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Washington, Pennsylvania, 1934-1935.

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Washington Lodge No. 576

I. O. B. B.

RUDOLPH HANAU, SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Pa.

January 6th, 1933.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

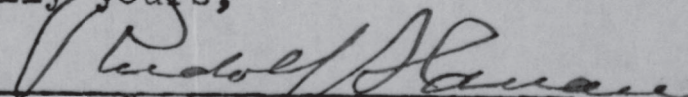
Will you please let me know if it is possible to have you come out to Washington (Pa.) in May,- probably the middle of May,- to address the Council of Western Pennsylvania of the B'nai B'rith? There will be probably two hundred members and officers from all around.

We want to make the meeting in Washington particularly interesting and worth while. We know that there isn't anyone that can do it as well as you. The writer has availed himself of every opportunity to listen to your talks, and he knows that the message you leave is valuable.

Kindly let us know at your earliest convenience whether we can count on you, so that we can make further arrangements.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
Secretary.



January 8, 1934.

Mr. Rudolph Hanau, Secretary, I. O. B. B.,  
Washington Lodge No. 576,  
Washington, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hanau:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 6th. I wish I were free to come to the meeting of the Council of Western Pennsylvania of the B'nai B'rith in May. Unfortunately my schedule is so crowded with out-of-town lecture engagements that I cannot, in justice to myself, accept any more at this time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



Washington Lodge No. 576

I. O. B. B.

RUDOLPH HANAU, SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, PA.

January 25th, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

When I read your letter of January 8th at our last night's meeting, there was real and genuine disappointment. I take it upon myself to write you again and see whether it could not be made possible for you to come and talk to us. There is no one anywhere whom we would rather have than you. Of course, I know that we cannot offer any particular inducement, but I am sure that your message would be of such value, not only to Washington lodge but to everyone in the Western Pennsylvania district, that you would feel amply repaid. We would be willing to suit our meeting date, either late in April or early in May, to your convenience.

Now, please dear Dr. Silver see if you cannot make it possible to come. We are all so anxious to have you and would gladly do away with any other speaker that we possibly might consider, if you will just give us the honor and privilege. I am not going to say any more at present, but will anxiously await your favorable reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Rudolph Hanau



January 26, 1934.

Mr. Rudolph Hanau, Secretary,  
Washington Lodge No. 576,  
I.O.B.B.,  
Washington, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hanau:

In reply to your letter of January  
25th, permit me to say that much to my regret  
it will not be possible for me to come to your  
Washington Lodge, this season.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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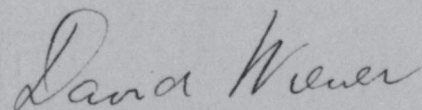
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Educational Committee of the Jewish Community Center wishes to again invite you to lecture before our National Forum some time this winter, the date and subject to be fixed later if arrangements can be made satisfactorily.

We should like very much to hear from you concerning the possibility of your coming to Washington, your honorarium, and available dates.

Sincerely,



David Wiener,  
Chairman - Educational Committee



June 24, 1935.

Mr. David Wiener, Chairman,  
Education Committee,  
Jewish Community Center,  
Sixteenth Street at Que,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Wiener:

In reply to your letter of June 18, permit me to say that it may be possible for me to address the Washington Jewish Community Center next winter, preferably in February. My customary honorarium is \$250;

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK