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Rockford, Illinois, 1945.

J. RICHARD SNEED
Minister

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Minister's Assistant

RICHARD C. WEDEL
Minister's Assistant



CHARLES W. FORLINES
Minister of Music

MARJORIE WEDEL
Minister of Education

GAIL UNDERWOOD
Secretary

Court Street Methodist Church

*Court at Mulberry Street
Rockford, Illinois*

August 31, 1945

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been my pleasure to learn from Mr. John Nuveen, Jr., that you are to speak at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club Sunday, November 11.

Our Court Street Methodist Men's Fellowship committee desires that I write to you immediately to see whether or not you might have an open date the night following--November 12--and whether or not you might be available to address the dinner meeting of our Fellowship opening our 1945-46 year.

Ordinarily the honorarium which we have available is not an inducement, as many of our funds go to youth work and other types of projects. We are happy to offer an honorarium in the amount of \$50.00, together with your expenses from Chicago and back, if you would be available to accept the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

September 5, 1945

Rev. J. Richard Sneed
Court Street Methodist Church
Court at Mulberry Street
Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mr. Sneed:

I deeply appreciate your letter and your kind invitation to address the Men's Fellowship of the Court Street Methodist Church. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I am so heavily committed for the next few months that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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September 11, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you on behalf
of the Rockford Jewish Community Board.

We are now planning our program for our annual Forum
under the auspices of the Rockford Jewish Community Board and we
would deem it a great honor and would consider it a high privi-
lege if you could possibly speak before our Community this winter.

This Forum covers not only Rockford but all neighbor-
ing communities and we have taken great pride in presenting to our
community many a prominent man.

As I understand it, you are planning to speak before
Sinai Temple in Chicago on January 7, 1946, and I wonder whether
you could possibly connect this engagement with a trip to Rockford.
You would find in us an enthusiastic and substantial audience.

I am anticipating hearing from you favorably and would
appreciate it if you would name the fee for such an address.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely,

William M. Daniel

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Vice-President

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September 13, 1945

Mr. William M. Daniel
1100-1200 Seminary Streets
Rockford, Ill.

My dear Mr. Daniel:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 11 and for the invitation which you extend to me to come to the Forum of the Rockford Jewish Community. I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation. Unfortunately I am so heavily committed with out-of-town engagements for the remainder of the season that I cannot, in justice to myself take on any additional obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

I remain

With all good wishes for a happy new year,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK