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## The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

RABBI HENRY E. KAGAN  
Director

BERNARD SCLOVE  
Director of Student Activities

348 High Street

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

October 13, 1931

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Harold D. Slaven, President  
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Alice F. Slaven, Secretary

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver,

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

As a member of the National Hillel Commission, you are, no doubt, thoroughly acquainted and solicitous about our welfare and progress. Perhaps the most vital activity responsible for creating interest among our students, as well as maintaining a finer public relation between the Jewish students and the university campus, is our Hillel forum series. Our forum, unlike that of the foundation at the University of Illinois, is not self-sustaining through the sale of tickets. At present this innovation on our campus would be impossible. Up until last year honorariums were provided for in our budget for forum speakers, but as you no doubt are aware our budget has been curtailed and appropriations for paid speakers have been discontinued. I am doing my best to secure speakers who will come for traveling expenses. Dr. Nathan Krass has already consented and I am corresponding with several other men in the hope that they might also come. I know that you have a busy calendar, but your interest in our work as a member of the national commission warrants me to ask if you likewise might find time to honor us with a lecture in our forum series. Last year Dr. Goldenson and Dr. Fineshriber both found occasion to come, though we could not remunerate them above traveling expenses. Our forum has been one of the most attractive cultural activities on our campus and well attended by Jew and non-Jew, student and faculty. Perhaps you might be able to arrange an appearance here in connection with any trip you might be contemplating in this vicinity. Of course I shall be more than happy to do anything for your convenience in order that your visit might be possible.

May I hear from you regarding this matter? I sincerely hope your reply will be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Kagan*  
HENRY E. KAGAN

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Oct. 19th, 1931

Rabbi Henry E. Kagan,  
348 High St.,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Kagan:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your Hillel Foundation.

I wish I were free to do so but unfortunately my lecture engagements for the next season are so numerous and my schedule of work so crowded that I can not in justice to myself accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



THE B'NAI B'RITH

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RABBI HENRY E. KAGAN  
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January 26, 1932

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many months ago I addressed a letter to you asking if it was possible for you to come to speak at our Foundation. At that time you did not think that this was likely. Recently, however, Professor Armstrong has asked me to aid him in securing an outstanding Jewish leader to address the university convocation. I suggested your name, and with the cooperation of the university, which would mean a speaking engagement at our Foundation Tuesday evening, and an address before the university Wednesday convocation, an honorarium of \$100.00 could be offered for your kind services.

The dates suggested are March 16, April 20, or 27, May 11, 18, or 25. Could you find time on any one of these days to speak at the Foundation Tuesday evening, and before the University convocation Wednesday morning? All the dates mentioned above occur on Wednesday.

I shall be grateful for your consideration, and I hope that your interest in the Hillel Foundations, as a member of the Hillel Commission, will be an additional appeal for your appearance here.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Most sincerely yours,

*Henry E. Kagan*  
HENRY E. KAGAN

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P.S. It may interest you to know that Judge Florence Allen of Ohio is scheduled to be one of the Convocation Speakers.



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Jan. 31st, 1932

Rabbi Henry E. Kagan,  
348 High St.,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Kagan:-

Let me thank you for your kind letter of  
January 26th.

I wish I were free to come to the Morgantown  
Hillel Foundation and to the Convocation of the University.  
Unfortunately I am so heavily booked with out-of-town lecture  
engagements for the next few months that it is utterly  
impossible for me to take on any more. As it is I am away  
from Cleveland some times two or three days a week. There  
are of course, definite limits to my being away from my  
own community.

I shall make a determined effort to visit  
your "Medinah" next season.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit  
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR