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Cleveland, citizens' committees, including mayor's committee to welcome Albert Einstein and Chaim Weizmann, commission on 125th anniversary of the city, committee for emergency poor relief tax levy, and committee to study workmen's compensation law, 1918-1962.

CITY OF CLEVELAND
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 1st-1918.

*happy to
serve*

@ 5/20/18

Rabbi Silver,
55th & Central Ave.
Rev. Sir;-

I take pleasure in tendering to you appointment to the Community Committee of One Hundred-which Committee is to stand back of and supervise the program and work of the Executive Committee which is in active charge of Cleveland's participation in the present Children's Year drive to save 100,000 babies and young children in this country.

As this is a war measure as well as a future matter of greatest importance, and as Cleveland's quota of babies to be saved numbers 827, we shall need the earnest co-operation of our representative men and women and I trust, therefore, that you will be able to accept.

A meeting of the Committee of One Hundred is to be called at an early date. At this meeting Miss Julia C. Lathrop, Chief of the Federal Children's Bureau which is conducting the national campaign in co-operation with the Woman's Committee of the Council for National Defense, will be present and will outline the full purpose and national program for Children's Year. Announcements of the date and place of this meeting will be sent out shortly.

Most sincerely,

Harry L. Davis
MAYOR

May 20, 1918

Hon. Harry L. Davis
Mayor of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Davis:-

Please pardon the delay
in acknowledging your letter to me of
May 1st.

I shall be very happy
to serve on the Community Committee of
One Hundred in connection with the
"Children's Year Drive."

Very sincerely yours,

City of Cleveland

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

C. J. BENKOSKI, CLERK OF COUNCIL

March 27, 1920.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Central Ave. & E. 55th St.,
Cleveland.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to advise you that the Public Utilities Committee of the Council of the city of Cleveland will hold its next meeting at 316 City Hall on Wednesday, March 31, 1920 at 9:30 o'clock A. M., the purpose of said meeting being to receive reports, consider the employment of an expert on natural gas and to adopt a definite plan of procedure.

Since this meeting is of very great importance, I hope that you will find it convenient to be present.

With respects, I am

Very truly yours,

C. J. Benkoski
Clerk of Council.

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City of Cleveland
Office of the Mayor

June 2, 1920

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
c/o The Garfield Hotel,
3848 Prospect Ave.,
City

Dear Sir:-

I am requesting a number of representative citizens of Cleveland to confer with the Director of Finance and myself in connection with the city's financial situation which is serious.

Your presence at this conference to be held Friday 2 P.M. June 4th in the Council Committee Room will be greatly appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,

W. D. Siffert
Mayor

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Feb. 11, 1921.

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Feb. 26/21*

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th and Central Ave.,
City.

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My dear Rabbi:

Herewith is enclosed a questionnaire which I would thank you to fill out at once for the use of the Cleveland Foundation. I am editing a Year Book under the auspices of the Foundation which is to contain authoritative information upon all phases of Cleveland's life during 1920.

In the statement we intend to make upon religion, we wish to include authentic information as to the synagogues of Cleveland.

If you will kindly fill out the enclosed questionnaire at once and mail to me, I will be very thankful to you.

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Chadsey

Editor Year Book of Cleveland
Foundation.

1215 Swetland Bldg.,
Cleveland, O.

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Rabbi A. Silver
 Cleveland.

My dear Sir



I am directed by
 Professor Einstein to thank you
 for your kind invitation which
 he regrets to be unable to accept
 since he is sailing on the 28th inst.

Professor Einstein trusts
 that this will not affect your
 energetic work in support of
 The University as mentioned in your
 telegram. Yours truly, J. Ginzburg, Secy.



City of Cleveland
Office of the Mayor

May 5th, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Central ave and E. 55th st.,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The City will be honored on May 25th by the visit of two distinguished men of science who have achieved international reputation; namely, Dr. Albert Einstein, discoverer of the theory of relativity and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization and chief chemist of the British Navy. These two men are here to interest Americans in a humane mission - the establishment of a home for an oppressed people.

I have named a committee of one hundred citizens in order that Cleveland may give these noted guests a proper welcome, and I am asking you to serve as a member of this group. I will enroll your name, unless notified to the contrary, and notice of preliminary arrangements will be sent you in due time.

Hoping you will cooperate in this matter,
I am,

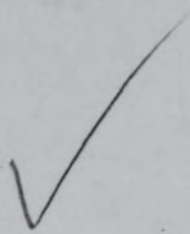
Very truly yours,

W. P. Dickerson
Mayor.

Paid Day Letter

Cleveland, May 12th, 1921

Prof. Albert Einstein,
Hotel Commodore,
New York City.



My Temple will celebrate its seventy-first anniversary with a dinner at the Hotel Statler the evening of May twenty-ninth. Expect one thousand members of our congregation to attend. We would feel deeply honored if you would grace this occasion by your presence. Understand that you will be in this vicinity that week. Should you accept our invitation, I would undertake to raise among my people, within the near future, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the University.

Rabbi A. H. Silver



City of Cleveland
Office of the Mayor

May 19, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Sir:-

In a letter of recent date you were asked to accept membership on a committee of 100 citizens to receive Dr. Chaim Weizman of London, and Prof. Albert Einstein, who are to visit the city on May 25th.

According to the latest information, the commission of which they are members will arrive at the Union Depot at 2:00 P. M. A small committee will meet the guests at the Depot. They will then be escorted to the City Hall, where the committee of 100, of which you are a member, will be in waiting in the City Council Chamber.

You are therefore urged to be at the council chamber at 2:00 o'clock sharp, in order that a brief preliminary discussion relative to the order of procedure at the welcoming reception may be held.

Trusting that you will find it convenient to be present in the council chamber at the hour specified, we are,

Yours very sincerely,

W. S. FitzGerald,
Honorary Chairman

W. R. Weidenthal,
Chairman.



City of Cleveland

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ROOM 305, CITY HALL

May 31 1921

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the City of Cleveland will be fittingly celebrated July 22nd to 30th inclusive.

It is the desire of the Anniversary Celebration Commission to have the Old Home Week character of this celebration especially emphasized in the churches of the city on Sunday, July 24th, and the Program Committee, of which Dr. Daniel A. Huebsch is chairman, has suggested that the cooperation of the churches may fittingly take the form of inviting former pastors who have attained eminence in the church world to occupy the pulpits of the city on that day.

We feel quite sure that you will be glad to offer this cooperation, and this letter is being addressed to all the ministers of Cleveland in response to the Program Committee's suggestion requesting such action.

For purposes of advance publicity we would be grateful to receive from you the names and addresses of former pastors to whom your church board will tender an invitation, and to be advised of the formulation of any special program your church may propose for this occasion.

Very truly yours,

Thomas V. Hendricks
Executive Director

June 3rd, 1921

Miss Mildred Chadsey,
Editor The Cleveland Year Book,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Chadsey,

I have just had the opportunity of looking over the Year Book published by the Cleveland Foundation. Permit me to congratulate you upon your very necessary, helpful and decidedly successful enterprise, which is an excellent summary of the various activities of our fine community.

There are one or two slight corrections to which I would call your attention.

On page 191, under the heading "Other Educational Service" - you fail to include the Friday evening Forum which our Temple has been conducting for two years now, and which had an average attendance of about six hundred.

A slight error too has crept in in your account of the Pageant on page 281. The Pageant - "Pilgrims of the Ages" was given, not by the Euclid Avenue Temple, but by The Temple, East 55th Street and Central.

Pardon me for calling your attention to these slight errors.

Very sincerely yours,

Cleveland's 125th Anniversary Celebration

Editorial Comment

For Our Anniversary

ON the twenty-second day of next July this city will be 125 years old, not, of course, as a municipal corporation but as a place where white men and women have had their homes. Then a century and a quarter will have elapsed since Moses Cleaveland led his band of surveyors to the mouth of the Cuyahoga River and began the settlement which is now a city of 800,000 residents, with over 100,000 more in the suburbs separated from Cleveland only by imaginary lines.

It is a fitting occasion for a celebration of unusual scope and significance, and there ought to be no lack of general cooperation with the public-spirited citizens who are preparing for suitable civic demonstrations of interest in Cleveland's birthday and rejoicing in the progress and achievements of this great center of American life. Only through adequate public support can the plans now well matured be given full effect.

For one thing, there is need of a generous response to invitations to contribute to the fund which is to underwrite the expenses of the century-and-a-quarter celebration. So much will be earned, from various sources connected with the general organization of citizens, that it is confidently expected to return to the guarantors a large share of the sums for which they make themselves responsible. No large amount of credit is asked of anyone, in this underwriting of the celebration.

Clevelanders take so much just pride in their city that they never fail to respond in the right spirit to such requests for service. It is quite certain that they will do the right thing, in the right way, for Cleveland now. All that is needed is understanding of the opportunity and the need.

—*Cleveland News*, May 6, 1921

Our 125th Anniversary

THE coming celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of Cleveland promises to be a red-letter event in the city's annals. On that memorable 22d of July, 1796, the little band of forelopers from far-away Connecticut, led by the doughty general of militia, took possession of the plateau on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River and gave it a local habitation and a name. It is the anniversary of the week of the founding that the city is to recognize with fitting ceremonies and observances, with pageants and music and loyal demonstrations.

Incidentally it may be noted that 1921 brings the 106th anniversary of the organization of Cleveland village, the eighty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the chartered city, the sixty-seventh anniversary of the union of the two civic communities east and west of the river—all notable events in Cleveland's history, but all overshadowed by the anniversary of the founding.

The plans and details of the project have been approved by many representative citizens, and the work of preparation should be given the practical support and encouragement of all who feel an interest in the city's annals and take pride in the city's progress. In particular, the opportunity is now offered to citizens for helping to underwrite the necessary cost of preparing for the celebration.

That the celebration will receive the hearty approval of Cleveland's citizenship in general is assured. A loyal and enthusiastic community will regard it as an impressive review of the rise and progress of the city, and find in it a valuable object lesson in civic pride and civic endeavor.

—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*, May 6, 1921

Program

At the present time the program is, naturally, tentative, and subject to changes and additions. The following outline covers only a portion of the events that are being planned.

FRIDAY, JULY 22 — Opening Day

"Moses Cleaveland" and his party arrive and review parade descriptive of development in trade, educational and civic life. Anniversary golf tournament opens. National Inter-City Doubles Tennis Tourney in progress.

SATURDAY, JULY 23 — Pageant Day

Historical pageant depicting Cleveland's development. Outdoor carnival. "Cleveland Olympics," or track and field events with cosmopolitan organizations participating.

SUNDAY, JULY 24 — Church and Music Day

Church pulpits to be filled by former clergymen. Combination of city's most distinguished musical organizations for a great outdoor concert. Finals in tennis tourney.

MONDAY, JULY 25 — Civic Day

Events centering attention on city planning, development of Metropolitan Park Plan, University Group Plan, etc. Preliminaries of anniversary boxing bouts.

TUESDAY, JULY 26 — Moses Cleaveland Day

Exercises honoring city's founder. Placing of tablets to mark historical spots. Athletic events for playground children start.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 — War Memorial Day

Military parade and activities to stimulate the early construction of a World War Memorial. Finals of athletic events for playground children. Anniversary shoot for Cleveland Gun Club (preliminaries). Soccer football elimination contests.

THURSDAY, JULY 28 — Automobile — Flower Day

Decorated automobile parade. Fireworks display on lake front. Gun Shot finals. Soccer football finals.

FRIDAY, JULY 29 — All-American Day

Foreign groups to present characteristic national dances and other performances in public parks, the evolution of Americans to be central theme. Parade of amateur baseball teams in uniform.

SATURDAY, JULY 30 — Closing Day

President Harding has been invited to participate in laying of corner stone of Federal Reserve Building. Banquet at night with President as guest of honor, proposed. Marathon race, shop relays, boxing finals, golf finals, regatta, aquatic sports at Yacht Club.



City of Cleveland *125th Anniversary Celebration Commission*

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The following is a partial list of citizens of Cleveland who have indicated their interest in the celebration by substantial contributions to the underwriting funds up to May 1st.

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City of Cleveland

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

FRED W. THOMAS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

January 18, 1922.

Rabbi Silver,
2301 East 55th St.,
City.

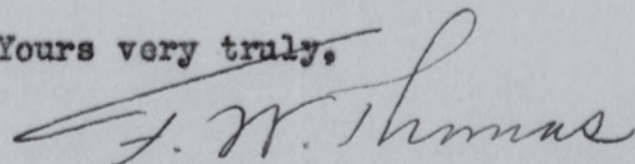
My dear Sir:

At a conference of the Special Committee of the City Council on Unemployment, a resolution was unanimously adopted asking the Clergy of Cleveland, to set aside Sunday, January 29th, 1922, as a day when this vital problem should be brought directly to the attention of all church going citizens.

It is the thought of the committee, that the Clergy ask all parishioners to make possible at once as many small jobs as can be made available, such as repairs around their homes, etc., to the end that as many unemployed men as possible may find at least a day's work.

Will you kindly bring this to the attention of your organization?

Yours very truly,



FWT/C

City Clerk.

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1922

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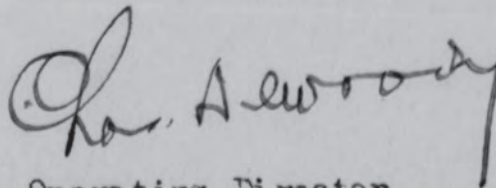
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Association is pleased to acknowledge receipt of your contribution and to thank you for this cooperation.

In accordance with Sections 4 and 5, Article 11, of the Constitution, you are now an Associate Member of the Association.

From time to time we shall have information to send to you that you may keep in touch with the activities of the Association and we shall be glad to have your suggestions in regard to the work at any time.

Very truly yours,



Operating Director

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June 30th, 1922

Mr. Abba Hilliel Silver,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

On the 9th of June the time for filing declarations of candidacy for State Senator and State Representative expired, and, much to the surprise of everyone, there are twenty-four Republican candidates for the nomination for the State Senate, and eighty-one Republican candidates for the nomination for State Representative, with only six Senators and sixteen Representatives from this County to be nominated.

This situation certainly demands the most careful consideration of the electors of this County, and this Committee, in an endeavor to assist in the nomination of strong candidates for the Senate and House, endorse the following four candidates for the Senate, and six for the House of Representatives:

For the Senate:-

Chester C. Bolton
Henry W. Corning

For the House:-

Dudley S. Blossom
Nettie M. Clapp (Mrs.H.T.)
John B. Dempsey



Maud C. Waitt (Mrs.W.G.)
J. J. Rowe

Earl H. Jaynes
Gilbert Morgan
Horace R. Sanborn

Matters of great importance to the State and to this community will be presented to the next Legislature for action, and the above candidates are approved by reason of their character and standing in this community and because we believe they are competent and well qualified to discharge the duties of legislators for this great State.

The Primary occurs on August 8th, and unless these candidates are nominated at that time the chance to secure such excellent representation in the State Legislature is lost.

If, by any chance, you will not be in Cleveland on Primary Day you can vote by getting a ballot at the Board of Elections at the City Hall any time after July 9th, and vote there. If you are out of the County you can write to the Board of Elections, City Hall (Main 3681), for a ballot and vote by mail.

The welfare of the community, as well as your personal interest, require your hearty cooperation and influence, and we know you will give it. Please sign and return enclosed card.

Very truly yours,
THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Harry L. Vail
Secretary

City of Cleveland

Office of

Fred Kohler, Mayor

October 13, 1922.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Central & E. 55th Street,
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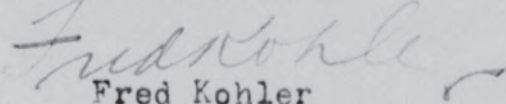
Dear Sir:

I was recently requested by the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association to appoint a committee of leading citizens under whose direction there shall be held in this city a Roosevelt Birthday Festival in honor of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, which occurs on October 27th.

It would please me, therefore, if you would serve as a member of such board.

Mr. William Eirick has been requested to act as chairman.

Very truly yours,


Fred Kohler
M a y o r.

Mr. William Eirick, Chairman
Mr. Albert B. Friedl
Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Msgr. Francis J. Moran
Rev. Albert E. Piper

Mrs. Richard Grant
Mrs. John J. Sullivan
Mrs. Harold T. Clapp
Mrs. A. F. Westgate
Mrs. Salene Corlett

October eighteenth, 1922

Hon. Fred Kohler,
Mayor of Cleveland,
City Hall, Cleveland, O.

My dear Mayor Kohler,

Permit me to thank you for your kindness
in appointing me a member of the Roosevelt Memorial
Committee. I shall be pleased to serve.

Very sincerely yours,



City of Cleveland

Office of

Fred Kohler, Mayor

October 21, 1922.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 55th St. & Central Ave.,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Eirick, Chairman
of the Roosevelt Birthday Festival, a meeting of the committee
is called for Saturday morning, October 21, at 11:00 a.m. at
Room 301 City Hall. You are earnestly requested to be present
at that time.

Very truly yours,

Fred Kohler

Fred Kohler
M a y o r

City of Cleveland
Office of the Mayor

Oct. 23rd, 1922.

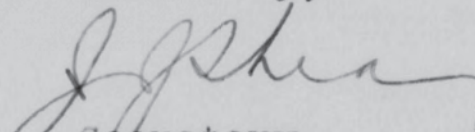
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple, Central Ave. & E. 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Silver:-

There will be a meeting of the
Roosevelt Birthday Festival Committee in the Mayor's
office, City Hall, 11.00 A.M., Wednesday, Oct. 25th,
1922.

Your attendance is requested.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ROOSEVELT BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER
25TH, 1922. at 11.00 A.M.

There were present:-

W.F.Eirick, Chairman,
Mr. Albert Friedl,
Mrs. Salene Corlett.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That the Mayor be asked to issue proclamation calling upon
the citizens of Cleveland to display the American flag on all
public buildings, and in their homes as much as possible; and
to observe the holiday by asking the people to cease from their
labors for say two minutes at 12.00 o'clock noon, Friday, October
27th, and to give this proclamation publicity through the news-
papers, and by so doing he will be granting all this committee
can consistently ask.

