.

In due season let us know the hour at which you expect to arrive in Madison.

Cordially yours,



Robert L. Schumpert,  
For Convocation Committee

RLS:DJM



# B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

508 State Street

Madison, Wisconsin

RABBI THEODORE H. GORDON  
Director

January 13, 1943

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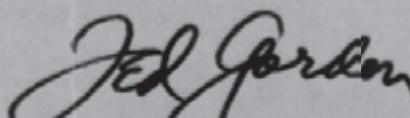
Dear Dr. Silver:

I was very pleased to learn that you will be coming to Madison to address the University of Wisconsin Religious Convocation on Sunday evening, January 31st. It is good to know that you can take the time to be with us. I know that there is a large group of students as well as student pastors and faculty people who are looking forward with great pleasure to your visit.

The chairman of the committee in charge has asked me to get some further details as to your plans for the 31st. Could you let me know when you plan to arrive in Madison, how long you can stay with us, and when you must leave. I know that if you should be able to remain through Monday noon, there is a large faculty group that would be delighted to meet with you at lunch. I shall be glad to make arrangements for this if you can be here that long. I have also been asked to take charge of you during your visit, so that you don't get lost in our big town. It is a very pleasant duty, I assure you. I hope that you may be able to join us at a Hillel supper that same evening at which we shall have a brief ceremony installing our new officers. Of course we shall be through in ample time to adjourn to the Wisconsin Union for your address.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you again, though this time I cannot offer you the warmth of California sunshine, I am, with kindest good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Theodore H. Gordon

THG:ab



January 21, 1943.

Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon,  
Director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation,  
University of Wisconsin  
508 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of  
January 13th.

At the moment, I do not know the exact hour  
of my arrival in Madison. I cannot leave  
Cleveland before late Saturday evening as  
I have a wedding scheduled on that evening.  
I will arrive in Chicago early Sunday morning  
and take the first train out for Madison. I  
should like to leave the following morning  
for Chicago.

Much as I would like to meet with other groups  
I must forego the pleasure. Frankly, I am very  
tired out. The celebrations in connection with  
my Twenty-fifth Anniversary at the Temple next  
week will, I am afraid, leave me in need of  
recuperation. Of course, I shall be very happy  
to join with you at the Hillel supper prior to  
the meeting Sunday evening.

With all good wishes and looking forward with  
pleasure to seeing you on the campus, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw



# B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

508 State Street

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your reply to my letter.  
We are looking forward to your visit in Madison.

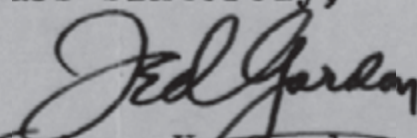
I have made a reservation for you at the  
Lorraine Hotel for Sunday night, January 31st.  
You will probably want to take a cab from the station  
to the hotel. I will call you or you may telephone  
me at my home and we can arrange to meet in time for  
our Hillel supper which takes place between 5:45 and  
6:00 o'clock.

I know that the local people will be disappointed  
that you cannot remain through the lunch hour on Monday,  
but I appreciate your position and cannot even urge  
you to extend your stay.

My heartiest congratulations to you and Mrs.  
Silver upon the completion of 25 years of service  
at The Temple; years of fruitful leadership not only  
to your particular congregation, but to your entire  
community and the American Jewish community at large.  
These are days in which we sorely need statesmanlike  
leadership. My wish for you, then, is that you may  
husband your strength for another quarter century of  
service to Israel and America.

Looking forward to your visit and with cordial  
good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Theodore H. Gordon

THG:ab



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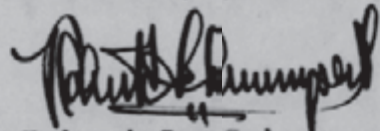
Rabbi A. H. Silver  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find our check for \$75, a token of our genuine appreciation for your splendid address you gave us last evening.

