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Introduction

- ❑ Vacation at Deep Creek Lake, MD, 1946
- ❑ Was Einstein a civil rights activist?
- ❑ Einstein's humor and jokes



Margot, Einstein, and Helen Dukas being sworn in as U.S. citizen, Oct. 1940

Vacation at Deep Creek Lake



MAR-JO LODGE
R.F.D.
SWANTON, MD.
SEPTEMBER 24, 1946

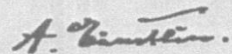
MR. ISAAC HIRSCH, PRESIDENT
B'ER CHAYIM CONGREGATION
109-111-113 CUMBERLAND STR.
CUMBERLAND MD.

MY DEAR MR. HIRSCH:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION.
DESPITE BEING SOMETHING LIKE A JEWISH SAINT I HAVE BEEN ABSENT
FROM A SYNAGOGUE SO LONG THAT I AM AFRAID GOD WOULD NOT
RECOGNIZE ME AND IF HE WOULD IT WOULD BE WORSE.

WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR YOU AND
YOUR CONGREGAION AND THANKING YOU AGAIN, I AM

YOURS VERY SINCERELY,



ALBERT EINSTEIN.

Einstein, Civil Rights Activist?

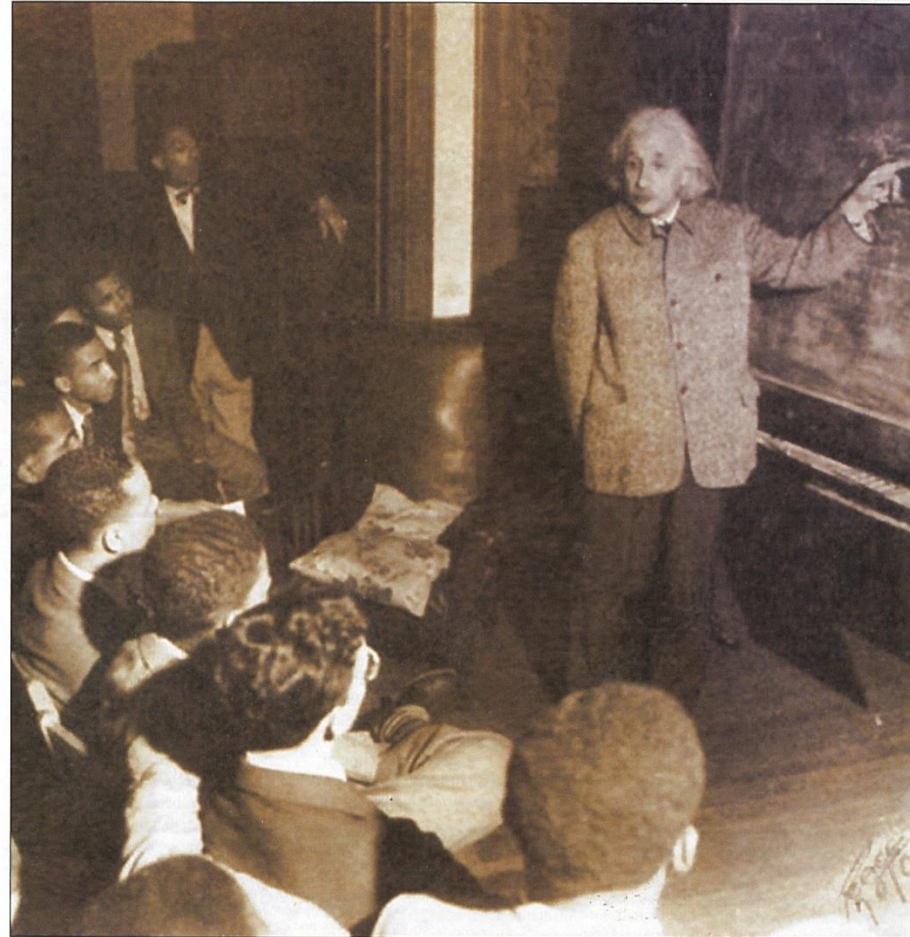
- ❑ Scottsboro Boys, 1931
- ❑ Marian Anderson
- ❑ Honorary degree & speech at Lincoln University
- ❑ Anti-lynching campaign with Paul Robeson, 1946
- ❑ NAACP, and founder W.E.B. Du Bois
- ❑ “The Negro Question,” January 1946

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Einstein's Humor and Jokes

- What is relativity?
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
- What's the only thing that goes infinitely faster than the speed of light?
- Does light have mass?
- If A is for success, $A = \text{success}$, $x = \text{work}$, $y = \text{play}$, and $A = x + y + z$, what is z?

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