The meeting then adjourned.

James J. Shea,
Secretary.

*Roosevelt
arriv.*

City of Cleveland

Office of the Mayor

Kohler

Oct. 26th, 1922.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple, Central Ave. & E. 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Silver:-

Referring to your present
appointment as member of the Roosevelt Birthday
Festival Committee.

I believe it would be well to
extend the term and work of this committee for
another year, and therefore am again requesting
you to serve as a member of this committee.

Very truly yours,

Fred Kohler
Fred Kohler,

M a y o r.

City of Cleveland

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

FRED W. THOMAS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

May 28, 1924.

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th & Central Ave.,
City.

Honored Sir:

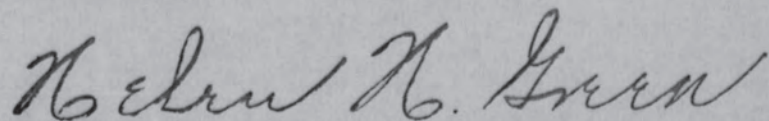
I am enclosing copy of an ordinance which will come up for action at Monday night's city Council meeting, and on which I would appreciate your valued opinion.

It has been suggested that the passage of such legislation might prove a hardship to all churches, some of which are said to be supported in part by the milder form of gambling alluded to in my ordinance.

In your opinion would the church practices be safeguarded if I were to eliminate the ordinance language, from the comma in line 7 to the end of Section one, or do you agree with me that churches should set the example of abstinence from all practices which are questionable? I wish you to know in introducing this measure I had not thought of the churches but sought simply to remove from drug stores and small shops near school properties, the slot machine and other so-called kindergarten gambling devices.

I would appreciate a written reply.

Sincerely,



Councilman 4th District.

HEG/C

Ordinance No. 62697

By Mrs. Green

AN ORDINANCE to declare it unlawful for any person or persons to sell or offer for sale any article or property of any description whatsoever through the medium of any game of chance, and providing a penalty therefore.

1 Section 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the City
2 of Cleveland, State of Ohio: That it is hereby declared
3 that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to
4 sell or offer for sale any article or property of any de-
5 scription whatsoever through the medium of any game
6 of chance or any plan, device, scheme or slot machine
7 wherein hazard is a constituent element, or where any
8 gift or prize is offered through the medium of any game
9 of chance, or any plan, device, scheme or slot machine
10 wherein is a constituent element.

11 Sec. 2. That any person violating any of the pro-
12 visions of this ordinance shall on conviction thereof be
13 fined not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, nor more
14 than seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars, or be imprisoned, or
15 both, at the discretion of the court for the first offense,
16 and such imprisonment for the first offense shall not
17 exceed thirty (30) days; for the second offense he shall
18 be fined not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars, nor more

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(Ordinance No. 62697-B)

19 than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or be imprisoned,
20 or both, at the discretion of the court, ninety (90) days;
21 for the third and each subsequent offense such person
22 shall be imprisoned six (6) months.

23 Sec. 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in
24 force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

25 Read first time January 21, 1924.

26 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Director
27 of Law.



May 29th, 1924.

Miss Helen E. Green,
Council Chambers,
City Hall, Cleveland.

My dear Miss Green,

I think that your ordinance Number 62697 is rather drastic and to my mind unnecessary. Should you decide to press this ordinance, I see no reason why the Churches should be exempt from its application. If offering a gift or prize through the medium of the game of chance is immoral in the drug store or candy shop it certainly is immoral in the church.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

City of Cleveland

WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
CITY MANAGER
W. J. MURPHY
SECRETARY

March 30, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A few days ago I consented to act as chairman of the Citizens Committee of the campaign in May to finance the new Lakeside and Rainbow Hospitals as part of the development of our Medical Center.

Now I am asking you to join with me as a member of this committee. There will be, of course, a separate campaign organization for soliciting, and therefore the members of the Citizens Committee will not be asked to devote time and effort to the campaign unless any of them should choose to do so. The important function of the Citizens Committee is to provide in its membership such names of prominence and influence as may best reflect the importance of this great undertaking to the community.

I am, therefore, calling on you to become a member of this group, feeling confident that you will assent, and assuring you that your acceptance will assist me very materially.

The Medical Center development impresses me as a thing which Cleveland no longer should postpone. Lakeside Hospital and Rainbow Hospital, though doing a noble and very essential work for us under present trying conditions, are capable of far superior contributions of service if only their physical facilities are brought up into line with modern hospital standards. The extension of the Medical Center is necessary, too, in my opinion, if Cleveland is to hold and advance the place it already has won in the field of public health. It also affords the possibility of making our city a world leader in medical science.

Another thing that impresses me is the opportunity of paying a community tribute to Mr. Samuel Mather. He conceived the Medical Center plan for Cleveland; probably his greatest ambition is to see the Medical Center completed. It seems to me that we all should be eager to help Mr. Mather carry through this great enterprise, even as a matter of paying some of our debt as a community to him, in appreciation of all he has done for this city.

Here is our chance to extend a much deserved tribute to a man whose spirit, ideals, and unselfish public service have enriched greatly all the life of Cleveland - and to offer this tribute while he still is with us.

"H."
(Hopkins-City Mgr.)
Re Lakeside & Rainbow
Hospitals

I believe that you will readily assent to the association of your name with a project of such lofty character. Therefore, and because the time is short till we must make our first announcement, may I consider that I have your acceptance unless I hear from you to the contrary?

Very sincerely yours,

C. R. Hopkins

WRH:F



CITY OF CLEVELAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 24, 1928.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel and East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On November 6th a Hospital Bond Issue will be presented to the voters of Cleveland. This Hospital Bond Issue will furnish the relief which is greatly needed by those suffering from tuberculosis, psychopathic and nervous cases, and for the many ill with chronic diseases who at present have no proper place for care.

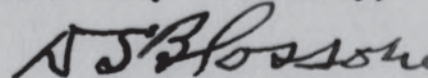
This Bond Issue has the backing of organizations and individuals who know of the great need but to carry the Bond Issue to success we must have the interest of every individual and organization in this town. To this end I am writing to ask that you become a member of the Citizens Campaign Committee who will stand publicly behind the Bond Issue during the next six weeks.

We need your help both because of your personal influence and because of your wide connections and hope that you will find it possible to act with us on this Committee.

If you can take part in promoting this issue, so important to the health and welfare of Cleveland citizens, please sign the enclosed card and return it to this office at once.

Trusting that we may count on you in this emergency,

Yours very sincerely,



Dudley S. Blossom, Director,
Department of Public Welfare.

CITY OF CLEVELAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DUDLEY S. BLOSSOM

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TYLER, MRS. RALPH S.
PRESIDENT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WING, VIRGINIA R.
SECRETARY ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE

October 18, 1928

To the Rabbis:-

The clergy has been active in working to secure the passage of the Hospital Bond Issue which will mean so much to those suffering from tuberculosis, chronic or mental diseases in the City of Cleveland today.

In order that we may count on a sufficient large majority to pass this Bond Issue, it is of major importance that every temple secure the registration of its eligible voters and inform them as to the needs so that on November 6th we can pile up a big majority in favor of the Bond Issue.

It has been suggested that Bond Issue Sunday be observed on October 28th. At this time it is suggested that the rabbis give a certain part of their sermon to present the Bond Issue and that material explaining the needs be distributed through the congregation.

This measure being as it is strictly non-political and humanitarian, should I believe secure place in your services.

Unless we hear to the contrary, material adequate for your use, will be mailed you and your name will be enrolled as one of the rabbis observing Bond Issue Sunday.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Bishop, Jr.

Robert H. Bishop, Jr., M. D.,
Chairman

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Organizations Endorsing the Bond Issue

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 ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE
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 CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY
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City of Cleveland

WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
CITY MANAGER
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SECRETARY

January 14, 1929.

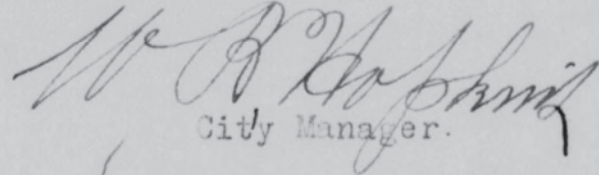
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
1485 East 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

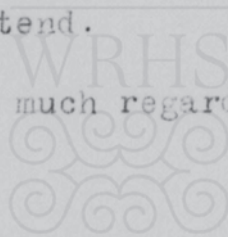
There will be a very important meeting of the
Lessing-Mendelssohn Committee in my office, 301 City Hall
at 4:15 Friday, January 18. I do hope you will find it
convenient to attend.

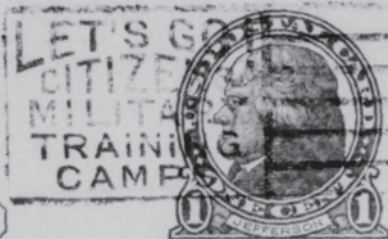
With much regard and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


City Manager.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WRHS



Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Call me

LESSING-MENDELSSOHN BI-CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

An important meeting of the General Committee will be held on Thursday, April 18th, at 12:00 noon, in Parlor A, Hollenden Hotel, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the reports of sub-committees and making final arrangements for the Celebrations. Luncheon \$1.00.

Carl D. Friebolin,
General Chairman.

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City of Cleveland

WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
CITY MANAGER

W. J. MURPHY
SECRETARY

February 6, 1929

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Perhaps you have heard of the movement which is taking place to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of two outstanding Germans, Moses Mendelssohn and Gotthold Ephriam Lessing. It is expected that the bicentenary celebration, to be held in this city, will be a really worth while civic event; and to that end, I should like very much to invite you to cooperate with a small committee representative of the people of Cleveland, in carrying out the plans for this occasion.

There will be a luncheon meeting of this committee on Tuesday noon, February 12, 1929, at the Hollenden Hotel, Parlor B. Would you be good enough to return the enclosed addressed card indicating whether you will attend.

I trust that you will find it convenient and desirable to be present.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. R. Hopkins

WRH:SS

Feb. 7th, 1929.

Mr. Wm. R. Hopkins,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6th in connection with the movement to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Moses Mendelssohn and Gotthold Ephraim Lessing.

Rabbi Silver is on the Pacific Coast and will be gone the entire month of February. It will therefore be impossible that he attend the luncheon meeting on February 12th.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Lessing-Mendelssohn Bi-Centennial Commission

CLEVELAND

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Honorary Chairman

HON. CARL D. FRIEBOLIN
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CARL RAID
Treasurer

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Chair, Executive Committee

Committee on Permanent Memorial

MRS. LEONHARDT SCHLATHER
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MISS. ELSIE WEITZ
Associate Chairman

Committee on Park Celebration

HON. SAMUEL NEWMAN

Director of Publicity
LEWIS DRUCKER

EDWARD J. SCHWEID
GENERAL SECRETARY
322 HICKOX BUILDING
CHERRY 0256

Phoned.

March 5, 1929.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please attend a meeting of the General Committee of the Lessing-Mendelssohn Bi-Centennial Commission on Friday afternoon, March 8th, at 4 o'clock, in the office of the City Manager, at the City Hall?

This meeting is of especial importance and is called for the purpose of receiving reports of the "Permanent Memorial", "Park Celebration", and various sub-committees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Very truly,

Carl D. Friebolin
Carl D. Friebolin,
General Chairman.

Lessing-Mendelssohn Bi-Centennial Commission

CLEVELAND

May 7th, 1929.

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GENERAL SECRETARY
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please attend a meeting of the General
Committee of the Lessing-Mendelssohn Bi-Centennial
Commission, to be held in the office of City Manager
Hopkins, on Friday afternoon, May 10th, at 4 o'clock.

It is most important that everyone interested in this
great civic project be present that we may profit by
your counsel and advice in determining the final de-
tails. Your presence is essential to the success of
this undertaking.

Yours very truly,

EDW. J. SCHWEID,
General Secretary.

*declined
as per file*

May 8th, 1929.

Mrs. Leonhardt Schlather,
Lessing-Mendelsohn Bi-Centennial Commission,
322 Hickox Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Schlather:-

At its last meeting the Board of the Temple Women's Association voted to contribute the sum of \$100. to the Permanent Lessing Memorial which your Commission is planning. It gives me great pleasure to send the enclosed check to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 25th, 1929.

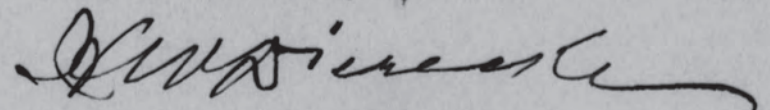
Rabbi A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir;;

Would it be possible for you to let us have a copy of the speech you intend to deliver at the occasion of the Lessing-Mendelssohn Celebration, June 2nd, at the German Poets' Garden? As it is necessary for us to translate the speech I would be extremely grateful, if you could let me have it, if possible, not later than Friday, May 31st.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

Very Sincerely Yours



(H. W. Dierecke)

W. R. HOPKINS
CLEVELAND
OHIO

June 20, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
East 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been suggested that it would be very pleasant to have a gathering of those who were most active in planning and conducting the Lessing-Mendelssohn Celebration and I shall be very happy if you will find it possible to be one of such a group to spend Thursday evening, June 27 at the Deutsches Haus, 7404 Euclid Avenue. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P. M. and I am sure you may look forward to a very pleasant evening. Will you kindly let me know whether you can give us the pleasure of your company on that occasion?

With much regard and best wishes, believe me

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Hopkins

card ✓

June 21st, 1929.

Mr. William R. Hopkins,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:-

I regret very much that I shall not be able to be with you on Thursday evening, June 27th. I shall be in Detroit on that day attending the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I regret to be compelled to forego the pleasure that such a meeting would give me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE **FOR** THE ZONING ORDINANCE

ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1929

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

WM. C. BOYLE, CHAIRMAN
A. F. ALLEN, VICE CHAIRMAN
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CLEVELAND, OHIO
1500 TERMINAL TOWER

October 9, 1929

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

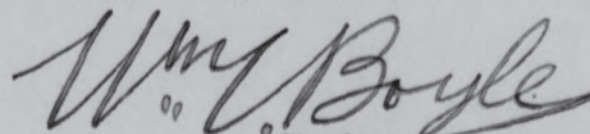
We are organizing a citizens committee of approximately two hundred men and women, representing all interests in the city, to secure the adoption of Cleveland's comprehensive zoning ordinance at the election Tuesday, November 5th.

Because you are known as one who consistently acts for the welfare of the city, we have placed your name on this committee. From the members of the committee we are asking, of course, their personal support, but we should also like to feel that we might count on your recommendation for a favorable vote on the ordinance to your friends and to the business and civic organizations to which you belong.

This zoning ordinance for Cleveland has been drawn with great care and after study of many hundreds of zoning ordinances already in effect in the United States. What President Hoover says in regard to the development of Washington under its ordinance will be, we are quite sure, the effect of the proposed zoning ordinance on Cleveland.

Relying on your support, I am

Very truly yours,


Chairman

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City of Cleveland

WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
CITY MANAGER
W. J. MURPHY
SECRETARY

October 30, 1929

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Bratenahl, Ohio

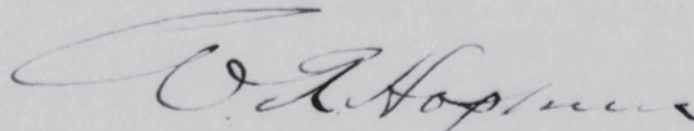
My dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with the wishes of
Senator Burton you have been named as one of the Honorary
Pall Bearers at his funeral.

The funeral procession will form at
the South Wing of Public Hall at one o'clock Thursday
afternoon and it will be necessary to move promptly at
1:15 P. M. Transportation will be provided.

Trusting that you will find it
possible to join this last public tribute to our departed
friend, I am

Yours sincerely,



CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ZONING ORDINANCE

ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1929

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CLEVELAND, OHIO
1500 TERMINAL TOWER

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W. A. STINCHCOMB

November 14, 1929

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Silver:

The official count of the vote on the zoning ordinance is:

For - 64,472
Against - 44,173

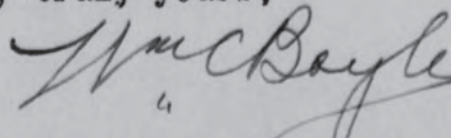
Thanks to the united efforts of our committee, the press and the organizations whose approval and endorsement was so public and so emphatic, we secured for the zoning ordinance a majority of better than twenty thousand votes. This is about a three to two vote in its favor, enough it seems to your executive committee to preclude the idea of another referendum, though the opponents of zoning have announced they will oppose the ordinance in every way possible.

Much of the success of our campaign was due to the fact that the Chamber of Commerce made the initial subscription of \$7,500 and paid it into our treasury at once. We collected \$2,000 in addition. Not only will all the bills be paid, but there will be a small surplus.

With so successful a record to our credit, the executive committee is of the opinion that the Citizens Committee FOR the Zoning Ordinance should not entirely disband. The board of appeals is to be appointed by the City Manager. This first board of appeals which will make precedents, and on whose action so much of the success of the ordinance depends, must be assisted in every way possible. With your consent, therefore, the executive committee will keep in close touch with the workings of the ordinance.

With renewed thanks for your cooperation with the executive committee and your work for the ordinance, I am

Very truly yours,


Chairman

Citizens Committee FOR the Zoning Ordinance

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O/C

JUVENILE COURT
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HARRY L. EASTMAN
JUDGE

September 5, 1930.

T. L. LEWIS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am enclosing information concerning the County Welfare Buildings. I would appreciate your advising by letter County Commissioner Jerry Zmunt of your interest in this bond issue, and hope for your continued support in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lottie Bialosky

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HISTORY

The Juvenile Court of Cuyahoga County was established in June, 1902. The philosophy underlying the establishment of juvenile courts was that the juvenile who broke the law was not fully responsible for his conduct and so not to be punished as an adult. The legislation establishing juvenile courts has been regarded as one of the most far reaching steps ever taken in the interest of neglected, dependent and delinquent children, for the reason that it did two things: First, it socialized in a large degree court procedure dealing with the child offender, and, secondly, it advanced the theory of the individualization of punishment far beyond the limits previously recognized. It caused:

1. A separate hearing of children's cases in rooms not used for the hearing of adult cases.
2. Informal procedure devoid of the formalities of the usual trial, with consideration given to the welfare of the child.
3. Regular probation service both for investigation and for supervisory care.
4. Detention separate from adults before and after trial.
5. Social records of all offenders.
6. Mental and physical examinations of offenders.

