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Brickner, Barnett, 1926-1927.



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# The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD  
TELEPHONES - CEDAR 132-133

Cleveland

SOLOMON BLUHM  
DIRECTOR OF TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.  
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 14th, 1926

Rabbi Barnett Brickner,  
Euclid Avenue Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,



## Delinquent Taxes

ZMUNT DEMANDS  
SHOWDOWN ON  
TAX SHORTAGECommissioner Threatens to  
Trod Rough-Shod Over  
Finance Report

County Commissioner Jerry Zmunt will demand a showdown on the \$16,000,000 delinquent tax muddle with all cards on the table when County Treasurer Walter E. Cook presents his estimated budget requirements for 1927.

"The county is \$400,000 short this year," Zmunt said Monday. "It could use the \$6,000,000 delinquent personal tax money and the \$10,000,000 real estate tax. Approximately 40 per cent of that would be available for the county use if it was in the treasury."

## Need Salary Funds

The commissioners already are in a quandary over appropriating approximately \$15,000 to pay salaries of liquor tax collectors who don't bring in enough to pay their salaries. The tax collectors work out of the office of County Treasurer Cook.

Zmunt scanned a list of some of the more prominent delinquents, both individuals and firms doing a profitable business every day.

These included: a downtown store that owes \$16,000; an East End amusement company with \$9634 charged against it; a mortgage and investment company owing \$14,409; a country club owing \$431; a cab company with hundreds of cabs on the street delinquent \$4909; a furniture store owing \$9000; a prosperous Bedford concern with \$2332, and scores of others, according to records in County Auditor John Zangerle's office.

## 35,000 Delinquents in 1925

"It shouldn't be such a difficult proposition to collect from them," Zmunt said. "The situation is alarming and something must be done. I had no idea it was as serious as it is. Personal property taxes must be collected immediately, otherwise there is little chance of getting the money. I wish I could get a job collecting it on a percentage basis."

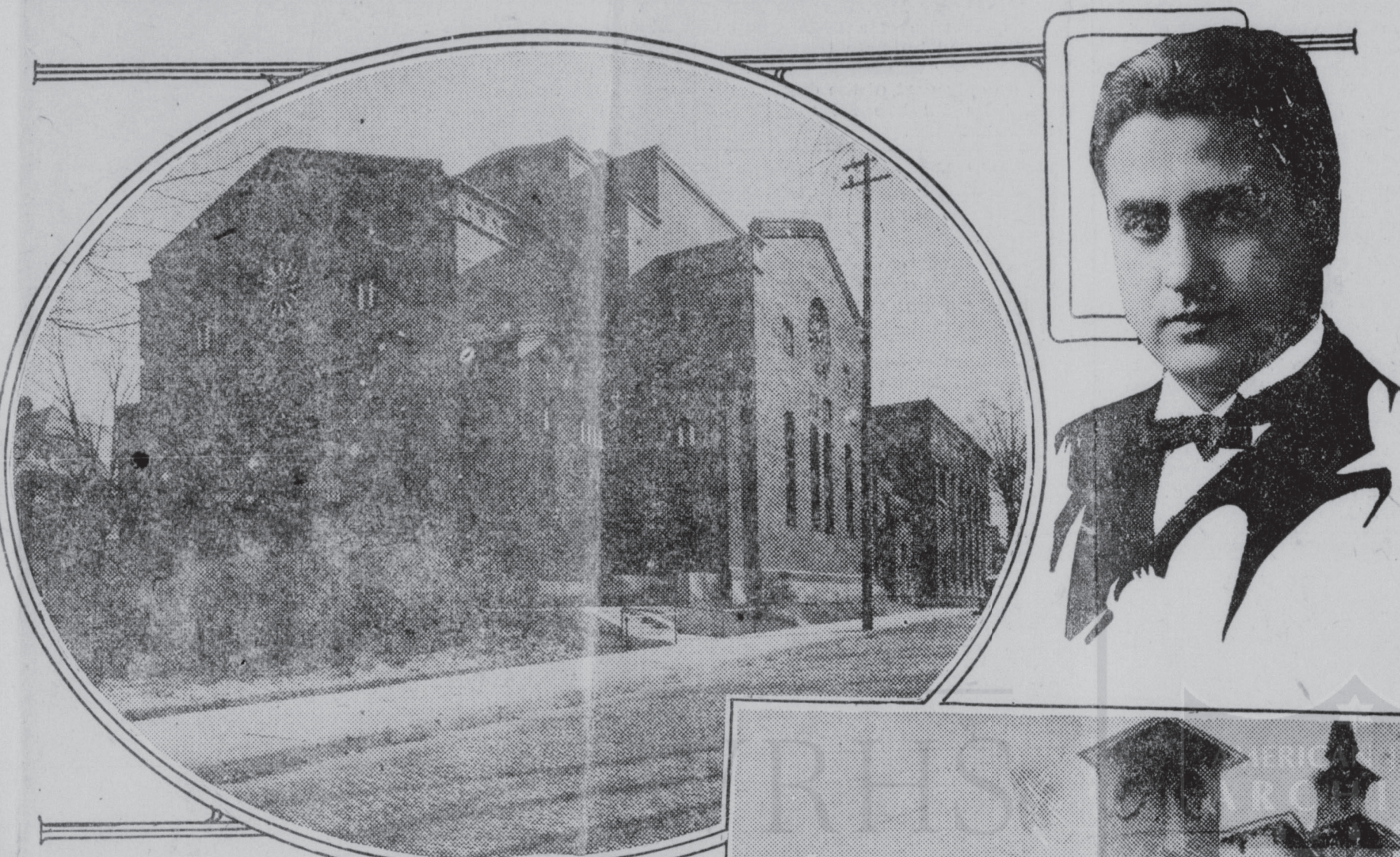
The unpaid personal tax duplicate for 1925 contains 35,000 accounts amounting to \$1,108,587. If collections proceed as they have, not more than 40 per cent of this eventually will find its way into the county treasury. Of the 35,000 accounts delinquent since 1925, more than 17,000 are for autos, the majority of which are still being driven around every day.

