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Rabbi Abba Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Rabbi Green, who has been endeavoring to get prominent speakers at our Temple from time to time, has requested me to write to you to see if you can arrange to be in Aurora December 8 after you deliver your lecture in Chicago Sunday, December 7.

The only reason why I hate to write this letter to you is due to the fact that he has met Maxwell in New York, and frankly he is merely using me to get family influence to bring you here. The reason I am telling you this is that we are not in a position to pay a speaker more than \$50 for a lecture, and I personally know that your fee is more than that, and I do not like the idea of using family influence to pressure. However, we do listen to many of your talks over the radio, and we certainly like them very much.

The writer would appreciate if you would just reply and inform me that your time is occupied, and it will end the situation.

With kind personal regards to all the family, I am

Very cordially yours,

Edward Baratz

EB/adw

September 24, 1941

Mr. Edward Banatz
10 North River Street
Aurora, Ill.

My dear Mr. Banatz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Temple on December 8. I greatly appreciate your invitation but I regret that I am not able to avail myself of the opportunity of visiting your community. I am scheduled to address the Sinai Temple Forum in Chicago on December 8 and the Jewish Sisterhoods of that same city the following day; and then I must return to Cleveland.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK