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Kent Rotary Club, correspondence, 1965.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
2841 Weybridge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As I told you over the telephone, your acceptance of the program appearance before the Kent Rotary Club on April 27 was wonderful news indeed!

By way of refreshing your memory, let me say a word about the background of the proposition. Iz Kastin, who is currently President of our Rotary Club, is a man who devotedly and enthusiastically, but always good humoredly makes evident his Judaic allegiance. The nature of his observations on many occasions have produced rollicking, good-natured exchanges which, nevertheless, have been in a kindly spirit.

We deeply respect Iz Kastin for his services as President of the Club. In that capacity, as in everything else he undertakes, he has given everything. Consequently, it seemed most appropriate to me that on this occasion we could undertake a fond deception which would solidify before the entire Club (100 fine persons including a large number of University personnel) the serious and substantial contribution Judaism has given to the world in which we live. It is quite possible that for a few brief moments at the beginning of the program portion of the meeting there would be a bit of humor, undoubtedly complicated by Iz's wonderment as to just why you were there. In any event, however, be assured that the major purpose, even though it starts as something of a recognition of Iz and his religion, ought to terminate in a meaningful discussion of Judaism. Obviously, the subject is huge in its scope and you should consider yourself at perfect liberty to select any one or combination of facets.

Conspiratorial secrecy is an essence. The Club bulletin will carry no advance announcement-- although, of course, there will be ample succeeding publicity. Above all, Is must not know of these intents. One other person who does know is Dr. Ronald Roskens, Dean for Administration and Assistant to the President, who will be in touch with you with respect to providing you with the driving directions which you requested. Further, please do not hesitate to be in touch with him in any other way since he is in my confidence on this matter and I am dictating just hours in advance of departure for a supervisory visit to our AID Project in Tanzania.

We have all heard so much about you that it will be a deep personal pleasure for me to meet you and to listen to you. In the meantime, please know of our great appreciation for your willingness to give of yourself from what I know are tremendous demands upon your time.



Sincerely,

Robert I. White
Robert I. White
President

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(Dictated but not read)

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 1965

Rabbi Daniel Silver
2841 Weybridge
Cleveland, Ohio

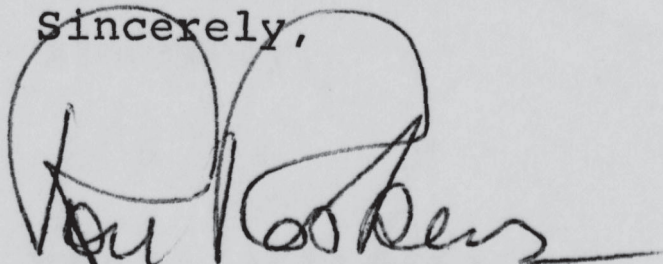
Dear Rabbi Silver:

This brief note will record my genuine enthusiasm for your proposed appearance before the Kent Rotary Club on April 27. I am also delighted to be party to the good natured conspiracy which Dr. White has engineered.

Please allow me to provide any additional information which you deem desirable. Incidentally, it was my privilege to introduce you to the Rotary Regional Conference held on this campus approximately one year ago. I am thus looking forward enthusiastically to another opportunity to hear you again.

At this point, may I suggest for your consideration that you come directly to the campus on the day in question. If you could spare an additional half hour, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to chat with you and to show you some parts, at least, of the campus. Moreover, the logistics of this conspiracy might be more readily satisfied were we to begin here. Above all, be assured that I do not seek to impose in any way upon you. If you have alternate suggestions or plans, please convey them at your convenience. Meanwhile, I will look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Roskens
Assistant to the President

RWR:cb

April 9, 1965

Mr. Ronald W. Roskens
Office of the President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Mr. Roskens:

I have just returned to Cleveland and have hastened to answer your letter of April 5 - - in fact, I need your help. I am speaking in Hartford, Connecticut on April 26th and then returning to Cleveland via United Air Lines, flight #73, April 27th at 10:53 a.m. I wonder if arrangements could be made to have someone pick me up at the Cleveland Hopkins airport and drive me to Kent. My own sense of direction is rather vague and this will assure my being at the right place at the right time.

Hope this does not inconvenience you too much. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 17, 1965

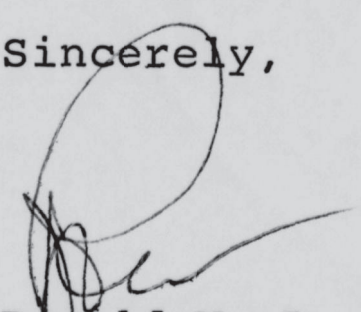
Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We will be happy to provide transportation for you from the Cleveland Airport to Kent on April 27. As a matter of fact, at this time, I am planning to retrieve you myself. If circumstances prevent my coming, however, be assured that someone will greet you as you debark from United Airlines flight number 73, which is scheduled to arrive at 10:53 A.M.

Your schedule is certainly a very busy one, and this makes us all the more appreciative of the few moments of your time that we will be able to share. Thank you again for your willingness to come, and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Roskens
Dean for Administration and
Assistant to the President

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 29, 1965

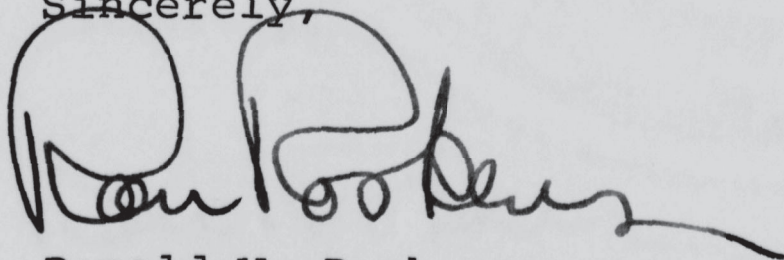
Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Again, I want to convey my personal thanks to you for taking time from your heavily burdened scheduled to travel to Kent in order to address the Rotary Club. The audience undoubtedly would not rank in the highest classification when compared with other groups which you have addressed, but I doubt that any group was more appreciative of your message. I should like to be numbered among those who are proud to say that they have met you and, above all, have shared the benefit of your wisdom.

Thank you again, and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Roskens", with a stylized, flowing script.

Ronald W. Roskens
Dean for Administration and
Assistant to the President

RWR:cb

April 30, 1965

Dr. Ronald W. Roskens
Dean for Administration and
Assistant to the President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Dr. Roskens:

Just a note to thank you for your kindnesses in picking me up at
the airport and arranging for my return to Cleveland.

I enjoyed my hour with you and I look forward to renewing our
acquaintance.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:mgm

