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Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, 1926, 1933.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir! — The Hebrew Ladies
Aid Society of this community,
have purchased and are
giving to their Synagogue, a
Torah. To mark the event
they are planning to hold
a gathering and banquet.

Some of the members were
advised by a Cleveland man,
that it might be possible to
secure your services, as speaker
for the occasion, so we are
writing to inquire, if such a
thing would be possible. There
is no one whom it would give
us more pleasure to have, and

Although, we have made our
other plans for February the
seventh, we would be more
than glad, should you find it
convenient to come, to change our
arrangements, for any time or
date you would find to give
us.

Elwood City is a small town about
forty miles from Pittsburgh and
has about thirty-five Jewish
families. As we make a small
community every one is inclined
to fall in a different direction
and we know that anything you
would say would be of great
benefit and lead to a better
understanding among us.

Hoping to hear from you, at
your earliest convenience, we
remain,

Most Respectfully
Hebrew Ladies Aid Society
Per. Mrs. Harry Caplan,
Pres.

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January Twenty-first
1926

Mrs. Harry Caplan
President, Hebrew Ladies Aid Society,
120 Fourth Street,
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Caplan,

I wish I could see my way clear to accept your very kind invitation, but I am compelled to decline as my speaking schedule for this season is very much overcrowded.

Perhaps at some future time there may be an opportunity for me to serve you. I hope that your celebration may be very successful.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours

ELLWOOD CITY LODGE, No. 1132
B'NAI B'RITH DISTRICT NUMBER THREE

BENEVOLENCE, BROTHERLY
LOVE AND HARMONY

S. SCHWEIGER, Secretary
601 LAWRENCE AVENUE



MEETINGS
1st and 3rd MONDAYS

SCHWEIGER'S HALL
LAWRENCE AVENUE AT SIXTH STREET

ELLWOOD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 12, 1933.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

The B'nai B'rith Council of Western Pennsylvania will hold its annual convention in Ellwood City on Sunday November 12, 1933. At this convention there will be delegates and members from Aliquippa, Armstrong County, Beaver Valley, Braddock, Butler, Ellwood City, Erie, McKeesport, Monongahela, Valley, New Castle, Pittsburgh, Uniontown, Washington and Westmorland lodges. The usual attendance averages about three hundred.

We would feel honored if you would be our guest speaker at the banquet to be held at 6 P.M. following the afternoon business meeting. We also feel that in asking you to come to Ellwood City for this occasion that the jewry of Western Pennsylvania will benefit greatly from the advice that you can give them in this time of trying racial unrest for, from the information we are receiving daily the anti-semitic feeling is even spreading to this country and we know that your presence at a meeting of this nature will greatly lessen the tension.

Our committee will arrange for your transportation to Ellwood City and your return to Cleveland.

We hope that you will give this invitation your deep consideration and consent to be our guest on November 12.

Respectfully yours,

Sylvester Schweiger

SYLVESTER SCHWEIGER, Sec'y.

October 13, 1933.

Mr. Sylvester Schweiger, Sec'y,
Ellwood City Lodge, No. 1132,
B'nai B'rith District Number Three,
601 Lawrence Ave.,
Ellwood City, Pa.

My dear Mr. Schweiger:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 12th and to thank you for the invitation which you extend to me to address the B'nai B'rith Council of Western Pennsylvania on November 12th. I should very much like to come. Unfortunately I cannot, as I must remain in Cleveland on Sundays, occupying my own pulpit and attending to the many other congregational duties which I have.

Hoping that at some future time I may be of service to you and with best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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