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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio

Office of the Headmaster

October 18, 1957

at Synagogue 3-5121

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Angel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to ask if your busy life would permit you to visit the Academy to speak at one of our Sunday evening Vesper Services. Your father has done so on occasions in the past, ones which we have deeply enjoyed and appreciated, but cannot come this year as you may know, because of his heavy schedule and many travels.

May I suggest Sunday evening November 24. Our Vespers begin at 7 o'clock and usually run forty to forty-five minutes with the visiting speaker talking for fifteen to twenty. The services are quite non-denominational and usually consist of hymns, an anthem by our choir, a scripture passage, Psalm, prayers and a talk by a visitor. If you could come on this evening, we would be very pleased and would hope that you and Mrs. Silver could join Mrs. Hallowell and myself for dinner at our house after the Services.

Incidentally, one of our recent graduates, Sid Kaplan, has urged me for a couple of years to invite you. He is most enthusiastic about the things you could tell the boys here and feels sure that you would enjoy speaking to them. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Hallowell

JWH:vlk

October 21, 1957

Mr. John W. Hollowell
Office of the Headmaster
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hollowell:

It was very kind of you to invite me to speak at a Vesper service at the Academy. I should be most happy to do so. The date of November 24, 1957 is quite acceptable to me and I am looking forward to being with you at that time.

I hope that Mrs. Silver can accept with me your kind invitation to dinner. We are, however, new parents and the schedule of our young son is so unregulated that we are never quite sure how many invitations we can accept together. However, I should be delighted to be with you, and Mrs. Silver will be with me if at all possible.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY
HUDSON, OHIO 44236

February 6, 1968

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle and
Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was a pleasure talking with you this morning, and I hope your schedule might be open on the evening of Sunday, April 28th for you to come and speak to our students. Let me give you some of the details.

Our Vesper Service is at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings. The service itself is short, lasting a total of around 40 minutes, relatively non-liturgical in nature. Your part would be to give the sermon, announce the final hymn and offer the benediction. Also, some of our visiting Vesper speakers offer the short pastoral prayer which precedes the sermon. If this appeals to you, I recommend that would be a part of your responsibility. The sermon itself averages about 15 minutes.

After the service we have asked various groups of students in the Academy to join the Vesper speaker and Headmaster at the Headmaster's house for discussion groups, quite free in nature, at which no adults except the speaker participates. Though there have been some exceptions to this, by and large we feel this important. On the Sunday you would be visiting, the group coming would be all seniors.

Several faculty members have fond memories of your father's repeated presence here in the Vesper series and I hope you can see your way clear to continuing that tradition. I shall look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew W. Mason
Rev. Andrew W. Mason
Chaplain

AWM:mjb

P.S. Though I forgot to indicate such in the body of the letter, a modest honorarium will be provided.

A.W.M.

February 8, 1968

The Reverend Andrew W. Mason
Chaplain
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear Reverend Mason:

In reply to your kind letter of February 6, 1968 I shall be happy to speak at the Vesper Service at the Western Reserve Academy on Sunday, April 28th. I look forward to being with you at that time.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY
HUDSON, OHIO 44236

April 10, 1968

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle and
Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio
44106

Dear Rabbi Silver,

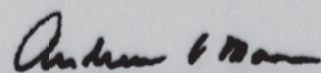
I was most pleased to receive your letter accepting our invitation to speak at the Vesper Service on Sunday, April 28. As it is now only three weeks until the time you will be here, let me expand on some of the details I provided in my letter of February 6. As indicated there, your responsibility will be to provide the sermon, announce the final hymn, and offer the benediction. If you would like to provide the pastoral prayer, I would be happy to have you do so, though you might let me know when you write me.

There are several items of information I would like to have from you in the next week or so. First, I will need a biographical sketch to use in introducing you; second, since we use senior students to read the Scripture lesson, I need the Scripture ahead of time so I can practise it with him in the Chapel; also a two or three sentence introduction to the Scripture lesson that will help set the scene for students unfamiliar with the passage. Last, this year we have been experimenting with the use of contemporary calls to worship, using two or three sentences from a modern novelist, theologian, poet, etc. to set the stage for the theme the speaker will be using. If it is not too much trouble, therefore, I would like to have you send on a call to worship that would illuminate your sermon topic, which I could use at the beginning of the service.

Let us plan to meet at the Chapel at 6:45 p.m., fifteen minutes before the service is to begin. If you need directions to the Academy, let me know and I will be happy to send them on. Unless you prefer, a robe will not be necessary.

We are very much looking forward to having you with us on the 28th.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Andrew W. Mason
Chaplain

AWM:mjb

April 12, 1968

Reverend Andrew W. Mason, Chaplain
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear Reverend Mason:

I am not familiar enough with your forms of worship to suggest a call to worship, etc. As a scriptural reading you might read from one of the Psalms. Briefly, I would like to leave the entire structure to you who are familiar with it. I will be happy to give the sermon and the benediction.

I am enclosing biographical material which you, of course, will want to cut down to size. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 28th.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio 44236

Office of the Headmaster

May 2, 1968

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle
and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your message and discussion on Sunday night were as successful as any we have had this spring, and I want you to know how grateful all of us are for your having taken the time to prepare and to be with us all evening. We look forward to your next visit, and I expect Andrew Mason will be in touch with you soon about a date during the winter or spring of 1969. Linda and I would also love to see you and Mrs. Silver here this summer if you're interested in a game of tennis, dinner, and an evening at the new Blossom Center. Plus Jonathan and your other children if they would enjoy a day in the country too.

You will find enclosed our check for \$55, and \$50 of this amount represents our modest honorarium. The \$5 balance covers your driving and other expenses on Sunday evening.

