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Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, 1924-1943.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1848

EDWARD B. GREENE, PRESIDENT
D. C. WILLS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
B. D. QUARRIE, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
D. D. KIMMEL, TREASURER
MUNSON HAVENS, SECRETARY

July 23rd, 1924.

Cleveland
Fifth City

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

Cleveland.

Dear Sir: The Jewish Independent has stated to me that the Jewish Review and Observer is promoting a special edition of its paper for the dedication of The Temple. It was also stated that representatives of the Jewish Review and Observer are using your name in connection with this solicitation.

If you should care to make a statement in regard to this solicitation, I shall be glad to place it before the committee on soliciting schemes. The committee will have a meeting the first of next week.

Very truly yours,

Parley Hill

Assistant Secretary

PH:HP

July 24th, 1924.

Mr. H. Wertheimer,
Jewish Review & Observer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wertheimer,

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I received today from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. I was also called up by Mr. Johnson two days ago in connection with this matter. You of course know that The Temple did not request any such dedication and did not authorize solicitations in its name, nor did I at any time give any one authority to use my name. I am sure that you could not have given any such instructions to your solicitors. I would request that you have your men discontinue this practice at once. I do not wish to have our dedication commercialized in any such manner.

With kindest regards and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in wishing to set aside a special issue of your paper for the dedication of our new Temple, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

July 24th, 1924.

Mr. Wm. Weidenthal,
The Jewish Independent,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal,

I have been expecting a letter which you promised to send me relative to the special dedication number of the Jewish Review and Observer and your allegation that they were using my name in connection with solicitations for advertisements. As yet I have not received it but in place of it, I have received a communication from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce stating that you have conveyed similar information to them. I am anxiously awaiting your letter and proofsofo substantiate your statement.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

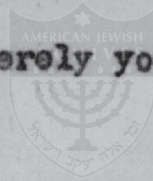
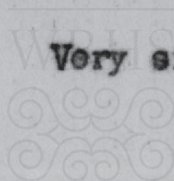
July 24th, 1924.

Mr. Parker Hill,
Chamber of Commerce,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hill,

The Temple has authorized
no local paper to issue any special
dedication number and I have at no
time given permission to any newspaper
to use my name in connection with
solicitations for any such special number.

Very sincerely yours,



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August 21, 1924

Cleveland
Fifth City

Deference Day

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Sir: A committee appointed by the Governor has asked me to act as chairman of the Cuyahoga County Committee to direct and supervise the activities for the Defense Test to be held throughout the country on September 12th. I shall appreciate your acceptance to serve on the local committee.

The Defense Test will be conducted for the purpose of giving a practical demonstration of what can be accomplished in mobilization for an emergency. The National Guard, Reserves and Veterans, military and patriotic organizations will take part.

I shall be grateful to you for a prompt reply as it is necessary to complete our arrangements as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Jamison
Chairman
Military Committee

C O P Y

August Twenty-seventh
1924

Mr. R.H. Jamison,
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jamison,

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August Twenty-first, inviting me to serve on the Cuyahoga County Committee for the Defense Test Day to be held on September twelfth. I regret that I cannot see my way clear to accept your kind appointment. I cannot see the wisdom, or the value, of such an enterprise.

I believe in national defense. We have our Army and Navy for that purpose. These organizations should of course, be kept up to maximum efficiency through practice, mobilization, maneuvers &c. But just where civilians can aid our national defense thru parades, picnics and oratory, I fail to see. I fear that the indirect results of such a military holiday would be to keep alive war sentiment and war psychology and fan the flames of national chauvinism - things which have proved destructive of the highest interests of humanity.

I am not, of course a pacifist. My services to our government during the last war will show that. Yet I believe that the President of the United States would at this time have served the interests of America and of mankind better if, instead of calling for a National Defense Day at a time when our Country is at peace with the world and in danger of no attack, he had called for a National Peace Day, summoning the conscience and thought of the world to serious and prayerful contemplation of the greatest task confronting mankind today - the outlawry of war.

Very sincerely yours,

The Cleveland Real Estate Board

SWETLAND BUILDING

CLEVELAND January 9, 1925.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
1485 E. 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On behalf of the Trustees, we take pleasure in extending to you a special invitation to attend the Annual Banquet of the Board, as its guest, to be held on Friday evening, January 16th, 1925, in the Ball-Room of the Hollenden Hotel, at 6:30 p.m.