The aim of the court is not the isolation of offenders, but rather their assimilation by the community through directed social interaction. In other words, the modern scientific policies of individualization, socialization and assimilation have gradually supplanted those of mass treatment and the isolation of offenders.

The juvenile court now and of the future is and will be a definite arm of the state engaged in the task of protecting and correcting the handicapped children of the community and of supervising their social adjustments, but not extending its functions over matters which can be administered by other departments of the state, with the emphasis laid more and more on the development of the children into future assets for the state.

PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Under the present law the Judge of the Insolvency Court is selected to exercise jurisdiction over the Juvenile Court, the Mothers' Pension Department and the Detention Home, the latter place providing facilities for both delinquent and dependent children. It is the plan now to take steps to abolish the Insolvency Court as soon as a constitutional amendment can be enacted for this purpose and at the same time provide for the election of a Juvenile Judge who can devote his entire time to this work.

The Juvenile Court and Mothers' Pension Department are now housed in the Old Court House on the northwest corner of the Public Square, a building more than fifty years old and unsuited to the purposes of this work and which is to be torn down as soon as convenient after the removal of the Criminal Court, County Jail and Prosecutor's offices to the new County Courts Jail Building.

The Juvenile Detention Home is located on Franklin Avenue in three old houses more than sixty years old, to which some additions have been made. The quarters are inadequate for present needs, unsuited for the purpose, and have been condemned by the fire warden as a fire hazard.

The Juvenile Court and Mothers' Pension Department now use 20,000 square feet of space, and the Detention Home, 50,000 square feet of space. Additional space at both places is badly needed at this time.

EXTENT OF WORK

In the year 1929, Juvenile Court had 8,325 cases which involved approximately 40,000 people who were required to come to the court. The Detention Home took care of 3,512 children, having as high as 170 children in one day.

PROPOSED PLANS

Proposed plans provide for a plot of ground having a frontage of 300 feet and a depth of 400 feet, upon which is proposed to construct a building group

containing four separate units facing three streets, in the form of a quadrangle, the buildings to enclose a playground. These units will provide for the Juvenile Court, a building for dependents, a building for delinquents, and a service building. The Juvenile Court building will contain court rooms and administrative offices, probation departments and Mothers' Pension Department. The dependents' building will contain dormitories for boys and girls, school and training rooms, medical rooms and offices for the Blind Relief and the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Departments. The delinquents' building will provide similar accommodations for the delinquent children. The service building will provide for modern laundry and kitchen equipment, dining rooms and equipment for sterilizing clothing.

It is proposed to use an adaptation of the Tudor Gothic type of architecture for the reason that it produces a friendly and homelike atmosphere and is preferable to the forbidding aspect of the typical court house or public institution, and features large window groups, permitting the admission of maximum sunshine and natural ventilation. The construction is to be fireproof throughout, roofed with slate and faced with brick or some other inexpensive material. In order to remove all suggestion of austerity and to keep the cost to a minimum and secure economical maintenance, monumental construction and extravagance will be avoided throughout. It is the intention to provide buildings that reflect the informal and domestic character of a home, which will be in keeping with the fundamental principles of child welfare and social betterment. This group will be known as the County Welfare Group of buildings, where all county welfare activities will be housed, which will include Juvenile Court, Mothers' Pension Department, Detention Home for delinquents, Detention Home for dependents, Soldiers and Sailors Relief and Blind Relief, and will be the first major step toward grouping all of the county welfare activities.

These plans are the result of a year's study of similar buildings and our local needs by the architect, Mr. Wise of Special Schools, Dr. Toomey of City Hospital and others.

PLANS APPROVED BY:

1. County Commissioners.
2. Welfare Federation Trustees.
3. Women's City Club.
4. Cleveland Federation of Labor.

COST

Building		\$1,345,000
Land		350,000
Architect's Fees		80,000
Equipment		<u>75,000</u>
Total		\$1,850,000
Cubic foot cost,	\$.58	
Square foot cost	5.80	

These buildings as proposed will provide a maximum of 350 beds which, at the proposed total cost, would make a cost per bed of \$1,725.21. The cost per bed in recent hospital constructions in this city is at the rate of \$5,000 per bed.

CREDIT

Against this cost a credit should be allowed for the amount that will be received from the sale of the present Detention Home site and a portion of the amount received for the Old Court House site.

TAX RATE

At the total above proposed, less than one-half cent would be added to the present tax rate.

ADVANTAGES

Construction of the proposed new building will

1. Provide adequate and suitable quarters for each of these departments.
2. Consolidate county welfare activities under one roof and lay the groundwork for eventually bringing all activities of this character together.

3. Permit better correlation of activities than now exists.
4. Permit operating economies to be effected and the efficiency of these departments to be raised.
5. Obviate the necessity of paying rentals for space in private buildings.
6. Relieve the overcrowded condition now existing in the New Court House.

The Juvenile Court during its 28 years of service has never asked the public to support a bond issue for its purposes. It makes the request now only after due consideration of business conditions and the court necessities. It is our opinion that now is a most favorable time to build, for the reason that building material and costs are the lowest they have been in years and bonds can be sold to the very best advantage.

The Juvenile Court has proven its worth in the community in many ways. It is the keystone of the child welfare structure of the county. In just the measure that the court is inefficient and inadequate, in just that ratio will the whole structure be affected. Cleveland and Cuyahoga County need this modern equipment. It will materially help in reducing delinquency in this county.

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALTER E. COOK, PRESIDENT
JOSEPH F. GORMAN
J. H. HARRIS

F. J. HUSAK
CLERK

September 26, 1931.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

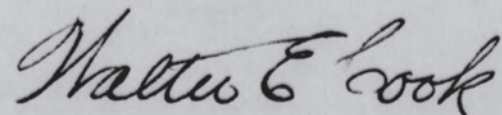
To help meet the 1932 emergency relief needs, the Board of County Commissioners, with the approval of the Community Fund, the Chamber of Commerce and the Welfare Federation has authorized a one mill tax levy for one year only to be placed upon the ballot for submission to the voters at the coming November election. A citizens relief committee advising the Commissioners will plan and approve the spending of the levy proceeds.

In order to promote the passage of this emergency measure, we are forming a sponsoring committee of prominent representative citizens under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Mather, Honorary Chairman, and Mr. William Ganson Rose, Chairman.

We wish to invite you to serve as a member of the committee in the assurance that your participation will be a most helpful factor in bringing about a favorable vote.

We hope very much that you will accept this appointment.

Sincerely yours,



President,
Board of County Commissioners.

WEC:IK

Sept. 30th, 1931

Mr. Walter E. Cook,
Pres. Board of County Commissioners,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Cook:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter of Sept. 26th and for the invitation which you extend to me to join the Sponsoring Committee for the contemplated one mill tax levy to be voted upon in November.

I shall be very pleased to serve on this Committee.

It is of the most importance that the emergency relief needs of our people be adequately met this coming year and I am sure that the citizens of our city will give the project the enthusiastic endorsement which it deserves.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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SPONSORING

ONE MILL POOR RELIEF TAX LEVY

Offices
1233 Terminal Tower
Cleveland.

October 6th, 1931.

The initial meeting of the Sponsoring Committee for the Emergency Poor Relief Tax Levy will be held in a private dining room of the Chamber of Commerce, Friday at 12:15 P. M., at luncheon. It is earnestly hoped that every member may be present as few meetings of the committee are contemplated. Those invited to speak are:

Mr. Samuel Mather, Honorary Chairman.

Chairman of the County Commissioners,
Mr. Walter E. Cook.

Mayor John D. Marshall.

Mr. Randolph Eide, who will speak
on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce
and the Community Fund.

A brief outline of the campaign plans will also be given, the meeting to close at 1:30 P. M.

Hoping to have your acceptance for this highly important meeting, I am,

Yours very truly,

William Ganson Rose

Chairman.

COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

SPONSORING 1 MILL TAX LEVY FOR POOR RELIEF

1233 Terminal Tower
Cleveland

October 23, 1931

SAMUEL MATHER,
Honorary Chairman

WM. GANSON ROSE,
Chairman

JAMES L. E. JAPPE,
Secretary

Rabbi Abba Hilla Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very anxious to secure from you a statement of about two hundred words for publication in the newspapers the early part of next week. I know that a publication of an article from you, endorsing the one mill tax levy for poor relief, will be very effective.

The enclosed copy of a statement from Honorable Newton D. Baker received a very prominent position in all the papers today and we are sure it will be very helpful to our cause. If you will be good enough to do this for us, we shall be very glad to call for it upon receipt of your advice that it is ready.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

James L. E. Jappe
Secretary.

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THE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

For the One Mill County Levy
to meet 1932 Relief Needs

1. 10,000 families are now dependent upon the Associated Charities and the Jewish Social Service Bureau for food, clothing, and shelter. This is 3 times the number of families that were being cared for at this time in 1930, and 12 times the number in 1929. Moreover, 150 new families are applying for help each day and this number is certain to increase rapidly with the coming of winter.

- (a) The responsibility for meeting relief needs at such a time as this is traditionally and legally the responsibility of the local government. Public relief departments, supported by taxes, spent 70% of the total expenditures for family relief during the first six months of 1931 in 66 large American cities reporting to the U. S. Department of Labor. Only 30% was provided by contributions to private relief agencies. Under the Pringle-Roberts Emergency Act passed by the State Legislature early last spring, the City and the County have been able to issue bonds to finance the extra relief needs of 1931. However, other ways had to be found to finance the extra needs of 1932 and a county one mill levy has been proposed, after careful study by County, City and Community Fund officers, as the best means of doing this.
- (b) The Community Fund is also taking drastic steps to meet the emergency. A greatly increased goal has been adopted and support of non-relief agencies has been reduced, with the result that the Fund, if its goal is reached, will provide 1/3 more money for relief agencies in 1932 than in 1931 and 2 1/2 times as much as in 1929.

Passage of the one mill levy and a successful Community Fund campaign are both necessary to meet the 1932 relief emergency.

2. In addition to the above, the county's relief program for 1932 includes:
- (a) 1,000 mothers, giving care to approximately 4,000 fatherless children, supported by the Mothers Pension Department of the Juvenile Court.
 - (b) 1,200 dependent and neglected children placed in foster homes and supervised by the County Child Welfare Board.
 - (c) Needy ex-service men including Civil War, Spanish-American and World War veterans and their dependents.
 - (d) Blind persons without means of supporting themselves.
 - (e) Persons suffering from tuberculosis, unable to meet the costs of necessary hospitalization and medical services.
 - (f) Persons mentally ill and unable to pay for care, awaiting commitment to the State Asylums.
 - (g) Children of workhouse prisoners, defense of indigent prisoners, adult probation.

Large increases in demands for the care and services enumerated above will also have to be met from proceeds of the one mill levy.

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October 24, 1931

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th and Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, relative to the State Welfare Bond Issue, which will appear on the ballot as an amendment to the State Constitution.

Enclosed herewith is a folder giving the facts about the Issue, and a Speakers' Manual.

Trusting that you will bring the importance of this Issue before your congregation on Sunday, November 1st, I am

Yours sincerely,

David Warshawsky

Mrs. David Warshawsky,
Secretary.

Oct. 26th, 1931

Mr. James L. Jappe,
Secretary, County Emergency Committee,
1233 Terminal Tower,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jappe:-

In reply to your kind letter of October 23d I am enclosing herewith a statement for use in the newspapers in connection with the One Mill Tax Levy for Poor Relief. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

*Tax Levy
Nov. 3 1931*

Every Cleveland citizen should, on November third, vote in favor of the One Mill Tax Levy for Poor Relief.

This is Cleveland's only way of meeting the very serious human need problem which will confront it during this coming year.

Thousands of our people will be without the necessities of life unless our community comes to their relief. Men, women and children will suffer hunger and cold unless we provide for them. The funds of our charitable agencies will not be sufficient to meet the unprecedented condition of want and poverty in our midst.

The new tax levy will not be a great burden upon any one and it is only of a temporary character. But it will save thousands of children from under-nourishment and sickness and thousands of parents from utter despair.

No one must go without food, raiment and shelter in our city during the coming year.



For the One Mill County Levy
to meet 1932 Relief Needs

1. 10,000 families are now dependent upon the Associated Charities and the Jewish Social Service Bureau for food, clothing, and shelter. This is 3 times the number of families that were being cared for at this time in 1930, and 12 times the number in 1929. Moreover, 150 new families are applying for help each day and this number is certain to increase rapidly with the coming of winter.

- (a) The responsibility for meeting relief needs at such a time as this is traditionally and legally the responsibility of the local government. Public relief departments, supported by taxes, spent 70% of the total expenditures for family relief during the first six months of 1931 in 66 large American cities reporting to the U. S. Department of Labor. Only 30% was provided by contributions to private relief agencies. Under the Pringle-Roberts Emergency Act passed by the State Legislature early last spring, the City and the County have been able to issue bonds to finance the extra relief needs of 1931. However, other ways had to be found to finance the extra needs of 1932 and a county one mill levy has been proposed, after careful study by County, City and Community Fund officers, as the best means of doing this.
- (b) The Community Fund is also taking drastic steps to meet the emergency. A greatly increased goal has been adopted and support of non-relief agencies has been reduced, with the result that the Fund, if its goal is reached, will provide $1\frac{1}{3}$ more money for relief agencies in 1932 than in 1931 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as in 1929.

Passage of the one mill levy and a successful Community Fund campaign are both necessary to meet the 1932 relief emergency.

2. In addition to the above, the county's relief program for 1932 includes:
 - (a) 1,000 mothers, giving care to approximately 4,000 fatherless children, supported by the Mothers Pension Department of the Juvenile Court.
 - (b) 1,200 dependent and neglected children placed in foster homes and supervised by the County Child Welfare Board.
 - (c) Needy ex-service men including Civil War, Spanish-American and World War veterans and their dependents.
 - (d) Blind persons without means of supporting themselves.
 - (e) Persons suffering from tuberculosis, unable to meet the costs of necessary hospitalization and medical services.
 - (f) Persons mentally ill and unable to pay for care, awaiting commitment to the State Asylums.
 - (g) Children of workhouse prisoners, defense of indigent prisoners, adult probation.

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Oct. 27, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hilla Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th.-Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 26
and accompanying statement endorsing the one mill tax
levy for use in the newspapers.

This is very much appreciated by our Citizens
Committee.

Yours very truly,

COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

James L. E. Jappe
Secretary

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City of Cleveland

Office of the Mayor

December 29, 1931

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of Acting Mayor Harold H. Burton I am inviting you to attend a meeting at the Cleveland City Hall, in the Council Committee Room on the second floor, at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, December 31st, to discuss important employment proposals.

The Mayor and I will very much appreciate your attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Hamilton

Not present

Peter Witt for Mayor

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December 30, 1931

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
Temple Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:-

Your position as a Liberal is so well established that to even suggest a reason for your support of Peter Witt would appear to me to be superfluous.

You must realize that while institutions mould men, in the beginning men make institutions.

What Cleveland of the future is to be under our new form of government depends largely on the direction it receives from its first Chief Executive.

Dealing with realities and not theories, Liberals of Cleveland are now in a position to make of the city of Cleveland something nearer to their hearts desire.

The cost of bringing Peter Witt home to the people through various mediums such as radio, advertising, organizing of Ward clubs, etc.. etc. is costly even in these days of depression.

A contribution as liberal as you can make it is solicited.

Respectfully yours,



Treasurer

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
ACTING MAYOR
ALBERT I. CORNSWEET
SECRETARY

February 11, 1932.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Cleveland, on February 22d, begins its observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, joining with cities and towns throughout the nation in a general program extending from Washington's Birthday to Thanksgiving.

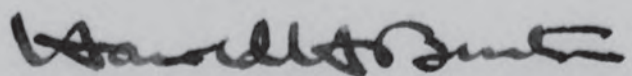
The United States Government is leading this nation-wide observance. Enthusiastically cooperating, are patriotic societies, service clubs, and all organizations and individuals interested in the well-being and stability of America.

Today I am naming a Citizens' Committee of representative men and women for Cleveland's program in the Washington Bicentennial Celebration. I take pleasure in appointing you to this committee and ask you to be present, if possible, at the Community Luncheon in Hotel Statler, February 22d, 11:30 A. M.

This will be the first assembling of the Citizens' Committee, as well as the staging of a stirring patriotic program. Hon. Newton D. Baker will speak on "George Washington". Plans for and purposes of Cleveland's participation in the national observance will be outlined by the writer. The Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Cleveland Grays are conducting this meeting, with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Advertising Club, and the Mayor's Committee.

A large attendance is certain, making the purchase of tickets, (\$1) in advance, imperative. Please get your ticket at once from Fred Sowers, Rotary Club, 218 Hotel Statler. If you order by mail, please accompany your \$1 with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Yours sincerely,


Acting Mayor

Office of the Secretary
2117 Adelbert Road
Cleveland, Ohio.
March 24, 1932.

To members of the group
attending the meeting at
the Cleveland Club last
night:

You will remember that a resolution was
passed unanimously last night, declaring that each person
present at the meeting would do everything he possibly could
to persuade members of the State Legislature to enact legis-
lation providing for relief in the present emergency. The
resolution included the promise to write letters to members
of the delegation from Cuyahoga County. For your convenience,
a list of the Cuyahoga County delegation is attached.

Sincerely yours,



Senate

Joseph N. Ackerman
William A. Greenlund
L. L. Marshall
Laurence H. Norton
James A. Reynolds

Standard Bank Building
Williamson Building
Engineers Building
Hanna Building
Ulmer Building

House

Lester J. Abele
Martin E. Blum
Joseph E. Cassidy
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Mrs. Sarah E. Hyre
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John F. Smolka
Herman L. Vail
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114 Engineers Building
13706 McElhatton Avenue
15333 Lake Shore Boulevard.
3097 Becket Road
809 Society for Savings Building
1405 Guarantee Title Building
17906 Dillewood Road
1968 Union Trust Building
1404 Standard Bank Building
2082 Waterbury Road, Lakewood.
1669 Union Trust Building
1224 Ontario Street

At the meeting at the Cleveland Club last night to which you were invited by a letter signed jointly by Mrs. Mattingly, Mrs. Webb, and Miss Folckemer, it was agreed to meet again for further thinking on problems of social planning. Will you kindly indicate on this slip, whether you can be present at the meeting?