It was a real treat to have you with us and we hope that you can be with us again sometime in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Schumpert,  
For Convocation Committee

RLS:DJM

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February the fourth  
1943

My dear Mr. Schumpert:

Thank you so much for your kind letter  
of February 1st and for the check which  
you enclosed.

It is my pleasure to write you that I  
enjoyed the meeting with your group  
very much.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

Mr. Robert L. Schumpert  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin





THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

SOUTH HALL

MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

August 1, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The University of Wisconsin is inaugurating an annual series of lectures on contemporary problems and movements in religion. This, I think you will recognize, is somewhat of a departure from the rather strict secularism traditional at this University. A faculty committee has been appointed by the President of the University to organize these lectures, under the chairmanship of Professor A. Campbell Garnett of our Department of Philosophy. Since he is out of the city for the summer, teaching at the Union Theological Seminary, I am serving as acting chairman of the Committee.

We are anxious to make this first annual series an outstanding success. Our Committee would be very happy indeed if you could see your way clear to come to Madison to give one of these lectures. The other speakers we are inviting are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Professor Etienne Gilson, and Dean Jerald Brauer of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

As your topic we suggest, but only tentatively, the subject of the concept of brotherhood in religious thought. We would like to have the students see that theology today is a live and significant field of thinking, at the same time bearing in mind that the average student has very little background in either philosophy or theology. If you have alternative topics which you would prefer, we shall be happy to receive your suggestions. The address will be given to the general student body, chiefly undergraduates, with attendance wholly optional. I am sure you will know well the kind of presentation needed for such an occasion.

We have made no final arrangements as to dates, but our plan is to arrange one of the addresses in middle or late October, one in late November or early December, the third in February, and a fourth in March or early April. We would greatly appreciate it if you could suggest several Sunday afternoon dates at approximately these periods on which you would be free to come, so that we can arrange the schedule of lectures in such a way as to avoid conflicts with other University events which might detract from the attendance. ✓

I regret that we are not able to offer a really attractive honorarium for this service. We are allowed to offer you only \$150 and your expenses. Accommodations will also be provided for during your stay in Madison.

Our Committee will be very happy if you are able to accept this invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

*David Fellman*

David Fellman  
Professor of Political Science

DF:js



September 8, 1955

Dr. David Fellman  
The University of Wisconsin  
Department of Political Science  
South Hall  
Madison 6, Wisconsin

My dear Dr. Fellman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of August first. I have only just returned from Europe.

I should very much love to come to the University of Wisconsin to participate in the very interesting series of lectures on contemporary problems and movements in religion which you are organizing. Unfortunately, I find it impossible to leave Cleveland on Sundays. I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday mornings.

It would give me great pleasure to be of service to you at some future time.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 15,      WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON 6

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
372 BASCOM HALL

September 30, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very happy indeed that you are able to come on February 15 to take part in our lecture series. As Professor Fellman has told you, these lectures are first and foremost for the undergraduate body, but the general public is invited. Professor Fellman suggested the topic of "The Concept of Brotherhood in Religious Thought". This would be excellent, but if you have another suggestion to make, we would be happy to consider it. In this connection you might be interested in the names and topics of the other speakers in the series. They are:

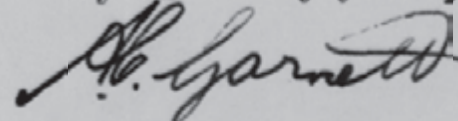
- 1) Dean Jerald Brauer--November 20 "Contemporary Trends in Religious Thought"
- 2) Professor Yves Simon--March 11 "The Doctrine of Natural Law and its Contemporary Relevance"
- 3) Bishop Bromley Oxnam--April 22 "The Social Gospel in American Protestantism"

Perhaps you would like to speak on something a little more relevant to the Hebrew contribution as each of the other speakers has been asked to do something somewhat representative of his own point of view, although probably nothing is more central to the Hebrew contribution than the topic already suggested.