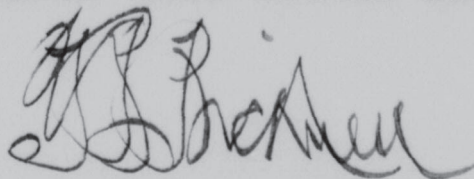
The speakers on this occasion will be Mr. Merle Thorpe of Nation's Business, Washington, D. C., and Edward J. Cattell of Philadelphia, both of whom are speakers of national prominence, and a real treat is in store for us.

Trusting we may have your acceptance of this invitation by return mail, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,

THE CLEVELAND REAL ESTATE BOARD.

By



Secretary.

January Seventeenth
1925

Mr. F. B. Bicknell,
The Cleveland Real Estate Board,
Swetland Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bicknell,

I trust you will pardon my not having responded to your kind invitation to attend the Annual Banquet of the Cleveland Real Estate Board. I was out of the city when the invitation was delivered at my office, and last evening, the night of your function I had an important engagement of long standing. I should have been glad to have participated and to have heard your eminent speakers.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Board, and with kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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Convention Board

of

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

Cleveland

April 19th, 1926.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

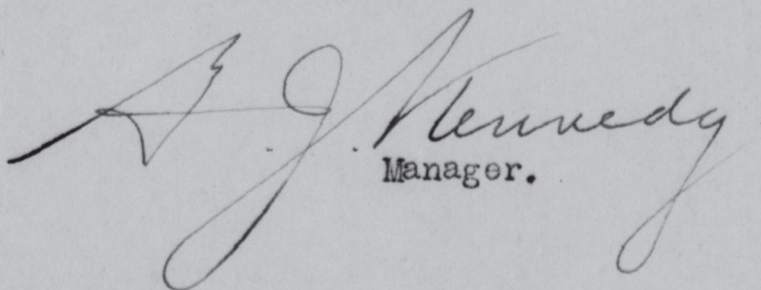
My dear Rabbi Silver:- We were pleased to have a report recently that the Central Conference of American Rabbis would hold a convention in Cleveland during January 1927, possibly during the period of the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

May I trouble you to advise if the report is correct and, if so, could you also furnish me the following information:-

Approximate number of delegates
Place of holding the convention sessions
Headquarters hotel, if determined
Where convention was held in 1926

A note at your convenience will be appreciated and helpful.

Very truly yours,


Manager.

AJK:F

April 30th, 1926.

Mr. A.J.Kennedy,
Chamber of Commerce,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kennedy,

In reply to your letter of April 19th, permit me to say that although I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis I have no knowledge of that organization planning to hold its convention in Cleveland during January 1927. I would suggest that you get in touch with Rabbi Morris Lazon who is secretary of the organization. His address is Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Md.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

March 12, 1943

Committee on Medal Award
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully commend to your consideration, as a possible recipient of the Chamber Citation and Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I am not suggesting his name primarily because of his matchless oratory, his scholarship, his influence as a preacher, his participation in manifold cultural, civic, and humanitarian movements in Cleveland, nor because of his position of leadership in World Jewry.

I suggest his name rather because of his deepseated love for liberty and democracy and his great contribution to these causes. He has been a soul-stirring champion of the basic rights guaranteed by our Bill of Rights and has shown a prophetic vision in realizing and preaching long before others that the denial of these rights to any minority group inevitably sounded the death knell of liberty and foreshadowed ultimate denial of these rights to other groups.

Dr. Silver is a great humanitarian, a relentless champion of the common man, who yet appreciates that the interests of the common man, who yet appreciates that the interests of the common man will best be served the preservation of the free enterprise system. He has throughout his life devoted his energies and talents unselfishly and without stint to the peace and happiness of mankind.

It would be particularly fitting if his services should receive recognition at your hands at this time, when he has just completed his twenty-fifth year of service in Cleveland and has just reached the age of fifty.

Respectfully,

Isadore Grossman

March 12, 1943

H. S. Meshorer, Esq.
c/o The Amalgamated Steel Company
7831 Broadway
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Meshorer:

I am enclosing copy of a letter written today to the Committee on Medal Award of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, Relative to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I have spoken to Mr. Homer H. Johnson of this city, who is writing a letter to the Committee, suggesting Dr. Silver's name. Mr. Johnson's recommendation ought to bear very great weight because he is unquestionably one of Cleveland's outstanding citizens.

As you can see from my letter, your suggestion of Dr. Silver's name appealed to me very much.

I hope I may have the privilege of meeting you and that our paths will cross in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Isadore Grossman

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