Please return to:
Miss Margaret Johnson,
2117 Adelbert Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

I shall _____ be present at the meeting at the Cleveland Club at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th. Please make a reservation for dinner (\$1.00) for me.

Signed _____

The Ohio Citizen

APRIL 19, 1932

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civic topics of interest to the citizens of Ohio*

No. 32-1

County Organization and Government in Ohio



THE OHIO INSTITUTE
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Foreword

The county has come to occupy an important place in the system of local government in Ohio. In the last twenty years its activities have greatly expanded and its tax levies have almost quadrupled. Taking the state as a whole, counties are spending approximately \$100,000,000 annually. But, while the cost and activities of the county have undergone a virtual revolution since the opening of the century, its governmental machinery remains in general outlines substantially as it was one hundred years ago, only grown more complicated.

Is this system of county organization effectively meeting the needs of present-day government? In order to answer this question, The Ohio Institute, with the cooperation of the Cincinnati Bureau of Governmental Research, the Dayton Research Association, and the research department of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, undertook a survey of county administration. Nineteen counties were included in the study, affording a cross-section of all sizes and types of Ohio counties. The findings and recommendations resulting from this survey are presented in this leaflet. The full report may be secured on application to The Ohio Institute, 150 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. **County government in Ohio is extremely decentralized.** It consists of from fifteen to twenty separate offices, boards, and commissions, the majority of which are filled by election.

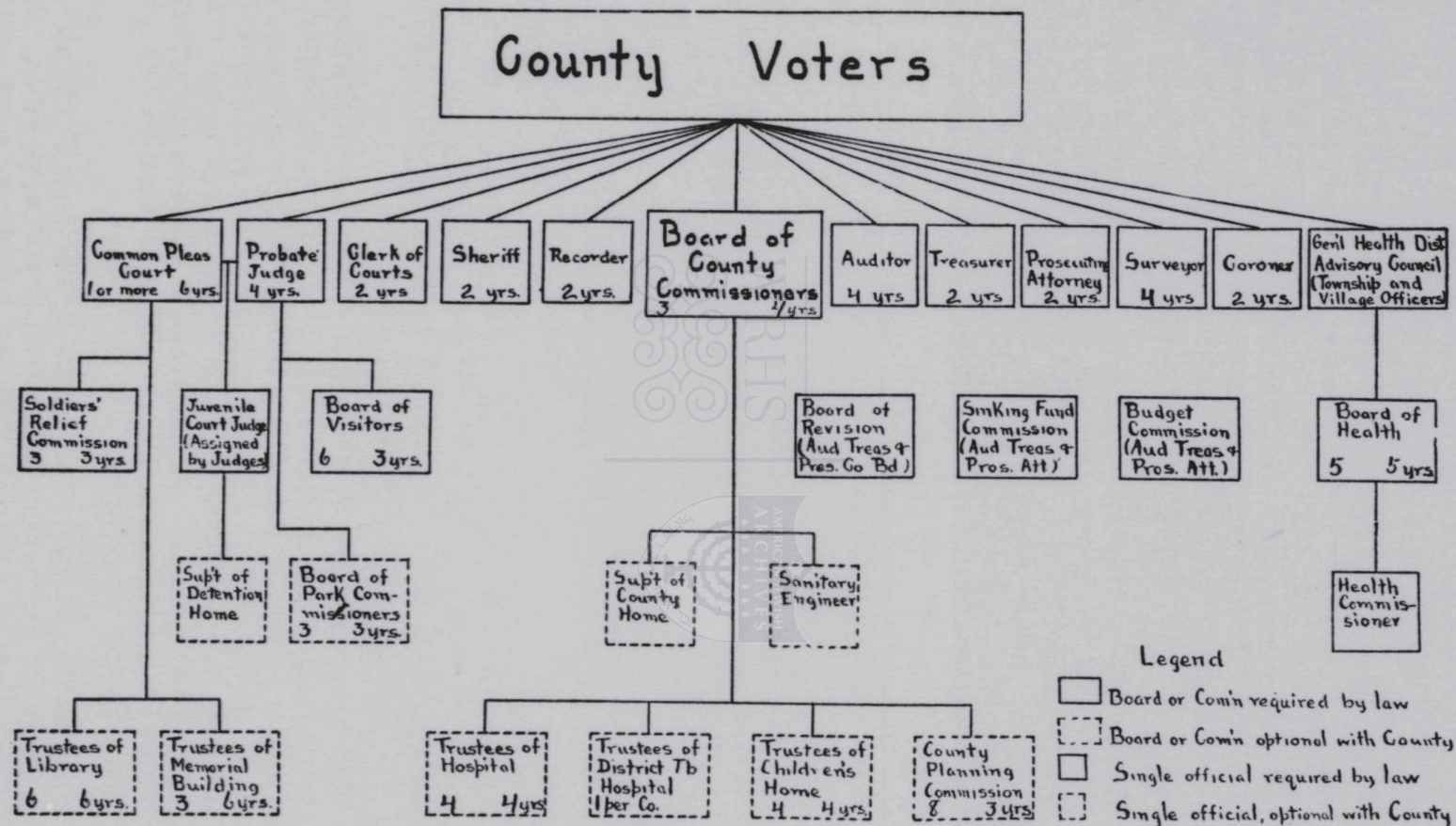
2. **The county has no chief executive officer.** Though the commissioners have some of the functions of such an official, they lack the power to appoint and remove the principal administrative officers, which is necessary to effective control. Because of their election, county officials are not responsible to the commissioners or to any other county authority and the commissioners are somewhat hesitant in exercising such control as they actually possess.

3. **There are a number of cases of overlapping of activities and duplication of work among county offices.** The principal records of the treasurer's office are an exact duplicate of records kept by the auditor. In some counties there is considerable duplication of expenditure accounts among the various offices. The clerical work of the sheriff's office for the most part duplicates work done by the clerk of courts for which the clerk's office is much better suited. The coroner's investigation of suspicious deaths often duplicates and obstructs investigations made by the prosecuting attorney.

4. **In several branches of county service, closely related activities are scattered among entirely separate and independent offices.** Tax administration is divided between the auditor and the treasurer. This interferes with the use of labor-saving machinery in the preparation of tax lists and tax bills and normally blocks a joint use of employees, which would permit a reduction in the size of the force. Welfare activities are scattered among a half dozen separate bodies, thus opening the door for duplication of relief and impeding the development of a county welfare program. In the larger counties public works administration is divided between the surveyor and the sanitary engineer, both of whom require engineering forces. The maintenance of court records is handled by two offices and ordinary recording is scattered among three.

5. **The present uniform system of county organization is especially burdensome and costly in small counties.** The per capita operating expenses of the six offices whose work is the most nearly standardized in character steadily increases as the population of the county falls below 50,000. The per capita cost is between one-fourth and one-fifth greater in the average-sized rural county than in large counties and more than one-third greater in the smallest counties than in the large ones.

This condition is largely explained by the fact that small counties are relatively more heavily staffed than large ones. In proportion to population, auditors' offices are 36 per cent and treasurers' offices 52 per cent more heavily staffed in counties of 20,000 to 30,000 than in counties of 50,000 to 100,000. On the basis of fees earned, which are a good measure of volume of work,



recorders' offices are 41 per cent and clerks of courts' offices 62 per cent more heavily manned in the first group of counties than in the second.

Officers and Employees

1. **The tenure of county officers is relatively short.** A limit of two terms is fixed by the constitution for sheriffs and treasurers and is practically an unwritten law as to other offices in most counties. As a result, the average tenure of elective officers is about four years as compared with from eight to ten years for appointive officers such as county school superintendents, health commissioners, and heads of county institutions.

2. **County officials very commonly have had little or no experience directly fitting them for the duties of the offices they hold.** In the 19 counties studied, a majority of the officials had had no previous connection with the offices they direct, and most of those without such experience had not held positions affording definite training for these offices. Of 35 sheriffs as to whom information was secured only 11 had previously served as deputy sheriffs and only 3 others had had police experience. Thirty-one of the 88 coroners are not physicians. Most of the recorders and clerks of courts as to whom the facts were secured had not come from clerical positions. On the other hand, most of the auditors and surveyors had either been employed in the office or had had some generally appropriate experience.

3. **A considerable number of elective officers are not effectively participating in the actual operation of their offices.** This statement does not apply to the average official, but to a substantial number. In large counties the management of an office is often left to a chief deputy. In many cases the elective official lacks the technical skill or knowledge of the duties of his office which are essential to effective performance of his duties. The most extreme examples are furnished by the recorders' office, which is often filled on the basis of sympathy.

4. **The spoils system is dominant in the selection of employees in elective county offices.** In only a few such offices in the entire state are employees in the classified civil service.

5. **A practically complete change of employees normally follows a change of party and in rural counties generally accompanies a change of official even though the party remains the same.** About half the treasurers, recorders, and clerks of courts report that none of their employees has been held over from the preceding administration. Auditors' offices, however, generally contain a fair proportion of old employees.

6. **In the rural counties examined, the majority of persons employed in the elective offices had not come from employments providing direct training for their present duties.** A majority of the employees in the clerical offices had not been clerical workers. Of 43 deputy sheriffs only 10 had had previous police experience either within or outside the sheriff's office.

7. **The number of employees in elective county offices is frequently excessive.** According to standards in large counties, rural counties are very heavily staffed. A comparison of counties of similar size and type also reveals many cases of over-staffing.

Financial Administration

1. **County budget and appropriation practice is generally unsatisfactory.** An examination of methods in 19 counties indicates that in a considerable number of counties the budget and appropriation system is little more than a matter of form. Budgets are adopted in practically all counties, but in some they are very sketchy and in many others they receive only casual attention from the commissioners. The appropriation resolution normally receives more serious consideration, but custom is primarily relied upon in determining the size of personnel, salary scales, and other requirements of county offices. This practice tends to perpetuate existing levels of expenditures regardless of their necessity.

2. **The machinery for the enforcement of appropriations is very ineffective in many counties.** Among the 19 counties visited, one-fourth either lack a system of appropriation accounts or keep them in such a manner as to make them of little use as an instrument of control. In most of the smaller counties examined, there is also very little provision for preventing obligations being incurred for which no authority has been granted.

3. **In spite of the ineffectiveness of the system of control, counties were comparatively free from floating debt prior to 1931.** This is in part an evidence that, in general, officials did not seek to abuse their freedom and in part a result of the maintenance of substantial fund balances which served as shock-absorbers when offices exceeded their appropriations.

Purchasing

1. **Centralized purchasing is employed by about one-third the counties of the state, but frequently not on an efficient basis.** In most of the counties visited, the central purchasing agency has not set up standard specifications for the chief commodities used and does not pool the purchasing for the different agencies except as to staple office supplies and often gasoline. Major items, such as coal, food, and institutional supplies, are usually bought separately for the various units. One large county with so-called centralized purchasing bought coal from ten different dealers within a three months' period.

2. **Large-scale buying is not usual.** In most counties each office purchases its own supplies, largely on a hand-to-mouth basis. Coal, gasoline, food, and other commodities used in large amounts by several county agencies are usually purchased separately for each, though in some cases coal and gasoline are bought in quantity by a single unit. Frequently, the sheriff is paying filling station prices for gasoline when the surveyor is buying in quantity at from two to four cents under station rates. A great deal of purchasing is being done at retail which could be done at wholesale.

3. **Most buying is done without competitive bidding even in the case of large purchases.**

CONCLUSIONS

1. **The basic cause of county inefficiency is poor organization.** The fault is not with county officials, who are usually an honest and conscientious group representative of their communities. Neither is it primarily with existing legislation governing county procedure.

2. **A thorough reorganization of county government is needed, embodying the following principal features:**

- a. **The reduction of the number of offices and boards by grouping activities into a few departments on the basis of function.**
- b. **The creation of a chief executive officer.**
- c. **The choice of ordinary administrative officers by appointment.**
- d. **The provision of sufficient flexibility to permit the adjustment of county organization to the needs of counties of different sizes and types.**

A grouping of activities into a few departments would simplify the county organization and frequently permit a reduction in the number of employees. It would also bring together related activities now scattered among various independent offices and boards, as in the cases of welfare and tax administration, and provide a definite, responsible head for each branch of county service.

The creation of a chief executive officer is needed to simplify the task of popular control over county administration, which is made exceedingly difficult by the present complicated and headless organization. From the administrative standpoint, an executive head with powers of appointment and removal is needed both to bind the organization together and stimulate the efficiency of the various administrative officials. Six years' experience under the budget law also demonstrates the importance of a chief executive in securing real financial planning and control. Partially because the various officials are not responsible to the board of county commissioners and partially because of the political influence wielded by elective officers, the commissioners have often failed to make effective use of their budget authority. The absence of an executive head has likewise hampered the adoption of more economical purchasing methods. The creation of a chief executive would not increase salary expenses, as he would relieve the commissioners of most of their administrative duties, thus warranting a reduction in their salaries, and in the ordinary county would also head one of the major departments.

The appointment of administrative officers below the chief executive is necessary if the various services are to be brought under effective control. Without such a change county government will remain a headless collection of more or less independent

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offices. Rather than to limit popular control over county affairs, the reduction in the number of elective officers would tend to increase it. The long county ballot has been a source of confusion and blind voting. Experience indicates that on the whole better results can be had by leaving the choice of most administrative officials to the chief executive and holding him accountable for the general conduct of the administration. The choice of the commissioners, who have the determination of county policies, should of course remain with the voters.

The necessity of getting away from the present requirement of uniform county organization in a state where counties vary so widely is too obvious to need explanation.

3. **An adequate reorganization of county government necessitates amendment of the state constitution.** The constitution now requires the election of all county officers, which blocks any satisfactory plan of reorganization. Another constitutional provision also raises question as to the possibility of setting up optional plans of organization for different types of counties.

W. R. HOPKINS
CLEVELAND
OHIO

June 13 1932.

Rabbi and Mrs. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friends:-

The Civic Progress League, the central group fostering the Cultural Garden project, will give a dinner on **Wednesday evening**, June 22nd, in honor of two of its officers who have lately been honored by the city of Cleveland.

Mr. Leo Weidenthal, who has been appointed a member of the City Plan Commission, was one of the prime movers in the original establishment and in the later development of the Shakespere Garden and one of the leaders in starting the Cultural Garden project.

Mr. Charles J. Wolfram, who from its organization has been one of the officers of the Civic Progress League and one of its most powerful supporters, has been elected Secretary of the City Plan Commission.

The League has never sought official recognition, but these appointments greatly increase its ability to advance the cultural movement along proper lines and are a just cause for celebration and for a review of accomplishments to date.

I shall be very happy to have you with us on this occasion and especially to have you meet some of the leaders in the groups which have done and are doing so much to advance this unique and beautiful civic movement.

The time will be 7:30 p.m., June 22nd. The place, the Ladies Dining Room of the Cleveland Athletic Club, 1118 Euclid Avenue. I shall be very happy to receive word that you will be able to come.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Hopkins

June
16th
1932.

Mr. W. R. Hopkins,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of June 13th and for the invitation
which you extend to me to attend the dinner meeting
of the Civic Progress League on June 22d.

I should have been very happy to
come but I am scheduled to be in New York City on
the 22d and 23d.

Please convey my heartiest greetings
both to Mr. Leo Weidenthal and to Mr. Charles J.
Wolfgram.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
East 105 th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in asking you to serve as a member of the Committee of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, established for a study of the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Law, with a view to improving its administration as far as possible.

In order that the problem may be considered from all points of view, representatives of the pulpit, of the Bar Association, of employers and employees, and of the public, are being selected to serve as a Committee to recommend appropriate action after thorough investigation. Samuel J. Kornhauser is Chairman of this Committee. He plans on holding a meeting the early part of August.

May we have your cooperation?

Very truly yours,

JH Orgill
President

July 19th, 1932.

Mr. J. H. Orgill, President,
The Cuyahoga County Bar Ass'n.
2025 Guarantee Title Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Orgill:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation of July 18th to join a committee which you are organizing to study the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Law with the view to improve its administration. I shall be very pleased to serve on this committee.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:FS

City of Cleveland

RAY T. MILLER
MAYOR

October 11, 1933.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

October 21st has been definitely fixed by the County Treasurer as the dead line for the payment of taxes.

In the news columns and by editorial comment the daily press has called attention to the plight of political subdivisions directly resulting from the staggering increase of tax delinquencies. Present indications are that this tax collection will be the poorest in the history of this county.

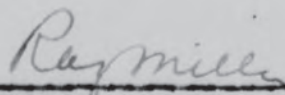
As spokesmen for the three major political subdivisions, we deem it our duty to bring this subject to your attention. We want you to meet with the civic and business representatives of this community for a frank discussion of this impending crisis.

This is the most serious situation which has ever faced the governments in Cuyahoga County and some solution of the problem must be reached.

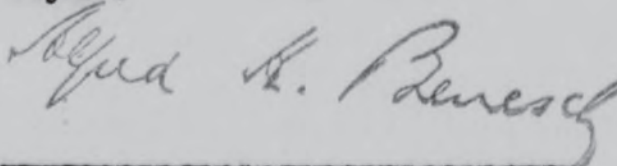
We are, therefore, urging you to attend a meeting which will be held in the Assembly Room of the Board of Education at 11:00 A. M. on October 13th.

This is a real emergency and your counsel and assistance is urgently needed.

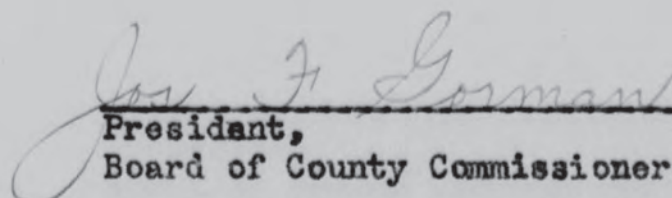
Sincerely yours,



Mayor.