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## City's First Synagog Started 80 Years Ago

Anshe Chesed Congregation Celebrates Anniversary at Euclid Avenue Temple Tuesday



By A. L. SALSBERG

TEN YEARS after Cleveland received its charter, a handful of Jews, who had sought relief here from Bavarian persecution, gathered under leadership of Aaron Lowentritt to form a religious community. A gentle, Leonard Case, well known pioneer, gave them a lot on Ohio street, now Central avenue, for a synagogue.

Tuesday night, the Euclid Avenue Temple, E. 82d street and Euclid avenue, will celebrate in its recreation hall the 80th anniversary of this auspicious beginning of its existence.

The 80 years which have passed since the founding of Anshe Chesed congregation have seen it grow from 35 charter members to 1300 families, comprising more than 6000 persons, with a religious school of more than 1200 children housed in the largest school and temple building in Judaism, and one of the largest in any denomination.

The congregation is not only the oldest in this part of the country, but the mother congregation of several other Cleveland temples and synagogues, started by groups which seceded from time to time as they disagreed with reforms introduced.

Most notable is the congregation Tifereth Israel, better known as The Temple, E. 105th street and Ansel road.

With Leonard Case's lot, the pioneer Cleveland Jews obtained another lot on Eagle street and enough money to start their synagogue which was completed the same year, 1846. This building, still standing opposite the Lake Shore Electric Railway on Eagle street is now used for warehousing.

It served 40 years, when a larger temple was built at Scovill avenue and Henry street. This proved inadequate in 1910 when the present structure was erected.