What you did for and with us on Sunday evening was crucial, sensitively and thoughtfully done, and deeply appreciated. We will continue to try to exploit your real gifts and clear interest in this area.

Sincerely,

Pt

Henry P. Briggs, Jr.

HPB:vlb
Enclosure

up in a rather exciting - and most
fruitful - way. In fact, we used
much of the material raised Sunday
evening in our Philosophy seminar
Monday night.

There is no question about your
being invited next year; I only hope
you will have an evening open to
join us. - and that you will bring
Jonathan with you!

With love

Andrew Mason

[May 2, Thursday
1968]

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Though Peter Briggs has certainly
written you by now, I want to add
my own thanks for your presence with
us Sunday evening. The boys re-
sponded most enthusiastically to
your presence, both to the Vesper
service itself and to the discussion
following. I hope you realized that
yourself, for they certainly opened

May 8, 1968

Reverend Andrew Mason
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear Andrew:

I enjoyed very much being at the Academy. It was a very pleasant experience for me. I know that our paths will cross and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

May 8, 1968

Mr. Henry P. Briggs, Jr.
Office of the Headmaster
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear Peter:

It was a pleasure visiting Western Reserve Academy. I found the young men alert and interesting. I deeply appreciated your many courtesies to me and my son.

Adele and I will be delighted to get away one evening this summer to join you for dinner and some good music. We will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio 44236

Upward Bound Program

April 8, 1969

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

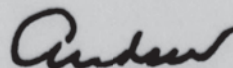
We are very much looking forward to having you with us this spring at the Vesper Service of April 27, and I wanted to write to confirm some of the specifics and to get information from you, much the same as last year.

As you recall, the service begins at 7:00 p.m., though Peter and Linda Briggs hope you will join them for dinner at the Ellsworth Dining Hall at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, in which case you should plan to be at their house at 4:45 p.m. Do plan to bring your wife and young Jonathan! And I think you know the importance and value we place on the discussion group following the service, for last year the Sunday evening you were here was perhaps the best we had all year.

I need several items of information a week before hand, so that we can use them in preparation. First, I need the Scripture Lesson you plan on using, so I can rehearse it with a senior; and also a contemporary call to worship, theme of which will parallel the theme of your sermon. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will assume you do not wish to take the Pastoral Prayer.

So do drop these in the mail sometime within the next week, and let me know if you can join the Briggs for supper beforehand. It will be delightful to see you again.

Cordially



Andrew W. Mason

AWM/cs
Cy - Briggs

April 11, 1969

Chaplain Andrew W. Mason
Western Reserve Academy
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Dear Chaplain Mason:

Jonathon and I look forward to being with you on Sunday, April 27th. We will try to get down by 5:00 p.m. for dinner with the Briggs' at the Ellsworth Dining Hall. As far as a scriptural reading, I thought I would talk this year on the city and I will be happy to let you choose just anything you think is appropriate.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio 44236

July 11, 1968

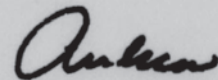
Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted you have agreed to return to the Academy this spring for the Vesper service of April 27. As you know from the response you received this past spring, ~~the~~ significant number of students were seriously confronted by what you said, and responded positively and eagerly, both in the discussion group that followed and in references to your talk later in the spring.

As the time draws closer, I will be in touch with you regarding some of the specifics of the service, but meantime please know that we are looking forward to having you back.

Sincerely yours,



Andrew W. Mason
Chaplain

AWM:br

cc: Mr. Briggs

Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio 44236

June 25, 1973

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I remember meeting you at the Hawken-defeat-by-WRA soccer game. I seem to recall you were watching a son on the field, so you might not remember me.

A few years past, you came here more than once to speak to the students on Sunday nights, at what we called Vespers. Now, I want to invite you to address our school at a Tuesday morning assembly. We have given up the Sunday night format for using Tuesday morning times for similar "Vesper" themes.

What we have is the half hour beginning at 10:00 a.m., and I would like to invite you for Tuesday, October 2.

You will be addressing the whole school, 300+ students, and faculty. You should feel free to pick your topic from whatever seems right to you. It need not be religious, but I trust it would be something you consider important to yourself and relevant to the boys and girls here.

I very much hope you can do this. I will look forward to hearing you and getting to know you better.

If I can be of any help to you, you can reach me at this address from now until Labor Day:

Dick Baker
Eagles Mere, Pa. 17731

Peace and Power,

R. N. Baker
Richard H. Baker, Jr.

RHB/ka
cc: Mr. Briggs.
Mrs. Giocarinis

June 28, 1973

Mr. Dick Baker
Eagles Mere, Pa. 17331

Dear Dick:

As I remember Hawken lost the soccer game to those "brutes" from WRA. Thank you for your kind invitation. I will be happy to be at WRA on Tuesday morning, October 2 at 10 A. M.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

DJS:mp

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Western Reserve Academy

Hudson, Ohio 44236

Office of the Headmaster

October 10, 1973

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

Dear Daniel:

What a wonderful talk you gave in Assembly on the 2nd, and how I wish that more American and Middle East and world leaders had heard it. What a heavy heart it must have given you to have these events break in such a Holy Season.

I also appreciate a great deal the prompt follow-up that your Assistant gave the request of our new Jewish Student group. You undoubtedly know that eight or ten students in your synagogue will be meeting with twenty or so of our students here on the 12th. This group is beginning its activities in a very responsible manner, and will contribute a lot to all of us as well as themselves before they are done.

Please give our warm regards to Adele and your children, and come back when you can. You are a good friend.

Sincerely,

Pete

Henry P. Briggs, Jr.

HPB:pac

Please thank Adele for her note too.