President,
Cleveland Board of Education.



President,
Board of County Commissioners.

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February
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1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

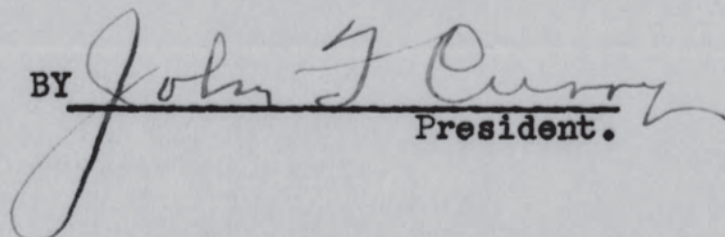
The Board of County Commissioners wish to thank you sincerely for the splendid type of co-operation you displayed during the campaign in behalf of the approval of the 3.2 mill Poor Relief Levy which was voted February 19th, 1935.

Your serious endeavors to make certain that the levy passed proved to be extremely helpful.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY


President.

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City of Cleveland

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 30, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
City

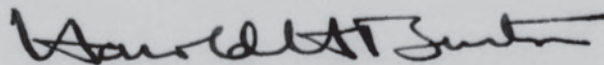
Dear Sir:

By virtue of the Proclamation issued by me today on the occasion of the centennial of Mark Twain, I hereby appoint you as a member of the citizens' committee.

Will you kindly assist in the exercises connected with the unveiling of the bronze bust of Mark Twain which will be held before the American Gardens (of the Cultural Gardens) in Rockefeller Park on Friday, December 6th, at 1:00 P.M.

I also hope that it will be possible for you to attend part of the observance to be held in the lecture hall of the Cleveland Museum of Art at 1:30 P.M. on the same day.

Cordially yours



Mayor

City of Cleveland

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

July 8, 1936.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Cleveland is developing a genuine interest and a great following in the field of music which presents an important opportunity.

Several leaders in this field have suggested that we hold in 1937 a "Cleveland Music Festival", with the hope and plan that it will later become an annual event commanding world-wide attention and support. As the leading musical center in the Middle West, it seems to me that we have this opportunity if we use the proper perspective and build a proper foundation.

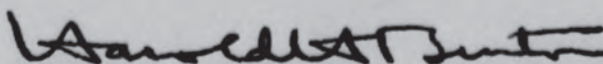
It is suggested that we present five concerts in the Public Auditorium during the last week in April or the first week in May of 1937. The most famous soloists in the world are to be sought as artists to appear with our choruses and with the Cleveland Orchestra under the leadership of Dr. Artur Rodzinski.

Those giving special attention to this project have reached the conclusion that Cleveland possesses musical assets of international value. We have an orchestra of growing ability and a director of increasing fame. We have great choruses which already have won world renown. We have splendid facilities for seating thousands of music lovers. All of this means that we have both the opportunity and obligation to assume leadership in this part of the country in the musical field.

In order to help this project, I am asking you to serve as a member of the Cleveland Music Festival Committee of approximately one hundred members, and hope you will grant this request. I will appreciate your reply, but in any event, for your convenience, an early telephone call will be made on my behalf inquiring whether we may have your acceptance.

There will be a short organization meeting of the committee in the Mayor's reception room at the Cleveland City Hall, Monday, July 13th, at 4 P.M.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor

HNB:H

July 14, 1936

The Honorable Mayor Harold H. Burton,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Mayor Burton:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of
July 8. Rabbi Silver is spending the summer in Europe
and will be gone until the early part of September.
I have this day forwarded your letter to him.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

LA BAULE, July 26th. 1936.

Mayor Harold H. BURTON,
CLEVELAND,
Ohio,
U.S.A.

My dear Mayor Burton,

Your letter addressed to me dated July 8th. was forwarded to me here.

Of course, I shall be very happy to serve as a member of the Cleveland Music Festival committee which you are organizing. Your project is a splendid one and under your fine leadership, I am confident that it should be most successful.

With all good wishes for a pleasant Summer,

I remain,
very sincerely yours,

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

December 4, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Bratenahl, Ohio.

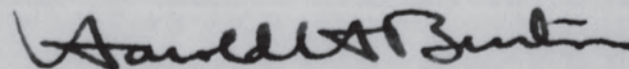
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to thank you for accepting appointment as a member of the Citizens' Committee for the 5.5 mills City Levy. We are proposing a sound financial program and your assistance in presenting it to Cleveland voters will be of significant value.

The members of the Committee will be my guests at luncheon in the Lattice Room, Hotel Statler, Wednesday, December 9th, at 12:30 P. M. I plan to have a full discussion of the City's financial program at this meeting and sincerely hope you will make a special effort to be present.

With personal regards,

Cordially yours,



Mayor

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City of Cleveland
Office of the Council

216 City Hall

ERNEST J. BOHN
COUNCILMAN 20TH WARD
LAW OFFICE - UNION TRUST BLDG.



COMMITTEES
HOUSING AND SLUM CLEARANCE
CHAIRMAN
UTILITIES
TRANSPORTATION

December 30, 1936

Dear Friend:

The three Federal Low Cost Housing Projects are nearing completion.

Our community can be proud of these demonstrations of well-planned housing and slum clearance projects, and I am sure that an inspection of the projects will not only bear out this contention, but will give a sense of satisfaction to those who have sympathetically supported the program.

I am arranging an inspection tour of the projects for January 6th. We will meet in the Council Chambers at the City Hall at 1:30 o'clock P.M., and will go by bus to the Lakeview-Terrace, Cuthwaite and Cedar-Central Projects, spending from one-half to three-quarters of an hour in each place. We should be able to complete the tour by not later than 4:30.

As it is necessary to make provision for transportation, will you please fill out the enclosed postal card and mail it immediately so that proper arrangements can be made for the comfort of everyone who has been invited.

Consider this not only an unusual opportunity to spend several profitable and interesting hours, but also as a personal invitation to attend.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ernest J. Bohn

CHAIRMAN

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CITY OF CLEVELAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



April 16, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This will confirm the luncheon meeting called
for Tuesday, April 20, 1937, at 1:00 o'clock, in Room 7,
on the Mezzanine of Hotel Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Fred W. Ramsey, Jr.
Fred W. Ramsey

Director of Public Health and
Welfare

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City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

August 7, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

October 8, 1938, marks the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Hay. You will recall him in many ways - among them as a Clevelander who served as private secretary to President Lincoln and as Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Theodore Roosevelt.

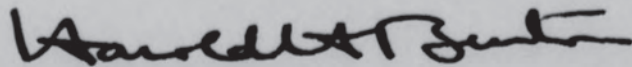
It is proposed that the people of Cleveland join next year in an outstanding civic observance of the centenary of his birth. An early start will make this easier and will insure greater success.

Accordingly, I urgently invite you to meet with me and some of our leading citizens on Tuesday, August 10th at 4:00 P.M. in my office to consider such a plan.

Many Clevelanders already have an active interest in this suggestion, including particularly those who have held commemorative services at John Hay's grave in Lakeview Cemetery each year since his death in 1905.

I hope you will find it possible to attend this preliminary meeting, especially to discuss the formation of a general committee and of necessary sub-committees.

Yours sincerely,


Mayor.

HB:C

Renew the County Welfare Levy

Headquarters — 1900 Euclid Avenue, Room 608 — PProspect 5710

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September 8, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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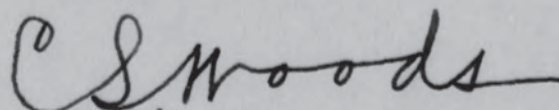
The Organization Committee of the County Welfare Levy met today for the purpose of formulating plans for the campaign which should precede the submission of the renewal levy to the voters in Cuyahoga County, on September 28th, to provide funds for current statutory relief and welfare expenses for the year 1938.

In the past, you have most generously endorsed the County Welfare Levies, and all of us who have participated in these various necessary movements greatly appreciate the help which you have given us. We earnestly hope that you will find it possible again to say a word in support of the levy.

I am pleased to enclose a statement made by Mr. Sweeny, County Budget Commissioner, and Mr. Hehir, his assistant. This is a very significant summary of the Levy.

If Miss Wing, the Secretary of the Committee, or any of us who are participating in the campaign, can be of any possible help to you, please be assured that we shall be glad to be called when you need us.

Yours truly,



C. S. Woods, M. D.,
Chairman.

at the Primaries — Tuesday, September 28th

**The County 2.8 Mill Tax Renewal Levy Proposal
For Relief And Welfare Purposes, To be Submitted
To The Electorate September 28, 1937.**

On September 28, 1937, the Board of County Commissioners will submit to the voters the question of approving a 2.8 mill Tax Renewal Levy Proposal, the proceeds of which will be used for welfare and relief purposes.

The purpose of this renewal levy proposal is to provide funds to meet the annually recurring costs of such county services as caring for tuberculosis sufferers, feeble-minded patients, blind persons, homeless, crippled and dependent children, ex-service men, indigent sick as well as the paupers, permanently disabled and indigent transients in the County. Blind persons, homeless, crippled and dependent children are now partially financed by the State and Federal Governments in accordance with the provisions of Federal and State Social Security Acts.

How the County proposes to spend the revenue derived from the 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy in 1938 is shown in the following summary table. Actual amounts expended in 1936 and estimated amounts in 1937 are also shown.

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Aid to Dependent Children	929,312.34	1,117,443.00	1,321,905.00
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	308,559.71	253,830.00	330,090.00
Care of Paupers, Permanently Disabled, Transient Families and single Women	-	98,000.00	266,000.00
Infirm Aged Men	-	54,600.00	99,200.00
Care of Indigent Sick	723,341.02	650,000.00	740,703.00
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(See Appendix for detail)

The estimated total requirement for relief and welfare in 1938 is \$6,459,014.40. This amount is \$283,736.48 less than the estimated expenditure in 1937 and \$71,123.04 more than the actual relief and welfare expenditure in 1936.

It will be noted that the County is making no provision to contribute towards temporary family relief in 1937. As cited on numerous occasions in the past, the Board of County Commissioners hold that the financial responsibility for providing relief to families or persons classified as temporary relief cases rests primarily with the State of Ohio and the municipality involved. It is the State and Municipal function to develop financial plans to insure the proper handling of the temporary family relief problem. Since May 1, 1937, in accordance with law, there has been a segregation of legal and financial responsibility in connection with the relief problem in Cuyahoga County. Municipalities are responsible for the relief of those families or persons classified as temporary relief cases and the County is responsible for such relief cases which involve paupers, permanently disabled, transient families and transient single persons. The estimated cost of financing this type of county responsibility in 1938 is \$365,200.00.

With reference to Housing Relief Clients in 1938, the County plans the financing of this function with county funds only for the months of January and February. House Bill #511 which authorizes county expenditures for this type of relief expires the last day of February. If Housing Relief Clients is to be financed beyond February, 1938, House Bill #511 must be reenacted and municipalities must assume financial responsibility of housing those families and persons classified as temporary relief cases.

The amount proposed to be spent for the Aid to Dependent Children in 1938 reflects the increased number of cases that are eligible to qualify under the Federal and State Acts. It is estimated that the Federal and State Governments will contribute \$558,298.50 towards the estimated total cost of \$1,321,905.00 for Aid to Dependent Children in 1938.

The seriousness of the voters not approving the 2.8 mill Tax Renewal Levy on September 28th is reflected in the summary comparison of 1936 and 1937 general fund and relief and welfare revenue with 1938 anticipated receipts.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
Cash Balance January 1st	\$ 194,472.53	\$ 29,462.04	\$ -
Property Tax	1,886,533.70	2,191,757.00	2,045,476.64
Sales Tax 1936	-	205,942.25	-
Sales Tax	1,754,495.45	1,543,488.87	1,700,000.00
Depository Interest	51,807.56	40,000.00	40,000.00
Fees County Offices	979,519.30	750,000.00	850,000.00
Fees Sales Tax	5,542.00	7,233.00	7,000.00
Reimbursement - Board of Elections	59,669.41	205,272.41	47,871.50
Miscellaneous	130,151.48	100,000.00	100,000.00
Sub-total	\$5,062,191.43	\$5,073,155.57	\$4,790,348.14

WELFARE AND RELIEF RECEIPTS

Cash Balance January 1st	493,625.65	422,317.15	-
General Property Tax (3.5 mill levy in 1936 & 2.8 Mill in 1937)	5,762,842.57	4,750,053.26	-
Diversion of Road Funds	517,718.00	-	-
State & Federal Social Security Funds	252,979.38	571,676.00	621,734.10
State & Federal Social Security Funds 1936	-	6,564.90	-
Miscellaneous	15.00	-	-
Sub-total	\$7,027,180.60	\$5,750,611.31	\$ 621,734.10
Less: Unpaid Bills	304,950.86	-	-
Frozen Accounts	110,378.60	-	-
Scrip Retirement	619,879.00	-	154,968.80
	\$1, 035,208.46	-	\$ 154,968.80
GRAND TOTAL	\$11, 054,163.57	\$10,823,766.88	\$5,257,113.44

Expenditures

County Operating	4, 214,493.02	4,081,016.00	4,001,931.60
Relief & Welfare	6,387,891.36	6,742,750.88	6,459,014.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,602,384.38	\$10,823,766.88	\$10,460,946.00

1938 Estimated Requirements in excess of estimated receipts. \$5,203,832.56

Proposed 2.8 mill relief and welfare renewal levy @ 100% collection. 4,849,433.00

Deficit that must be absorbed by amounts anticipated to be collected in excess of tax levy rates as well as economies in County operation.

354,399.56

It is evident from the above that even though the 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy is approved by the voters September 28th, the total estimated receipts for 1938 are \$354,399.56 less than the estimated requirements for County Operation and Welfare.

The proposed expenditure of \$4,001,931.60 for County Operation involves the financing of the Courts, office of the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Coroner, Sheriff, Engineer, Commissioners and Clerk of Courts, as well as the upkeep of County Buildings and other operating functions. The estimated expenditure of \$6,459,014.40 is to be used exclusively for relief and welfare purposes.

Included in the amount \$2,045,476.64 estimated to be derived from 1938 General Property Tax in the General Fund is the consideration of refunding General Purpose bonds amounting to \$921,808.00.

Should the proposed 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy be defeated September 28th, the County will have only \$5,257,113.44 to meet a total requirement of \$10,460,946.00. The defeat of the levy will likely jeopardize the expected receipt of State and Federal Social Security funds amounting to \$621,734.10 in 1938.

Further, the defeat of the proposed renewal levy will cause a financial breakdown in County Operation as well as relief and welfare. A choice will have to be made between financing the cost of operating the courts or financing the care of tuberculosis patients; a choice will have to be made between the financing of the Recorder's, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff's, Auditor's, Treasurer's and Engineer's offices or financing the care of homeless, dependent and crippled children; a choice will have to be made whether it is better to finance the upkeep of county buildings or finance the needs of indigent ex-service men and their families; a choice will have to be made whether elections should be financed in 1938, or feebleminded, non-adjudicated insane persons and blind persons in need should be cared for. In order to avoid confusion in county financing and in order to eliminate the possibility of detrimental social consequences in this county, this community should approve the 2.8 mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy on September 28, 1937.

The approval of the 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy by the voters will not increase the County Tax Rate in 1938. This fact is shown in the following table:

Fund	1937		1938 Proposed	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Debt	\$1,944,821.00	1.1232	\$1,845,555.00	1.0656
General	2,086,457.00	1.2050	2,055,466.00	1.1868
Relief and Welfare	4,848,200.00	2.8000	4,849,433.00	2.8000
Road and Bridge	34,630.00	0.0200	34,639.00	0.0200
Parks	259,725.00	0.1500	259,791.00	0.1500
	<u>\$9,173,833.00</u>	<u>5.2982</u>	<u>\$9,044,884.00</u>	<u>5.2224</u>
County Tax Valuation 1937	-	\$1,731,499,940.00		
1938	-	\$1,731,940,060.00		

It is estimated that the Real Estate, Public Utilities and Tangible Personal property taxpayers will be taxed \$9,044,884.00 in 1938 for the support of County Government as compared with \$9,173,833.00 in 1937. Property taxes levied to carry on the functions of County Government will have decreased from \$13,523,326.00 in 1931 to an estimated property taxation of \$9,044,884.00 in 1938. This reduction is shown in the table below:

	Total County Tax Rate	Amount Levied
1931	4.6395	\$13,523,326
1932	5.4310	12,859,464
1933	5.3874	11,233,645
1934	5.8265	10,303,675
1935	6.0377	10,651,459
1936	6.5205	11,288,440
1937	5.2982	9,173,833
1938	5.2224	9,044,884

Renew the County Welfare Levy

Headquarters — 1900 Euclid Avenue, Room 608 — PProspect 5710

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September 10, 1937

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Why is it when we are in special need we turn to you for help. Yesterday at our meeting of volunteers, when we were organizing all of the woman power in Cuyahoga County to help in the passage of the County Welfare Levy, your name was unanimously selected as the man who could do the most for us by presiding at our meeting. This meeting will be held on September 20th, at 11:00 A. M., in the Red Room of Hotel Cleveland.

We hope to have between five and six hundred women volunteers in attendance. They are coming from the Junior League, the Temple Association, the Women's City Club, the hospitals, the social agencies, and the Catholic Diocese.

We want them to feel as we feel, that unless we secure the 65% affirmative vote on this welfare levy which will be before the voters on September 28th, a great harm will result to the sick and dependent in Cuyahoga County.

We want to make it clear to them that by their cooperation in telephoning their friends or in talking with their groups that a very large affirmative vote may be brought out in the better districts where sometimes people do not exercise their voting power.

The plan of the meeting is to ask you to preside, to say what you will in opening, and to introduce the speakers who will probably be Dr. Henry Busch, Mr. Elwood Fisher, and Mrs. Sexton, and then to close the meeting with an appeal which will send them out tingling for work.

This is a great favor I am asking. I know you are in demand all over the country as well as here and yet the need is so great that I feel we must have you.