The pioneering spirit which gave Anshe Chesed its birth and growth,

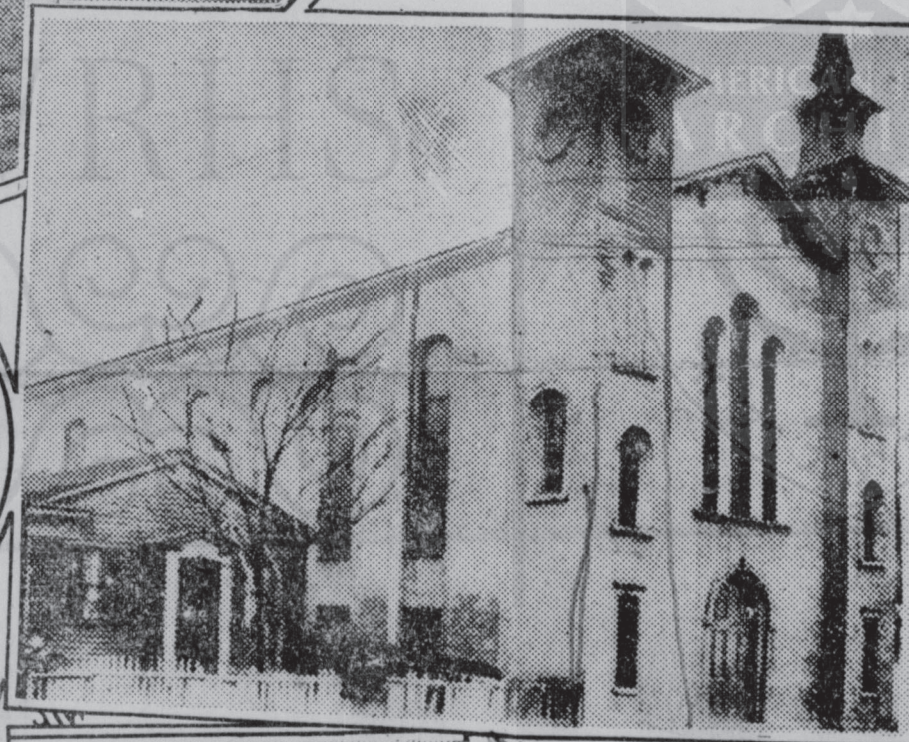


has kept it constantly a leader in American Judaism.

It was a leader in the reform movement in America, putting aside, one after another, customs and dogma which its members felt clouded their religion.

It was first to introduce a choir, first to install an organ, first to discard the second day of high holiday observance. In recent years this pioneering spirit has focused on development of its religious school where it has led in starting a high school department and a junior high in organizing an alumni association of its confirmants, in forming its young, unmarried folk into a junior congregation exactly paralleling the senior and holding its own services, and in establishing a normal school to train teachers for its religious school.

While the Rev. G. M. Cohen was the first full-time rabbi, the first university trained man to serve the congregation was Rabbi Michael Machol, who served from 1876 until 1907, and as rabbi emeritus until 1912, when he died. Rabbi Louis Wolsey succeeded him in 1907 and was called away two



years ago to Philadelphia, when Rabbi Barnett R. Erickner, present rabbi, was called.

Rabbi Wolsey's last big work here was construction of the \$400,000 Temple House, necessitated by the

END PROHIBITION  
FARCE, IS PLEA  
OF ROOSEVELT

T. R. (the Lesser) Lays Blame  
for Rising Crime Wave to  
Volstead Law

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—Theodore Roosevelt, in an interview in the current issue of Success magazine today urged Congress to "bring an end to the prohibition farce."

The Volstead act, Roosevelt charged, has "debauched our citizens, prostituted many of our public officials and brought the entire American body politic into disrepute."

"No law in history has contributed to the breakdown of law as has the Volstead act. We should repeal it."

Young "Teddy" laid the blame for a rising crime wave to prohibition. "Prohibition," he said, "has brought about a violation of law on a more gigantic scale than the United States has ever known. The ratio of criminal convictions to crimes committed is dropping materially all over the country."

The bootlegging profession, he said, is in "intimate touch with the underworld. The gunman, the thug, the footpad have now turned their attention to contraband liquor trade."

Faced by steadily increasing public opinion, Roosevelt said, "Congress should repeal the Volstead act and substitute some enactment permitting the increase of alcoholic content to such a point as the constitution would allow."

He criticized the "theory of the dry law."

"We must," he declared, "guard against any attempt to legislate a state of mind."

## Cleveland Attorney Named

Attorney General Edward C. Turner of Columbus yesterday appointed John A. Elden, Cleveland attorney, to succeed David E. Green as special counsel for the attorney general in the Cuyahoga district. Elden was graduated from Western Reserve Law School in 1914. He is vice president of the Ohio State Bar Association.

tional directors and others, who bring the staff to 75.

## Will Include Dinner

The celebration Tuesday night will include a dinner at 6:30 p. m., a special entertainment in the auditorium from 8 to 9:30 p. m., and a dance in the recreation hall.

The program committee includes: Arthur Halle, chairman, S. G. Kaufman, Fred Desberg, Irwin Loeser, A. D. Levy, Theodore Fishel, David S. Kohn, David W. Pearlman, Rabbi Brickner, Mrs. Sam H. Cohn, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Myron Rice, Mrs. H. H. Emsheimer and Miss Alice Neuman.