I should like to have your choice of topic as soon as possible. We have arranged for your accomodation in a room at the Memorial Union, although this is subject to any change that you might desire. ✓

At some time in the near future I should like to have some biographical material concerning yourself which we can use in our publicity. The newspapers also, I am sure, would appreciate it if you could let us have a photograph for them. There is, however, no hurry for this. ✓

Very sincerely yours,



A. C. Garnett

G/B



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October 4, 1955

Dr. A. C. Garnett  
The University of Wisconsin  
Department of Philosophy  
372 Bascom Hall  
Madison 6, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Garnett:

Thank you for your letter of September 30th. I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting with the student body of The University of Wisconsin on February 15th.

As far as the subject of my address is concerned, I would be very pleased to speak on the topic which was suggested, namely "The Concept of Brotherhood in Religious Thought". As an alternative I would suggest the subject of "The Concept of Progress in Judaism". Perhaps the latter would be a more provocative subject.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



October 5, 1955

Dr. A. C. Garnett  
The University of Wisconsin  
Department of Philosophy  
372 Bascom Hall  
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Garnett;

Enclosed is a glossy photo and a biographical sketch of  
Dr. Silver as requested in your letter of September  
30th.

Very truly yours,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

encl.



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON 6

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
372 BASCOM HALL

October 7, 1955

Miss Sophia Levine,  
The Temple,  
East 105th. Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Miss Levine:

Thank you very much for the biography and photograph of  
Dr. Silver, and we will return the photograph after it  
has been used by the Press a few weeks prior to Dr. Silver's  
lecture.



Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. C. Garnett", written in a cursive style.

A. Campbell Garnett

ACG:R



January 24, 1956

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg  
Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun  
2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.  
Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

My dear Dudley:

Thank you for your letter of January 6th. I plan to arrive in Milwaukee on Tuesday afternoon 12:45 Milwaukee time.

I have no objection to a press conference, but I do not wish to make any appearance on television.

I will spend the night in Milwaukee and in the morning or afternoon go to Madison for my address at the University.

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 24, 1956

Rabbi Dudley Weinberg  
Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun  
2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.  
Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

Dear Rabbi Weinberg:

I thought you might like to know the details of Rabbi Silver's traveling plans, which are as follows:

He is leaving Cleveland on United Airlines Flight #519 at 12:05 P.M. Tuesday, February 14th. (This is Eastern Standard Time.) This flight arrives in Milwaukee at 12:45 PM, Central Standard Time.

I have made no hotel reservation in Milwaukee for Dr. Silver as I felt certain that you would want to make the necessary arrangements for his stay in Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver



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508 STATE STREET  
MADISON 3, WISCONSIN  
TEL. NO. 6-8361

MAX D. TICKTIN  
DIRECTOR

January 31, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Anselm Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have of course been especially pleased to hear that you will be one of the participants in the newly inaugurated University series on "Contemporary Religious Thought".

I understand from Professor Garnett, the University's well known professor of Philosophy of Religion, that you have accepted the University's invitation, and will be speaking in Madison on Wednesday, February 15th.

I do hope that you can make arrangements to meet informally with the students of our B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. I am sure that they would very much treasure the opportunity of chatting with you informally at our own Hillel Foundation.

We had in mind an informal reception in your honor on Wednesday afternoon prior to the lecture that evening; however, any time that seems convenient and can be fitted in with your schedule would be appropriate with us. I do hope that you can accept this invitation to be our guest for this informal reception and that you can also let us know just when you will be arriving in Madison.

We look forward to meeting you and to hearing your lecture.

Sincerely yours,

Max D. Ticktin  
Hillel Director

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February 2, 1956

Mr. Max D. Ticktin, Hillel Director  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
University of Wisconsin  
508 State Street  
Madison 3, Wisconsin

My dear Friend:

I appreciate your letter of January 31st and your gracious invitation to meet informally with the students of Hillel Foundation.

It will be quite impossible for me to attend such a gathering on the afternoon of the day that I speak at the University. I am not at all sure what time I will arrive.