Yours cordially,

Virginia R. Wing
at the Primaries — Tuesday, September 28th

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Miscellaneous	15.00	-	-
Sub-total	\$7,027,180.60	\$5,750,611.31	\$ 621,734.10
Less: Unpaid Bills	304,950.86	-	-
Frozen Accounts	110,378.60	-	-
Scrip Retirement	619,879.00	-	154,968.80
	\$1,035,208.46	-	\$ 154,968.80
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,054,163.57	\$10,823,766.88	\$ 5,257,113.44

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
County Operating	\$4,214,493.02	\$4,081,016.00	\$4,001,931.60
Relief & Welfare	<u>6,387,891.36</u>	<u>6,742,750.88</u>	<u>6,459,014.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,602,384.38	\$10,823,766.88	\$10,460,946.00

1938 Estimated Requirements in excess of estimated receipts. \$ 5,203,832.56

Proposed 2.8 mill relief and welfare renewal levy @ 100%
collection. \$ 4,849,433.00

Deficit that must be absorbed by amounts anticipated to be
collected in excess of tax levy rates as well as economics
in County operation 354,399.56

It is evident from the above that even though the 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy is approved by the voters September 28th, the total estimated receipts for 1938 are \$354,399.56 less than the estimated requirements for County Operation and Welfare.

The proposed expenditure of \$4,001,931.60 for County Operation involves the financing of the Courts, office of the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Coroner, Sheriff, Engineer, Commissioners and Clerk of Courts, as well as the upkeep of County Buildings and other operating functions. The estimated expenditure of \$6,459,014.40 is to be used exclusively for relief and welfare purposes.

Included in the amount \$2,045,476.64 estimated to be derived from 1938 General Property Tax in the General Fund is the consideration of refunding General Purpose bonds amounting to \$921,808.00.

Should the proposed 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy be defeated September 28th, the County will have only \$5,257,113.44 to meet a total requirement of \$10,460,946.00. The defeat of the levy will likely jeopardize the expected receipt of State and Federal Social Security funds amounting to \$621,734.10 in 1938.

Further, the defeat of the proposed renewal levy will cause a financial breakdown in County Operation as well as relief and welfare. A choice will have to be made between financing the cost of operating the courts or financing the care of tuberculosis patients; a choice will have to be made between the financing of the Recorder's, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff's, Auditor's, Treasurer's and Engineer's offices or financing the care of homeless, dependent and crippled children; a choice will have to be made whether it is better to finance the upkeep of county buildings or finance the needs of indigent ex-service men and their families; a choice will have to be made whether elections should be financed in 1938 or feeble-minded, non-adjudicated insane persons and blind persons in need should be cared for. In order to avoid confusion in county financing and in order to eliminate the possibility of detrimental social consequences in this county, this community should approve the 2.8 mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy on September 28, 1937.

The approval of the 2.8 Mill Relief and Welfare Renewal Levy by the voters will not increase the County Tax Rate in 1938. This fact is shown in the following table:

Fund	1937		1938 Proposed	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Debt	\$1,944,821.00	1.1232	\$1,845,555.00	1.0656
General	2,086,457.00	1.2050	2,055,466.00	1.1868
Relief and Welfare	4,848,200.00	2.8000	4,849,433.00	2.8000
Road and Bridge	34,630.00	0.0200	34,639.00	0.0200
Parks	259,725.00	0.1500	259,791.00	0.1500
	<u>\$9,173,833.00</u>	<u>5.2982</u>	<u>\$9,044,884.00</u>	<u>5.2224</u>
County Tax Valuation	1937	-	\$1,731,499,940.00	
	1938	-	\$1,731,940,060.00	

It is estimated that the Real Estate, Public Utilities and Tangible Personal property taxpayers will be taxed \$9,044,884.00 in 1938 for the support of County Government as compared with \$9,173,833.00 in 1937. Property taxes levied to carry on the functions of County Government will have decreased from \$13,523,326.00 in 1931 to an estimated property taxation of \$9,044,884.00 in 1938. This reduction is shown in the table below:

	Total County Tax Rate	Amount Levied
1931	4.6395	\$13,523,326
1932	5.4310	12,859,464
1933	5.3874	11,233,645
1934	5.8265	10,303,675
1935	6.0377	10,651,459
1936	6.5205	11,288,440
1937	5.2982	9,173,833
1938	5.2224	9,044,884

Renew the County Welfare Levy

Headquarters — 1900 Euclid Avenue, Room 608 — PProspect 5710

Dr. C. S. Woods, Chairman
W. E. Telzrow, Campaign Manager
Miss Virginia R. Wing, Secretary

September 15, 1937

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Dear Friend:-

The Renewal County Welfare Levy which supplies the funds for the County Welfare services will be submitted to the voters on Tuesday, September 28th, and must have a 65% affirmative vote for passage.

Without the services rendered by the County, the welfare agencies financed by the Community Fund would be unable to meet many of the needs of the unfortunates in our community.

A strenuous campaign is needed in the suburbs to inform the voters who are interested in the welfare of the community that this issue is coming up and to make certain of their affirmative votes. This is necessary since in the City of Cleveland there are candidates and other issues to be voted on but in the suburbs the Renewal Tax Levy is the only issue.

Knowing of your civic interest through your organization relationships and through your personal activities, I am writing to ask your help in a general personal telephone campaign during the last days before the voting.

In order that you may know exactly what the Levy goes to support, we are calling a meeting of representatives of women's organizations and volunteers in Cleveland welfare agencies for Monday, September 20th, at 11:00 o'clock, in the Red Room of Hotel Cleveland. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will preside and Prof. Henry Busch and Mrs. Frank Sexton will speak at this meeting. Material will be available to you and full information regarding the place that your service will fill in a successful campaign.

If you wish to help in the telephone campaign but cannot attend the meeting on September 20th, will you please call Miss Marion Weir--PProspect 5710 for instructions?

Yours truly,

C. S. Woods
C. S. Woods, M. D.,
Chairman.

at the Primaries — Tuesday, September 28th

John Hay Centennial

1857 Union Trust Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

October 4, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, O.

In re John Hay Centenary

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon invitation of Mayor Harold H. Burton there was held in his office on August 10, 1937, an informal meeting of a number of persons interested in the suitable observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Hay, on October 8, 1938. Those present voted to organize a Citizens Committee to be known as "John Hay Centennial Committee" and asked me to serve as temporary chairman. It was thought desirable to formulate promptly plans as to the personnel of such a committee and a general outline of its program so that announcement thereof could be made on October 8, 1937, one year in advance of the celebration.

A meeting of those who are being formally invited to become members of the John Hay Centennial Committee will be held in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, at 4:00 P. M., Friday, October 8, 1937, to receive the report of the Committee on Program and Organization. It is hoped that you may be able to attend, but, if not, the Organization Committee, in constituting the permanent Citizens Committee, will assume your willingness to act thereon if you attended the meeting of August 10, 1937, or if by letter at that time you advised the Mayor of your willingness to serve, or, if not having done either of the foregoing, you will kindly now so advise me by letter.

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Clark
Temporary Chairman
John Hay Centennial Committee

October 6, 1937

Mr. Harold T. Clark,
1857 Union Trust Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Clark:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 4. I shall be very pleased to serve on the John Hay Centennial Committee. I regret, however, that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting on October 8 as I shall be out of the city on that day.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 7, 1937

The Honorable Harold H. Burton,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mayor Burton:

I regret that absence from the city will make it impossible for me to attend the Conference which you are calling for Friday morning, October 8. I am in complete sympathy with the purpose of the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX





ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

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G. H. STAHLER, CLERK

March 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Rd.

Dear Rabbi:

I am directed by the Board of County Commissioners
to transmit to you the enclosed resolution adopted on March 4th,
1938 and to express the personal thanks of each member of the
Board for the splendid aid and cooperation tendered by you in the
recent County Levy Campaign.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By G. H. Stahler
Clerk

R E S O L U T I O N

Of thanks and appreciation to participants in the Special Election of March 1st, at which the County 2.3 Mill Welfare and Relief Levy received an unprecedented approval of 80.2 percent of the electorate.

WHEREAS at the Special Election conducted Tuesday, March 1, 1938, 80 2 percent of those voting approved the 2.3 Mill County Levy issue which provided funds for county statutory welfare and relief, and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented favorable approval of the County Welfare and Relief Levy by the voters reflected to a high degree a thorough understanding and definite consideration of the county's welfare and relief problems, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to publicly recognize the cooperative constructive and wholehearted support in behalf of the successful approval of the County Welfare and Relief Levy and to express thanks and appreciation to all participants for their constructive efforts during the campaign.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that sincere thanks and appreciation are hereby extended to the newspapers of the county; the levy committee; individual campaign workers; leaders and members of civic, educational, religious, welfare, social, political and other groups and labor organizations; and public officials of the cities, villages and townships of the county as well as public officials of the county for their constructive, intelligent and wholehearted efforts during the 2 3 Mill Welfare and Relief Campaign which resulted in bringing to the attention of the electorate the vital importance of the welfare levy to an extent that the levy proposal received the approval of more than eighty percent of the electors at the Special Election conducted March 1, 1938; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to forward copies of this resolution to those whose efforts made possible the successful approval of the 2 3 Mill Welfare and Relief Levy on March 1, 1938.

On Motion of Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Gorman, Reynolds, Curry.
Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Geo. H. Stahler
GEO. H. STAHLER, Clerk.

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Date March 4, 1938.

JTS:K

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

April 13, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

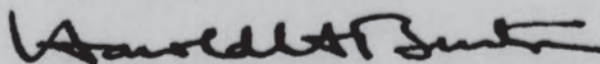
Because we face a serious emergency, I am calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Citizens Emergency Relief Committee to take needed action Saturday, April 16, 1938, at 12:30 P.M. at the Empire Room, Hotel Cleveland. Our entire Citizens Committee will then meet Wednesday, April 20th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Relief food orders have been cut 10% throughout April and all possible reductions made in the relief rolls. Even on this reduced basis all relief funds will be exhausted in Cleveland on or before April 30th. No state funds are now available to us and no authority is vested in our city whereby we can raise by any form of taxation the funds needed for the balance of the year.

A program of state legislation, including the granting of authority to cities to finance about one-half of the relief load for the remainder of the year, will be substantially ready by Friday. It remains for the Governor to call at once a Special Session of the General Assembly and for that Assembly to enact a program covering part of the cost and giving power to the cities to raise some share by taxation.

Essential food, shelter and clothing for over 75,000 destitute Clevelanders is at stake. We must answer this call. I urge you to attend both meetings to learn the facts and take immediate action.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor and
Chairman Citizens Emergency
Relief Committee

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF CLEVELAND CITIZENS EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE YESTERDAY I HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM: CHAIRMAN DR. HENRY M. BUSCH, REV. FERDINAND Q. BLANCHARD, ALEXANDER C. BROWN, HARRIS CREECH, ALBERT DALTON, A. C. ERNST, MRS. L. SCOTT ISHAM, BISHOP JOSEPH SCHREMBS, RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER THIS COMMITTEE IS TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND ALSO MAKE SUCH SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE PRESENT RELIEF CRISIS AS MAY SEEM ADVISABLE STOP THE CITY WILL SUPPLY ALL INFORMATION POSSIBLE AND MAKE ALL FACTS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTIGATION STOP YOUR CHAIRMAN HAS CALLED YOUR FIRST MEETING FOR TOMORROW THURSDAY AT THREE THIRTY PM IN MY OFFICE STOP BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL SUFFERING INVOLVED AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES I URGE YOU TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE PRIORITY TO THIS APPEAL OVER ALL OTHER MATTERS=

HAROLD H BURTON MAYOR.

CLEVELAND COLLEGE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
HENRY M. BUSCH

May 11, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the meeting at Mahler Hall on Sunday night. I regret that I have a previous engagement for that night, but I do not believe it is an unalterable one, and if I find any possibility of shifting dates, I shall certainly attend the Samuel meeting.

May I take this opportunity of conveying to you a request made by the Citizens Committee of Nine? The Committee voted the other day to authorize the chairman to appoint one or two individuals to see the Governor in Columbus for the purpose of presenting to him, tellingly and tactfully, the real situation which has caused so much suffering to about 75,000 men, women, and children in this city. Bishop Schrembs was at the meeting and it was the unanimous opinion of the group that he should be one of the small delegation to see Governor Davey. The Bishop very kindly consented to make the trip. It is our thought that the committee ought to be kept as small as possible and that all publicity should be avoided.

We were unanimous in our feeling that you would be an admirable person to accompany Bishop Schrembs to present the cause to the Governor.

The whole situation has been so complicated with charges, & recriminations, that the Committee feel that only the good offices of people like the Bishop and yourself can influence the Governor in this highly dangerous situation.

As you know, there are no funds to finance the activities of the Committee, and what we are doing is inviting you to spend your time, energy, and money on

behalf of the public good. I am embarrassed to state this so frankly, but that is the situation.



I earnestly hope that you will accept this appointment and that you will communicate with Bishop Schrembs to arrange the trip at your mutual convenience.

He can arrange the interview with Governor Davey, and the probability is that the conference should be held on or about May 16, which the Governor has set as the date of convocation of the special session.

I know I do not need to emphasize the urgency of this situation, nor to point out that not only the members of the Committee but the entire public will have reason to be grateful to you for anything you may do in behalf of the people on relief.

With good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

 
Henry M. Busch
Henry M. Busch

HMB:ES

ALEXANDER C. BROWN

1460 UNION TRUST BUILDING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 13, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the meeting of the Citizens' Committee of Nine at the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon, at which I was acting chairman, the question was raised as to the authority of the city of Cleveland to levy taxes of some kinds. This point was thoroughly discussed and Director Clum was requested to make a report to the Committee at its next meeting on this subject.

In view of the fact that we will not have the legal opinion from Director Clum until next Monday, I have taken the liberty of requesting Mayor Burton to make a change in paragraph four of the "Statement of the Citizens' Committee of Nine" dated May 12, when transmitting this statement to the members of the General Assembly, together with copies of his radio address.

With this change, the words "and the city has no authority to levy taxes" would be omitted from paragraph four and the first sentence would read as follows: "There are no funds in the city budget adequate to meet this need, and no substantial sources of revenue are now available."

Very truly yours,

Alex C. Brown

ACB:MZ

Heights Christian Church

S. MORELAND, AVALON AND DALEFORD ROADS

Shaker Heights

PASTOR

DR. ARTHUR J. CULLER

PHONE, LONGACRE 4800
RES., LONGACRE 3330

September 19, 1938.

Dear Fellow Minister:

On October 8th America will observe the centennial of the birth of John Hay, famous statesman and author. Because of his intimate relation with Cleveland the John Hay Centennial Committee of which Mayor Burton is Honorary Chairman, the Hon. James R. Garfield, Henry G. Dalton and William G. Mather, Honorary Vice-chairmen and Mr. Harold T. Clark, Chairman, is planning a modest and fitting celebration the week of October 2nd to 8th.

On Sunday October 2nd at 2:30 there will be appropriate services at the grave in Lakeview Cemetery conducted by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy. During the following week recognition is being given in the schools of our city. On Saturday afternoon, October 8th, Hon. James R. Garfield will make an address at the Lincoln Statue. At this time the B'nai Berith will present a bust of John Hay.

It is the hope of our committee that you will see fit to recognize this celebration in some way, either in the sermon or in a special address to such a meeting as may be feasible. We believe this is in accord with the spirit of our faith. In these days of power diplomacy it is needful to recall the pacific statesmanship of John Hay: his "Open Door" policy in China and prevention of her dismemberment, his many treaties settling disputes in various sections of the world, his plea in behalf of the persecuted Jews in Roumania, his influence in organizing the American Academy of Fine Arts and many other things. We in Cleveland are especially proud of his place in the industrial and cultural history of our city. His fine scholarship, his genial spirit and his dignified bearing are a heritage of which we may be proud.

Our Cleveland Library has prepared a bibliography to assist you should you desire it. This material will be found on the first floor in the Public Reference Room. Inquire for it if you wish it.

We shall greatly appreciate anything you may do in this observance.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Culler

John Hay Centennial Committee
Arthur J. Culler.

The Continued Welfare of Cleveland School Children Depends Upon YOU!

WHY You Should Vote For The One Mill Cleveland School Operating Levy

★

It is a Renewal Levy
and Not a New Tax.

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It does Not Increase
Taxes.

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It is an Operating
Levy and will pro-
vide no more money
next year than your
School had this year.

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It is absolutely vital
to the Education,
Safety and Welfare of
Cleveland's School
Children.

★

If defeated, School
Operations and
activities must be
curtailed.

★

It amounts to only
\$1 on each thousand
dollars of property
valuation — \$3 per
year on a three thou-
sand dollar home,
less than six cents a
week.

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Renewal of this Levy
will Not Increase
present Taxes one
cent.



The One Mill Cleveland School Levy Committee

312 Auditorium Building

CLEVELAND

TELEPHONE, CHERRY 4144

ROY T. DEAL, CHAIRMAN

October 20, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The continued operation of the Cleveland school system on a normal basis depends upon the passage of a one mill levy which is up for renewal at the regular election on November 8th.

I think you will agree with me that the progress of Cleveland is closely interwoven with the welfare of the schools. Anything which injures the schools will injure Cleveland.

It is absolutely vital to the schools that adequate finances be provided for the present normal operation.

As one who has taken a leading role in civic affairs, you will be interested in the enclosed statement giving the reasons for the support of the one mill levy.

I hope you will read it, and that you will see fit to continue the support which you have so generously given the schools at other times.

Assuring you of our sincere appreciation, I am

Very truly yours,

Roy T. Deal
Chairman

THE CONTINUED WELFARE OF CLEVELAND SCHOOL CHILDREN DEPENDS UPON YOU

- - VOTE FOR - - -

THE ONE MILL CLEVELAND SCHOOL RENEWAL LEVY, NOVEMBER 8

Vote for the Cleveland School Levy because:

1. Vital public school services depend upon it.

This one mill school levy first was approved by the voters of Cleveland in 1928 and was renewed for a second five-year period in 1933. It provides about \$1,200,000 of the necessary funds for school operating purposes. This amounts to \$1 per thousand of property valuation -- \$3 per year on a \$3000 home, or less than six cents a week for the average home owner. The elimination of many essential school activities directly affecting the welfare of all Cleveland school children will result if the levy is not approved.