Present officers of the congregation are: David S. Kohn, president; A. I. Newman, first vice president; I. F. Freiburger, second vice president; Sol Edgert, secretary; and C. E. Goldsmith, treasurer.

tremendous growth of Sunday school and social activities. It contains more than 40 classrooms, an auditorium with complete stage and seating 1300, a large recreation hall, and other facilities.

The Sunday school, largest in the country, has 1200 children, 57 paid professional teachers, besides recrea-

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Mr. Theodore O. Thackery,  
City Editor, Cleveland Press,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Thackery,

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have today sent to Rabbi Brickner of the Euclid Avenue Temple. I thought that following our telephone conversation of last evening you might be interested in reading it.

I hope that I have not imposed upon your good nature by bringing these facts to your attention.

With kindest regards, I am

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# Euclid Avenue Temple

EUCLID AT EAST EIGHTY-SECOND ST.

Cleveland

BARNETT R. BRICKNER  
RABBI

December  
Twenty-first  
1926

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

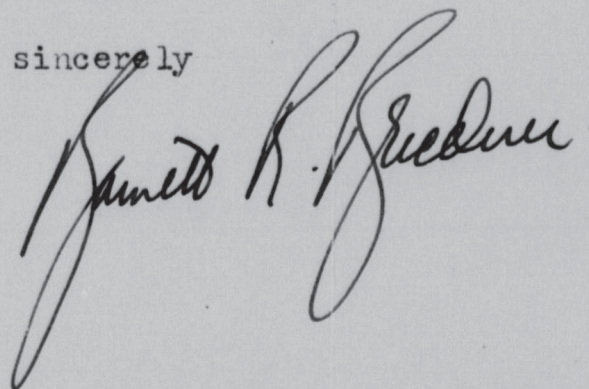
Your favor of December 14 is at hand. I regret that you could not reach me by 'phone. Had you left your message, you may be assured that I would have returned the call.

I am sorry, indeed, that you did not like the article in the Press, but as you correctly surmise, the blame is not ours.

I, too, regret that certain inaccuracies crept into it, though I do not concede all the points you make.

In writing to me about the matter, Mr. Salsburg states: "I am sorry and assure you I had no intention of doing the slightest harm. My only guilt may have been in an eager enthusiasm to say pleasant things in honor of an unusual event."

Yours sincerely



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Euclid Ave. Temple

April 1, 1927.

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner,  
Euclid Avenue Temple,  
E. 82nd & Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Brickner:

A young lady from your Religious School came in this afternoon and said that inasmuch as they had overprinted your school paper, the school would like permission to sell the magazine among the children of our Religious School. Of course, I refused this amazing request.

I assumed that the child was unauthorized by you to make this request. It has been the practice in this community for Religious Schools to limit themselves in their programs, entertainments and literary effusions to their own children, each institution being large enough and capable enough to look after its own interests.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



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# Euclid Avenue Temple

EUCLID AT EAST EIGHTY-SECOND ST.

Cleveland

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RABBI

April  
Seventh  
1927

Rabbi Abba H. Silver, D. D.  
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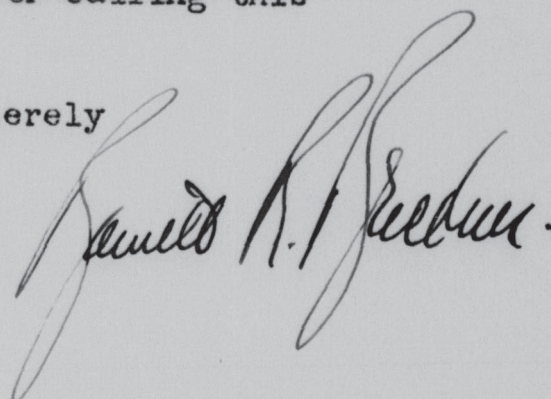
Dear Colleague:

I beg to acknowledge receipt  
of your favor of April 1.

Your assumption that the child  
was unauthorized, is correct.

Thanking you for calling this  
matter to my attention, I am

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barnett R. Brickner".

BRB:HS



**WILLARD STORAGE BATTERY COMPANY**  
Main Office and Factory  
246-286 East 131st St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 15, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
E. 105th St. Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver,

I was certainly surprised when you told me over the telephone yesterday about the insinuations that you had some connection with the temporary change in the broadcasting of Questions and Answers by Rabbi Brickner. This, of course, is nothing but childish and malicious gossip.