I shall be very happy to meet with the Hillel group any time after the lecture.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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MAX D. TICKTIN  
DIRECTOR

February 8, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of February 2nd. I have been in touch with Dr. A. C. Garnett, the Chairman of the University's Committee which extended the invitation to you to address the University audience. Dr. Garnett has graciously consented to have us act as your host for your stay in Madison.

As I understand it, there is a hotel reservation that has been made for you at the University Memorial Union, 770 Langdon Street. I would appreciate your contacting me in time so that we can meet you at the airport or railroad station; or if you prefer, please call us at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation sometime after your arrival in Madison.

I do hope that you will be able to accept our invitation to have dinner with my family and with me at 6:00 P. M. on that evening.

We are happy that you have agreed to meet with our Hillel Group after the lecture. Accordingly, we have scheduled an informal reception in your honor at the Hillel Foundation at 9:30 or 9:45 P. M.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Very cordially yours,

Max D. Ticktin  
Hillel Director

MT/mjb



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON 6

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
372 BASCOM HALL

February 8, 1956

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

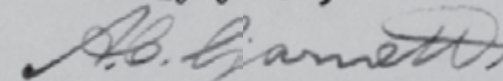
We are looking forward to having you  
here on February 15.

Arrangements have been made for a room  
for you at the Wisconsin Union for the night.  
If you would prefer to make other arrangements  
yourself, please let me know and I will cancel  
this.

Rabbi Ticktin tells me that he has been  
in contact with you, and our Committee will be  
very happy to have you fall in with any suggestions  
he may make in connection with Hillel. Please do  
not feel however that this is in any way an oblig-  
ation concerned with your visit here.

Best of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

  
A. C. Garnett

G/B



February 10, 1956

Mr. Max D. Ticktin, Director  
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
University of Wisconsin  
508 State Street  
Madison 3, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Ticktin:

Thank you for your letter of February 8th.

I do not know the exact hour of my arrival in Madison as I plan to motor in from Milwaukee in the afternoon. I will go straight to the University Memorial Union.

I shall be very pleased to have dinner with you in the evening prior to the meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl



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ALPINE 6-6330

March 6, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Madison Jewish community is planning to honor Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky of Madison's Beth El Temple on the completion of twenty-five years of distinguished community service. This will also coincide with our community's celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Jewish Appeal.

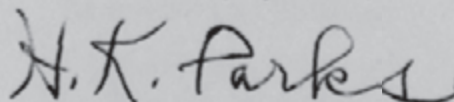
We would like to have you, as one of Rabbi Swarsensky's colleagues in the reform rabbinate, participate in the program with an appropriate presentation. The tentative date set for the testimonial is the last week in May. However, we could schedule the event around any date in that part of the calendar that would be most convenient for you.

Rabbi Swarsensky is one of the most distinguished rabbis in this part of the country. He has given of himself unstintingly to his community in his capacity as spiritual leader of his congregation, in civic matters, and in his personal and moral support for all causes on behalf of the Jewish people. He was one of those active in conducting the first UJA campaign in Madison twenty-five years ago. Throughout the years he has been consistent in its support, by serving in various capacities including that of general campaign chairman, and always giving it his closest interest.

You would do honor to Rabbi Swarsensky and to the Madison Jewish community by participating in this truly outstanding event of our community's history. We are prepared of course to handle all expenses involved in the trip. And we would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,



H. K. Parks, M.D.  
President

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March 11, 1963

Dear Dr. Parks:

Your kind letter of March 6th was received by Dr. Silver just prior to his departure for Europe and he has asked me to thank you for your gracious invitation to participate in the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Jewish Appeal and in honoring Rabbi Manfred Swarsenky.

Dr. Silver will be gone until the end of April and his calendar is filled for the remainder of the year. He has asked me to express his regrets and all good wishes to you and to all the members of the Madison Jewish Welfare Council.

Sincerely yours,

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