2. It is a renewal levy only.

This levy has been approved twice before by the citizens of Cleveland and never rejected. It is not a new tax. Under the law it must be submitted again at the time it expires five years hence.

3. It will not increase taxes.

The approval of this levy will not increase your taxes. It is a part of your tax bill this year. Renewal of the one mill levy will merely continue this present charge against real estate and public utilities. It will give the schools next year no more money than they had this year.

4. The health and safety of our children depend upon it.

Continued health, safety and welfare of our school children, no less than their progressive educational training, depend upon keeping the public schools operating normally. Not only would classroom instruction be placed on a restricted basis by failure of the one mill levy to obtain enough votes for passage, but numerous other services now performed by our school system would of necessity be sharply curtailed or abandoned. These services include school dispensaries, dental clinics, a program of physical education and athletic events, and special projects in art, music, journalism and dramatics, in all of which Cleveland has gained national prominence. To finance these and other regular

4. Continued.

school activities during the next five years the levy must pass.

5. Continuation of high teaching standards depends upon it.

Cleveland school teachers now are working for less than their base salary schedule which for some years has been among the lowest of the largest cities in the United States. In the absence of renewal of the one mill levy all operating expenses would be cut 10 per cent or more. No progressive city can afford to neglect its schools or risk impairment of the efficiency and morale of its teachers. Insist that your child be given a proper start in life. Your vote for the school levy on November 8 will be a step in the right direction. Cleveland public schools MUST NOT be permitted to decline in character and efficiency.

6. The progress of our city depends upon it.

A careful analysis of anticipated needs shows that continuation of the present school income is essential to ordinary operation. Your taxes will not be increased by this levy. The needs are serious and real, affecting the lives of children in the thousands of homes throughout the city. Cleveland schools are regarded as among the finest in the country. It is up to you to prove your pride in your city by voting to maintain the high standards of its schools and to protect the best interests of Cleveland's 136,000 school children.

Keep the public schools in normal operation.

Insist that your child be given a proper start in life.

Vote "FOR" the one mill Cleveland school renewal levy.

The One Mill Cleveland School Levy Committee
312 Auditorium Bldg.
Cleveland

Roy T. Deal, Chairman

City of Cleveland

March 2, 1939.

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Knowing your interest in the reputation of Cleveland and in dependable city government, conducted economically, we ask you to join our Citizens Committee for the 1939 operating and relief levy to be voted upon Wednesday, March 22nd.

This levy will reduce slightly the now expired 1938 allowance for Cleveland's regular operating services but will add \$2,100,000 as an essential local contribution towards W.P.A. sponsorship and direct relief. This addition is the basis of our claim to federal and state contributions, such as we have been receiving and are seeking.

This levy is for less than 5.7 mills for regular services and about 1.7 mills (that is 17¢ on each \$100 for assessed value) for W.P.A. sponsorship and relief. This will make the total tax rate \$3.02 per \$100. While this will be higher than last year, it will be substantially lower than the \$3.20 rate of 1936.

There is no partisan or political issue. Upon the approval of this levy depends the city's regular police, fire, health, welfare, recreation, garbage and other services. Its defeat also would mean the collapse of much W.P.A. and relief service in Cleveland, thus throwing the burden of the emergency care and safety of the destitute upon the city with no program to provide the necessary funds. The damage to Cleveland would be extreme.

You are needed to help Cleveland understand and meet the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Harold H. Burton

Mayor and Honorary Chairman
Citizens Campaign Committee

A. J. Harrison

Chairman, Citizens Campaign Committee

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City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

March 30, 1939.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

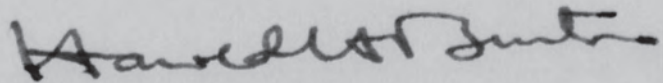
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my personal and official thanks for your service and help as a member of the Citizens Campaign Committee in support of the City Charter Levy.

Our successful campaign gave the voters of Cleveland the true facts and their response is encouraging proof of the soundness of self-government in Cleveland.

I will do my best to carry out the operating and relief program approved at the polls and I welcome your interest in our community affairs in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor.

HHB:JD

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

June 23, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

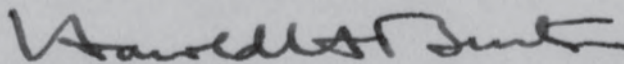
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The City of Cleveland will be host to the Seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exposition July 28th to August 7th, 1939. Sixty or more foreign nations and most of the states of the Union will take part in this great gathering, now being held for the first time in this country. It will focus the attention of the world on Cleveland and be a significant event in the history of our city.

Under these circumstances I am taking the liberty of naming you as a member of a large Citizens Commission to help Cleveland live up to its best reputation for hospitality.

On Friday, June 30th at 3:30 P.M. a meeting of the Citizens Commission will be held in the ballroom of Hotel Statler. I hope you will attend so that we may become better informed as to the plans suggested for doing our part in making this occasion a great success.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor

HHB:JD

June 27, 1939

The Honorable Mayor Harold H. Burton
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mayor Burton:

I regret that it will not be possible
for Rabbi Silver to attend the meeting of the Citizens
Commission on Friday, June 30th. Rabbi Silver left
the city last week for his summer vacation abroad,
and will be gone until September.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

called

City of Cleveland

HAROLD H. BURTON
MAYOR

August 9th, 1939

Dr. A. H. Silver
Ansel Road & East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Friday evening, August 11th, Cleveland's newly completed greenhouse system and Tropical House at Gordon Park will be opened to the public. Following dedication ceremonies at 8:15 P. M., there will be open house the balance of the evening, so that Cleveland citizens may view this new addition to the facilities of Cleveland's Park Department and the many rare plants, shrubs and flowers now available for display.

Mayor Burton takes pleasure in naming you as a member of the Citizens Committee sponsoring the ceremonies of this opening evening, and hopes you and your friends will find it possible to be present at both the speaking program and the conducted tours which will follow.

Through the facilities of W.P.A. and the Department of Parks and Public Property, the City of Cleveland has found it possible to increase its greenhouse facilities from 6000 square feet of buildings up to the present system which places 35,000 square feet of growing plants under glass, including the impressive Tropical House with its rare and beautiful specimens.

Your attendance Friday evening will add much to the interest of the occasion and Mayor Burton hopes you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Ben F. Field

Executive Assistant to the Mayor
in Charge of Public Relations.

County Welfare Levy Campaign

1900 Euclid Ave. . . . Cleveland . . . Prospect 5710

DR. C. S. WOODS, *Chairman*
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September 30, 1939.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The County Commissioners will place on the ballot on Election Day, November 7th, a welfare levy of 3.4 mills to cover the essential welfare services that have been placed on them by act of Legislature.

The County Commissioners have asked me to be chairman of the Citizens Committee whose responsibility it will be to promote the understanding among the people of this levy. We are sure that if its significance is understood it will receive the necessary 65% majority vote. Will you honor me by serving with me on the General Citizens Committee? I need you both because of your representative position and because of the individuals to whom you can explain the essential needs to be met by the money secured.

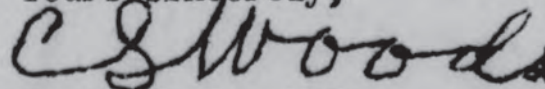
This levy is not new but replaces one that has been in existence for several years. The emergency that would result from the failure of this levy to pass would be extremely serious. It would mean that free hospital beds, bed care for the tuberculous, home care for dependent children, aid to families for ex-service men, service to crippled children and the blind, and other welfare services in the community would be without support, and an extraordinary burden placed on the city of Cleveland and other municipalities in the County as well as added responsibility on Community Fund agencies.

This levy will raise about \$6,000,000 and will make possible the receipt of another million of federal funds for the care of dependent children.

The public has supported similar levies in past years and I believe will support this levy if its purposes are understood.

May I ask you to reply on the enclosed card by Thursday, October 5th, giving me your name as you wish it to appear on our letterhead?

Yours sincerely,



C. S. Woods, M.D.
Chairman.

To be submitted Tuesday, November 7th

County Welfare Levy Campaign

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October 10, 1939.

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To Members of the
General Citizens Committee:

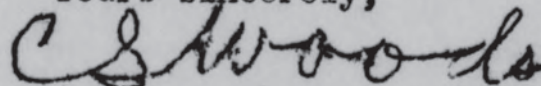
We are very pleased to secure your name on our Committee and want to thank you for working with us. One of the things which you can do that will forward the interest of the campaign is to see that your connections and employees understand the levy and have specific information regarding the way the money is to be spent.

I am enclosing a dodger which we will be glad to furnish you in quantity.

Also, I would be very glad to arrange for a speaker if you know of any groups that need further information.

The emergency that confronts us if the levy fails to pass is so great that I cannot bear to contemplate it. I believe that every man and woman who understands the levy will vote for it, and thus secure our necessary 65%.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. C. S. Woods, Chairman
County Welfare Levy Campaign.

To be submitted Tuesday, November 7th

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CHerry 7940

October 27, 1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
2 East 105 Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On November 7, the voters of the State of Ohio will be presented with two proposed amendments to their Constitution; these amendments are commonly known as the Bigelow Amendments.

If these proposed amendments become part of our Constitution, it would rob our schools, welfare and relief agencies of all state subsidies. It is the purpose of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Committee to defeat these measures. In order to carry out our work, we are striving to honestly present the true facts showing the chaotic results if these amendments are approved.

Knowing you to be interested in the true democratic form of government, we, of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Committee, would be honored if you would accept our invitation to speak on Saturday, November 4th, at 7:15 P.M. over radio station W. T. A. M. for fifteen minutes, in opposition to these vicious amendments.

Will you please phone us at Cherry 7942 - or 7944 - your decision in reference to the above upon receipt of this letter?

Yours very truly,

Francis X. Feighan
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Mgr., Speakers' Bureau.

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Vote "NO" on Both Bigelow Constitutional Amendments Nov. 7th

LIST OF CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE OHIO AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMITTEES

Ohio Farm Equipment Assn.
Ohio Bankers Association
Ohio Manufacturers Assn.
Ohio Assn. of Retail Lumber Dealers
Ohio Coal Conference, Inc.
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Independent Telephone Assn.
Ohio Real Estate Association
Ohio Sand and Gravel Assn.
Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants
Ohio Petroleum Marketers Assn.
Ohio Commercial Secretaries Assn.
Ohio Good Roads Federation
Outdoor Advertising Assn. of Ohio
Ohio Paving Brick Manufacturers Assn.
Ohio Assn. of Chiefs of Police, Inc.
Ohio Assn. of Ice Industries
State Police Chiefs Assn.
Ohio State Pharmaceutical Assn.
Ohio State Assn. of Dyers and Cleaners
Ohio State Automobile Assn.
Ohio State Restaurant Assn.
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Ohio Assn. of Insurance Agents
Insurance Federation of Ohio
Independent Theatre Owners of Ohio
Associated Wholesale Food Distributors of Ohio
Ohio Printers Federation
Ohio Hotels Assn.
Ohio Hardware Assn.
Ohio Gas and Oil Men's Assn.
Ohio Farm Bureau
Ohio State Medical Assn.
Ohio State Grange
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio Contractors Assn.
Ohio Assn. of Life Underwriters
Ohio Dairy Products Assn.
Ohio State Junior Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Public Health Assn.
Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Assn.
Ohio Society for Crippled Children, Inc.
Ohio Education Assn.
Petroleum Industries Committee of Ohio
Ohio Funeral Directors Assn.
Ohio Florists Assn.

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American Legion, Ohio Dept.
Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs
Ohio Farmers' Grain & Supply Assn.
Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers
Ohio Ceramic Industries Assn.
Ohio Assn. of Optometrists
Ohio Assn. of Trade Executives
Ohio Casualty Companies of Ohio
Ohio Milk Producers' Federation
Ohio Bottlers' Assn.
Ohio Linen & Supply Assn.
Ohio Laundryowners' Assn.
Ohio Motor Bus Assn.
Ohio State Dental Society
Ohio Accident & Health Assn.
Ohio Federation of Mutual Insurance Associations
Ohio Hospital Assn.

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Cleveland Church Federation
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Cleveland Convention & Visitors' Bureau, Inc.
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Cuyahoga County Medical Association
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Federation of Women's Clubs
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Insurance Board of Cleveland
Kiwanis Clubs
League of Women Voters
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Women's Civic Club of Cleveland Heights

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Nov. 1, 1939

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached are three clippings from the Oct. 28 issue of The Cleveland Press which Mr. James L. E. Jappe requested me to send you. As you probably know, Mr. Jappe is Cleveland manager of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Committee, organized to oppose both Bigelow amendments.

Mr. Jappe would like very much to have a statement from you outlining your thought on both proposals, if you are so disposed. In case you do choose to comment on this particular issue, will you please advise me when and where I may have your statement picked up by messenger.

It is only a few days before election time hence we would like to have your statement as soon as convenient to you.

Thank you.

Cordially Yours,

E. G. Whitney
E. G. Whitney, Pub. Dir.
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November 8, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
2 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Cuyahoga County Emergency Committee, I wish to thank you for the cooperation you gave in calling attention to the citizens of this county regarding the danger of the two proposed Bigelow Amendments to the constitution.

It was the wholehearted cooperation of outstanding citizens of Ohio like yourself that made it possible to carry the campaign of education to the voters of this county, which resulted in bringing this issue to a successful conclusion.

Respectfully,

James L. E. Jappe
James L. E. Jappe
Manager

Vote "NO" on Both Bigelow Constitutional Amendments Nov. 7th

VOLUNTEER CLEVELAND COMMITTEE
• FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE •
PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION

January 14, 1941

Rev. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A plan is under way, non-partisan and non-political, to make January 20 - the day of the President's inauguration - a day of national rededication to the fundamentals of American freedom.

The day should not, of course, partake of the nature of a public celebration but should be one devoted to sober and thoughtful consideration of the freedoms which we enjoy and the necessities involved in protecting them.

The inauguration of the President - the day when the one elected official who represents all of the people takes office - is symbolical of our democracy under which the people are not the President's followers but he is their President; under which sovereignty is vested in the people.

In Washington the organizers are working through State educational authorities, the Conference of Mayors, farm and labor organizations, etc., to promote this form of national observance.

The task and honor of heading a Voluntary Cleveland Committee for Participation in the President's Inauguration has been delegated to me and I am pleased to ask you, as one of Cleveland's representative citizens, to serve on this local committee.

Two things are planned for such a committee here. Working with the school authorities, provision would be made for school reception of the radio broadcast of the actual ceremonies at the Capitol and of a nationwide broadcast, planned by the national committee, to follow the ceremonies immediately, these broadcasts to be followed or preceded by local schoolroom exercises - readings and recitations, patriotic songs, and talks by local civic leaders or the school principals.

The second form of celebration would be similar evening meetings held under the auspices of local bodies such as fraternal organizations, labor unions, YMCA's, women's clubs and others, to listen to the world broadcast "America Speaks to the World" sponsored by the national committee and to have any form of additional observances desired.

Your prompt acceptance of a place on the Committee to promote observance of this patriotic occasion will be appreciated. Please call me at CHerry 0808.

Sincerely yours,

JW Raper

Yes

J.W.Raper:F



ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN F. CURRY, President
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G. H. STAHLER
Clerk

September 4, 1941

Dear Sir:-

We are asking you to accept membership on our County Welfare Levy Committee and assist us in passing the levy on September 30th by using your influence with relatives, employees and friends to vote FOR the levy.

The levy is for 2.8. It is lower than the one passed two years ago, and will just cover necessary expenses which will include care of orphans, poor sick in hospitals, total dependents, crippled and blind people, ex-service men in need, and those who have tuberculosis and must be in sanatoria to protect you and yours.

Please reply as soon as possible on the enclosed card so we may have your name as a member of our committee and count on your help.

We will send our material to you as soon as it is printed.

Yours sincerely,

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John F. Curry
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City of Cleveland

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
MAYOR

April 6, 1942.

Rabbi Abbi Hillel Silver
E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

While we have been moving forward in our war efforts, I have frequently thought that it would be advisable to create a large committee made up of representative citizens whose principal function it shall be to stimulate patriotic demonstrations and activities throughout the City.

Last Tuesday in the Public Auditorium, we had a successful Civilian Defense Program. Today, we had an Army Day Parade which thrilled the emotions of thousands who saw these Army boys, physically strong and mentally alert, proudly marching in the uniform of our United States. Demonstrations of this character ought not only to be had in the downtown area, but also in every neighborhood of our great City.


The hearts of the people of Cleveland beat in unison in deep devotion to a common cause. We shall not, however, be able to obtain the fullest contribution to our Government from our citizens, unless we enter upon a program that shall daily constitute a reminder of the grim dangers that lie ahead. Having in mind these factors, I have concluded to create the "Cleveland War Committee." This Committee shall be made up of representatives "expressive of the true patriotic soul of Cleveland."

Cleveland has been a leader in the industrial, cultural, and civic development of the Nation. It must likewise be a leader conspicuously distinguishing itself in a unified and patriotic defense of our own Nation and a vigorous offense against the Nations that are seeking our destruction.

Today's assembly of one hundred thousand people in the Public Square has indicated that we ought to create a "War Center" in that area. It is my belief that on the north side of the northwest section of the Public Square there ought to be built a patriotic structure, known as the "Cleveland War Center." In this building of "Red, White, and Blue" there ought to be in attendance persons dealing with war problems. Arrangements ought to be made for the flying of the Flags of the Allied and other sympathetic Nations. If we shall in the future have troops assigned to our City, arrangements might be made with them for the raising and lowering of the Flags each day.

The War Center Building which I have in mind would entail a modest expenditure of not more than \$15,000,00, and it is my hope that it shall be built by contributions from the people of Cleveland. With these objectives in mind, I earnestly request you to accept membership on the Cleveland War Committee. The initial meeting will be held at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 8, 1942, in the West Room of the Mayor's Office. Will you please notify my office, Main 4600, whether you shall or shall not be able to attend.