It seems proper to state the facts in regard to this situation to clear up any misunderstanding.

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Through an unfortunate circumstance publicity in regard to Rabbi Brickner's feature went forward, which might create a misunderstanding. We therefore, considered it advisable to allow a lapse of time of a couple of weeks in order to rectify the previous mistake in publicity.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Brickner so that all cards will be on the table.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. C. Norberg

Vice President & General Manager



WTAM

# Willard Storage Battery Company

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Cleveland, Ohio

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

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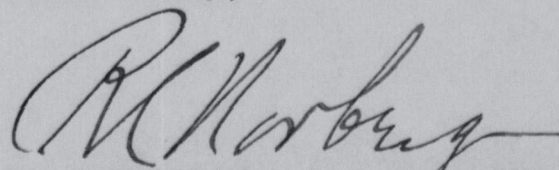
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Copy of letter mailed A pril 15th





WTAM-  
(Brickner)

2558 Euclid Blvd  
April 18, 1927.

Mr. Kaufman Hexter,  
2569 Norfolk Rd.  
City.

My dear Mr. Hexter:

I understand that you discussed the matter referred to in the enclosed letter with Mr. Lowenstein. I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the letter which I received Friday from the Willard Storage Battery Company.

The reference to the unfortunate publicity refers, of course, to the statement which was printed in the Euclid Avenue Temple Bulletin and in their other publicity matter, that WTAM requested Rabbi Brickner to broadcast, whereas, Rabbi Brickner solicited that privilege.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

R. Goldman told me this afternoon that you had discussed the matter referred to in the enclosed letter with him.



April 18, 1927.

Mr. Max Meisel,  
Guarantee Title Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Max:

At your request, I am putting down in writing the outline of the statement which I made Friday evening.

On my return from the West last Wednesday evening, I heard from one or two people that a rumor was abroad that WTAM cancelled the broadcasting arrangements with Rabbi Brickner and that I was responsible for it.

On Thursday morning, I got in touch with Jesse Solomon. He called at my study and told me in greater detail what the rumor was that was circulating through the community, viz., that I had called Mrs. Norberg into my study and told her that inasmuch as she was a loyal member of The Temple and her husband an official at the Willard Storage Battery Company, the broadcasting privileges should have been extended to me and not Rabbi Brickner. In Mr. Solomon's presence, I called up Mr. Norberg and repeated the rumor to him. He laughed and of course stated that it was preposterous. I asked him to send me a letter to that effect. Again in Mr. Solomon's presence, I called up Mr. Zimmerman of the WTAM station with the same result.

I asked Mr. Solomon where this rumor originated. He stated that everyone seems to be tracing it back to Mr. Fred Frankel who had in charge the broadcasting arrangements for Rabbi Brickner.



I got in touch with Mr. Frankel and asked him point blank whether he had made that statement and he refused to give a definite answer over the telephone. I requested that I see him in person. I suggested that I call upon him with three members of my Board. He refused to see any members of my Board. I repeated this request on Friday morning. He again refused.

At 11:30 Friday morning I called upon him in person. I told him what the rumor was and that he is being quoted as having made the statements to his committee. He categorically denied them. He said they were a lie; that he had never mentioned my name in connection with his report; that all that he stated to his committee was that Mrs. Norberg had called up Mr. Baldwin of WTAM and stated that she had read in the Euclid Avenue Temple Bulletin that WTAM had requested Rabbi Brickner to broadcast. This being clearly a misstatement of the facts, she resented it and thought that it should be corrected.

I asked Mr. Frankel to put his version into writing. He refused. I again asked him to appear in person before a meeting of the Temple Board which was to take place Friday evening. He again refused. I left him.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



WTAM

April 19, 1927.

Mrs. Sigmund Herzog,  
2558 Euclid Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Herzog:

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AHS:NEB



MRS. SIEGMUND S. HERZOG  
2558 EUCLID BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 21, 27.

My dear Cathie Elvar:-

Thank you for sending me  
a copy of the letter, which I am returning  
to you.

Regret more than I can say, the  
creation of so unfortunate a situation,  
of which I felt sure you had no part,  
just as I know you regret any  
incident that makes for disharmony  
& misunderstanding in our Jewish  
Community.

I do sincerely hope that somehow  
things can be righted - if there is



MRS. SIEGMUND S. HERZOG  
2558 EUCLID BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

any way in which I can be of  
service, please command me  
& believe me to be with all good  
wishes

Sincerely,  
Srm. Herzog.





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CLEVELAND

April 23rd, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Ansel Rd & E. 105th St.  
City.

Dear Rabbi:-

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I am indeed sorry that anything so unpleasant should have arisen to mar the amiable relations existing between our congregations. We desire to have them continue for all time.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) David S. Kohn, Pres.

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Dear Rabbi:-

In regards to our conversation the other evening, I wish to state that according to my knowledge, has any member of our Board accused you or your Congregation of any action detrimental to our Temple. In fact every member of our Board holds you in highest esteem, and have so expressed themselves in my presence.

I am indeed sorry that anything so unpleasant should have arisen to mar the amiable relations existing between our congregations. We desire to have them continue for all time.

Very truly yours,

*David S. Kohn Pres.*

Euclid Avenue Temple

DSK:AM



WT AM

April 28, 1927.

Mr. Max Meisel,  
Guarantee Title Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Meisel:

I am enclosing, herewith,  
copy of a letter which I received from  
Mr. David S. Kohn, as well as my reply  
to him. I thought that you would be  
interested.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB



WTAM.

April 28, 1927.

Mr. David S. Kohn,  
S. Kohn & Sons,  
St. Clair & East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kohn:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of April 23rd. I appreciate the spirit which prompted you to write it. I feel, however, that a great deal of harm has been done by some irresponsible statements made by members of your congregation, either at your Board meeting or outside. I have particular reference to Mr. Fred Frankel, whom I charge with deliberately broadcasting a falsehood.

I feel that you owe it to me and The Temple as well as your own institution to correct at the next meeting of your Board, the wrong impression which some of your Board members seem to have and which they have unfortunately spread through the community.

I would request, too, that the letter sent by WTAM on April 15th to me and to Rabbi Brickner, a copy of which I include, herewith, be read to your Board members.

Permit me to assure you that I hold you and your organization in the highest esteem and that my purpose is now, as it has been during my ten years of ministry in this community, to maintain the friendliest relations with all the existing religious institutions.

With kindest regards I am

Very sincerely,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Herewith I acknowledge receipt of  
your communication dated April 28th, with enclosures.

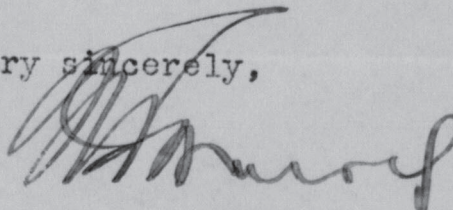
It does occur to me that the communi-  
cation of Mr. Kohn deals too much with generalities,  
although I feel reasonably certain that his intent was  
to satisfy you. Therefore, I believe that your re-  
sponse is quite logical, and if the suggestions therein  
contained are carried out, it would seem to satisfy.

I am expecting, the first opportunity  
which presents itself, to speak to Rabbi Brickner, and  
to ascertain, if possible, the justification for an  
attitude which has disregarded entirely any contact on  
his part in a situation of this character with you, either  
by mail or telephone or otherwise.

I shall be interested to know if Mr. Kohn  
makes any response to your answer.

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Very sincerely,







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c/o The Temple  
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My dear Rabbi:

I have your favor of April 28th and regret that I cannot follow your suggestion to present the matter to our board.

This is not in any sense a congregational matter; it is purely a matter between some individuals.

I have already expressed to you in my previous letter the high esteem in which the members of our board hold you and have expressed the hope that the mutuality that exists between our respective congregations should continue.

Trusting that this closes the matter I am,

Yours most sincerely,

DSK: IG



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Birkner

D. S. Kohn

May 3, 1927.

Mr. David S. Kohn,  
S. Kohn & Sons Co.,  
St. Clair & E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kohn:

In reply to your letter of May 2nd, permit me to state that the matter concerning the false reports which were broadcast by the Chairman of your Committee, Mr. Frankel, is far from being closed. His statements were made at a public meeting of your organization and should, therefore, be corrected at a public meeting.

A note from you expressing the high esteem in which you hold me is not sufficient to set at rest a vicious rumor which has gone throughout the community and for which an official representative of your congregation is responsible.

Inasmuch as you, as President of the Euclid Avenue Temple, have refused to do that which alone would have corrected an unfortunate situation, I shall find it necessary myself to make a public statement about the entire matter from my pulpit.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

ZHS:NEB

*not sent*