Very truly yours,


Frank J. Lausche
Mayor.

FJL:H

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September 5, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Friday, Sept. 11, at 12 noon, the Army Show Committee invites you to be its guest at a special luncheon in the Main ballroom of Hotel Statler. We hope that you can make it and hear what a thrill is in store for Greater Cleveland.

Colliers Magazine calls it "Hell at 8:40"--the huge traveling Army War Show that's coming to Cleveland for five consecutive nights starting Sept. 18. With the proceeds going to Army Emergency Relief this highly trained task force puts on a show that is just about the most spine-tingling spectacle you'll ever see---and hear.

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City of Cleveland

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
MAYOR

September 19, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

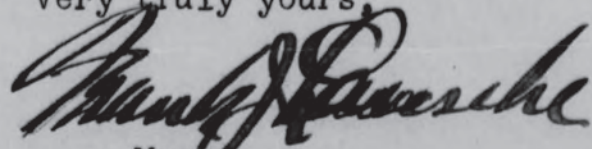
At 7:45 P.M. on September 24th in the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium, the citizens of Cleveland shall have the privilege of listening to an address by Major General Lewis B. Hershey. His appearance at this time in our City is very significant, because employers, workers, and families are in a quandary to understand what the course of the Selective Service officials shall and ought to be as our man power decreases. On the one hand industry is crying for workers, and on the other, the need for more men in the Army and Navy is growing more acute.

Major General Hershey is Director of Selective Service, and is the ultimate authority on the various questions that shall have to be decided by the Nation in regard to man power. I am quite certain that beneficial information will be obtained through his address, and through the answers that he shall give during the question period.

I, therefore, extend to you an invitation to be present at the meeting, and to sit on the stage with the Major General. If you are able to be present, please report to the stage door entrance on the East Sixth Street side of the building.

I will appreciate it if your secretary will call my office, Main 4600, and inform Miss Tratter whether you will be present.

Very truly yours,


Mayor.

FJL:T



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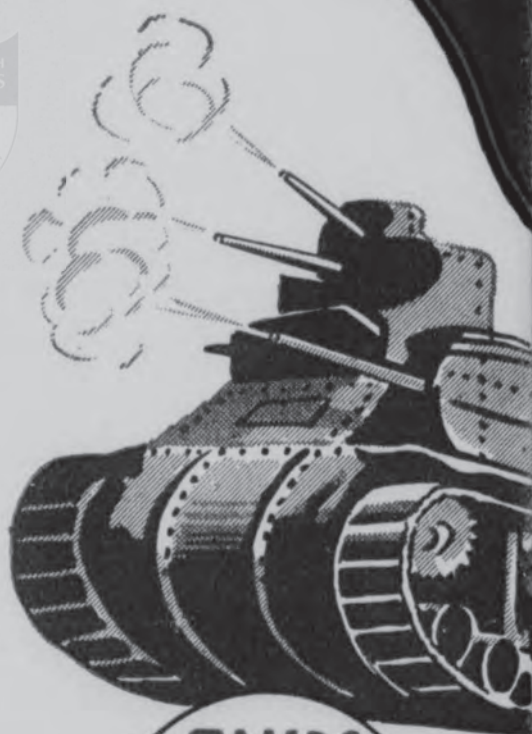
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COUNTY WELFARE LEVY - 1.9 Mills to be voted November 3, 1942

Proper maintenance of county welfare services is of prime importance during this period of all out war effort. The county government cannot administer county welfare services for the benefit of this community unless funds are made available for this purpose.

To assist in financing county statutory welfare and relief during the next two years, the Board of County Commissioners is submitting to the voters of Cuyahoga County a 1.9 mill tax levy proposal to be voted November 3, 1942. The State Law provides that the levy proposal must receive a 65.0 percent vote approval.

In submitting the proposal to the voters, the County Commissioners are acting as agents of the State since the obligation of financing and administering county welfare services is required by State Law. The statutory obligation of the Board of County Commissioners is to care for the unfortunate of the community, persons who are legal responsibilities of those who support county government.

The proposed levy of 1.9 mills represents a continuing provision on a reduced basis for our community's disabled unemployables, for homeless, dependent and crippled children, for the helpless blind, for the needy sick, for the sufferers from tuberculosis, for unemployable ex-service men and for the institutional care of insane and feebleminded. This is the type of humane service which this county has long since recognized must be maintained at all times; in prosperity, in depression and especially during war-time.

LOW WELFARE LEVY

The 1.9 mill welfare levy to be voted November 3rd is considerably less than levies in previous years. In 1939 the voters approved a 3.4 mill welfare and relief levy for the two year period 1940 and 1941. However, the Board of County Commissioners levied only 3.1 mills for 1940 and 2.86 mills for 1941. In 1941 the voters approved and the Board of County Commissioners levied 2.5 mills for 1942 welfare purposes. Adjustment downward in welfare and relief spending since 1940 as well as a revised plan of 1943 county financing explains the comparatively low levy of 1.9 mills which the voters will be required to approve at the November 3rd General Election.

FAILURE OF LEVY SERIOUS

Unless the voters approve the 1.9 mill levy, serious confusion in county financing and welfare administration can result with reaching and disastrous effects on the community.

Minimum operating and welfare expenses in 1943 are estimated at \$10,154,901. Estimated to be available exclusive of the proceeds to be derived from the 1.9 mill welfare levy is \$6,508,670. Included in this amount is \$1,195,000 estimated to be received from the State and Federal Governments for direct relief, aid to dependent and crippled children and aid to the blind. State and Federal funds will be forthcoming to the County only in the event that county money is available to match these funds:

RECEIPTS - 1943

General Fund	\$ 5,233,670
Miscellaneous Welfare Funds	80,000
State & Federal Funds	1,195,000
	<u>\$ 6,508,670</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES - 1943

County Operation	\$ 4,008,490
Welfare	6,146,411
	<u>\$ 10,154,901</u>

Proposed 1.9 Mill Welfare Levy \$ 3,646,231

It is evident that the failure of the voters to approve 1.9 mill levy will develop a major shortage of county funds in 1943. The shortage of the estimated proceeds of the levy amounting to \$3,646,231 plus the loss of \$1,195,000 in Federal and State Funds equals 47.0 percent.

TAXES REDUCED

The County Commissioners cut 1943 Budget Requests of Welfare and Relief Departments from \$7,101,059 to \$6,146,411 a reduction of \$954,648. It also cut requests of county operating departments from \$4,637,129 to \$4,008,490.

The 1943 welfare and relief budget is \$1,585,679 less than the actual expenditures in 1940, \$1,218,348 less than 1941 expenditures and \$610,679 less than the estimated welfare and relief spending in 1942. Total spending by County Operating departments which include the County Auditor, Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Prosecutor, Recorder, Courts of Common Pleas, Municipal and Appeals, Board of Elections and Treasurer has decreased from \$4,287,120 in 1940 to an estimate of \$4,008,490 in 1943.

Applying these reductions in Welfare and Operating expenses since 1940 to an assumed average home owner savings are reflected:

	<u>Valuation</u> <u>House & Lot</u> <u>Tax Duplicate</u>	<u>Tax Rate Per Hundred</u> <u>Dollars of Property</u> <u>Valuation</u>	<u>Taxes to meet County</u> <u>Welfare & Operating</u> <u>Expense</u>
1940	\$ 4,000	\$ 0.42173	\$ 16.87
1941	4,000	0.38938	15.57
1942	4,000	0.35138	14.05
1943 (Est'd)	4,000	0.33547	13.41

The tax rate trend as shown above indicates that property owners in 1943 will pay 20.0 percent less to support county welfare and operating functions than in 1940.

WELFARE BUDGET

The proposed budgeting for welfare and relief purposes in 1943 is shown as follows:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Tuberculosis Patients	\$ 1,425,041
Insane Patients	409,140
Feeble-minded Patients	184,000
Blind Persons	110,060
Homeless & Crippled Children	850,655
Aid to Dependent Children	1,132,700
Children Detention Home	117,470
Juvenile Court	170,380
Aid to Indigent Ex-Service Men	254,440
Unemployables, Permanently Disabled etc., County Relief	913,605
Indigent Sick Persons	360,000
Medical Services Indigents in Homes	9,000
Welfare Employees Retirement Allowance	19,000
Retirement of Delinquent Tax Notes	152,840
Miscellaneous Welfare	38,080
	<u>\$ 6,146,411</u>

An analysis of the above statement shows that 37.0 percent of the total amount proposed to be spent for welfare purposes in 1943 is for the care of dependent, neglected and delinquent children; 23.0 percent for the care of tuberculosis patients; 15.0 percent for unemployables, permanently disabled and indigent persons cared for under the supervision of the County Relief Bureau; 10.0 percent for the care of insane and feeble-minded of Cuyahoga County; and the remaining 15.0 percent for other classifications of welfare services.

PUBLIC MUST APPROVE

During this period of all out war effort it is imperative that the health and welfare of this community be properly safeguarded. The public must make certain that the wall being of helpless, dependent, crippled and neglected children be insured; tuberculosis which during a period of increased industrial activities tends to spread should be properly controlled; and indigent disabled persons as well as those classified as indigent and unemployable should be properly protected. This procedure constitutes the first line of homefront endeavor during this national war emergency. It should be the policy of Civic and Welfare Organizations, newspapers, labor groups and public officials in Cuyahoga County to unite for the purpose of insisting that the unfortunates who need public assistance receive proper consideration. Proper consideration can be given to these persons only in the event that the 1.9 mill welfare levy is approved on November 3rd by 65.0 percent of the electorate.

(Prepared by County Budget Department - October 1, 1942)

City of Cleveland

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
MAYOR

October 7, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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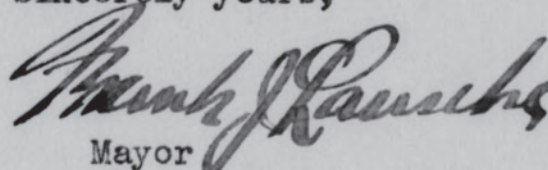
Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I express to you the appreciation of the City of Cleveland for your kind efforts and services so generously given on Sunday, July 19, 1942, in the Donald Gray Gardens.

The people who were in attendance at the out-door programs this past season are sufficient testimony to the success of our endeavors.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Mayor

FJL/E

County Welfare Levy Committee

1016 Engineers Bldg. ♦ Cleveland ♦ CHerry 4186

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October 20, 1942

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
2 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The committee for the County Welfare Levy seeks your support for the favorable passage of the County welfare levy for 1.9 mills which will be voted upon at the general election Tuesday, November 3.

It is important that this levy obtain 65 percent of the votes cast for it to insure its passage. Should the levy fail to pass, County financing faces a critical situation.

We wish to point out to you that the levy of 1.9 mills is considerably less than levies of previous years. A comparison of levies of other years and the wise administration of funds derived therefrom, we are confident will convince you and members of your congregation that our administrators of County financing are rendering a maximum of services at a minimum of cost.

The proposed levy represents a continuous provision on a reduced basis for our community's disabled unemployables, for dependent, neglected, and delinquent children; for crippled children and the physically handicapped; the indigent sick, the blind, the tuberculous, and institutional care for the mentally ill.

It is mandatory upon the Board of County Commissioners that those in need of such care as herein described be provided that care by the county. A higher law than that of the State, however--the law of God--bids us to care for the less fortunate ones.

Of the proposed county budget for 1943, there is 37 percent of it allocated for the care of children; another 23 percent is allocated for the care of the tuberculous.

One has but to read the news from abroad to appreciate the solicitude and the concern that is manifested by our County and the citizens of America for the care of childhood, as

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VOTE FOR THE COUNTY WELFARE LEVY

County Welfare Levy Committee

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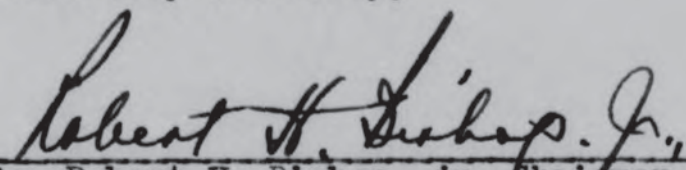
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contrasted with the inhumane treatment of children in the countries of Europe. The recent news item that our Department of State is completing negotiations for the care of 5000 refugee children of Jewish parents in war torn Europe--children whose heritage has been lost; i.e., insofar as records of their parents is concerned, gives us an occasion to be proud of the traditions of America whose hand and heart stretches across the seas to welcome to her shores those children who are the innocent victims of war.

What our department of State is doing for these refugee children is merely a part of our great American tradition abroad. Our own community, in endeavoring to continue that tradition, is providing normal family life in the homes of parents, relatives, or foster homes of the innocent victims of the many causes of broken homes--death or long illness of the breadwinner of the family, immorality, insanity, drunkenness of one or both parents, or plain neglect.

Your personal endorsement in a letter which can be used for publicity purposes and any support which you may wish to lend to our efforts in urging members of your congregation to vote favorably for this levy, we beg to assure you will be deeply appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,


Dr. Robert H. Bishop, jr. Chairman
County Welfare Levy Committee

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VOTE FOR THE COUNTY WELFARE LEVY

PAUL RYAN
19600 SHELBURNE ROAD
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

December 31, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 and Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks to you for your generous assistance in obtaining the passage of the County Welfare Levy.

Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us at this Christmas-time, but especially by those unfortunates who are the recipients of this charitable work.

Please extend to the members of your organization our appreciation for their efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Ryan.

Paul Ryan, Chairman
The County Welfare Levy Committee



COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

PROBATE COURT CLEVELAND, OHIO

NELSON J. BREWER
PROBATE JUDGE

PHILIP E. KNOWLTON
CHIEF CLERK

May 7, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Sunday, May 16, as you undoubtedly know, has been set aside by Presidential proclamation as "I Am An American" Day.

The Cleveland Bar Association is one of the organizations designated to help promote this day to its fullest degree. I feel confident that you will want to help support such a noble cause, and on behalf of the Association I will appreciate it if you will incorporate in your religious services on or close to that date some mention of the occasion, either as the topic of your discussion or in pageant form or in such other manner as you within your good office may deem appropriate.

I will be very happy to hear from you in response to this request.

Respectfully yours,

EllisVRippner/EMM
Public Relations Committee,
The Cleveland Bar Association.

CC: A. V. Abernethy, Sec.,
The Cleveland Bar Association,
Allerton Hotel,
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September 30, 1943

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Wednesday evening, October 27, the Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President of the United States, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting in the Cleveland Public Auditorium under the auspices of Food For Freedom, a national non-partisan, educational organization. Dr. William Allan Neilson, Chairman of the Board of Food For Freedom, will preside.

A Cleveland Committee of Sponsors for the Mass Meeting is being formed.

Your name has been suggested as a public spirited citizen who should be asked to serve on this committee. Therefore, on behalf of Food For Freedom I have the pleasure of inviting you to become a member of the sponsoring committee. For your convenience, if we do not hear from you at the Cleveland conference address below within a week, we shall assume that you wish to be on the Cleveland Committee for the Mass Meeting and that your name may be used on the program.

A luncheon is being planned for the committee members during the second week in October. You will receive an invitation as soon as arrangements have been completed.

We will greatly appreciate your interest and support in helping to make the mass meeting a success.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth C. Morrow
Mrs. Dwight Morrow
Chairman

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November 22, 1943

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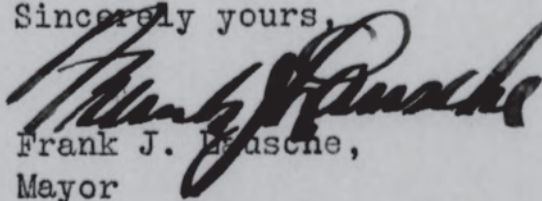
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am asking a group of representative people to meet with me on Tuesday, November 30th, 4:30 P.M., at the Cleveland Advertising Club to hear and discuss plans for the War Prisoners Welfare Campaign to be held December 9 - 12. It would please me very much if you can be present.

This is not a campaign to raise money. The object is to collect used musical instruments, athletic equipment, books and games from homes and organizations throughout Cuyahoga County. Through the International Y.M.C.A. these articles are taken into the prison camps to make life more endurable behind barbed wire. It is a most worthy project, and one in which a very little effort on the part of a great many people will produce great dividends in happiness and good will.

Our meeting on the 30th is just for an hour, 4:30 to 5:30, at which time the project will be explained, both as to the need and the methods by which the collection of articles will be made.

Sincerely yours,


Frank J. Lausche,
Mayor

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CITY OF CLEVELAND

Frank J. Lausche
Mayor

P R O C L A M A T I O N

**Designating Sunday, May 21st, 1944 as
I AM AN AMERICAN DAY IN CLEVELAND**

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, has designated Sunday, May 21, 1944, as I AM AMERICAN DAY, and has urged that that day be set aside as a public occasion for the recognition of all citizens who have attained their majority or who have been naturalized during the past year; and

WHEREAS, a record breaking number of approximately 9,000 men and women have been naturalized during the past twelve months in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, it is our desire to extend the greetings and well wishes of the community at large to our new fellow citizens who have become a part of democracy and have accepted democracy's privileges and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank J. Lausche, as Mayor of the City Cleveland, hereby proclaim Sunday, May 21st, 1944, as I AM AN AMERICAN DAY in Cleveland. I urge the churches, newspapers radio stations, civic and educational organizations of our community to make plans for the proper observance of this day and for the full instruction of future citizens in their duties, opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship in a nation at war.

MAYOR

City of Cleveland

THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

August 14, 1945.

Rev. Abba H. Silver
Rabbi, The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to an ordinance of Cleveland's City Council, I am hereby appointing a Sesqui-centennial Commission. I would be pleased if you would find time to serve on this Commission. I am urging the Co-Chairmen, Charles A. Otis and W. G. Mather, to call the first meeting of the Commission at an early date.

It now appears that the war with Japan is over and 1946 will find Cleveland the only major city in the United States with a bona fide reason for a huge celebration.

Cordially,

Thomas A. Burke

Mayor

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August 17, 1945

The Honorable Thomas A. Burke
Mayor
City of Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Mayor Burke:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of August 14 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver is out of the country and will return to Cleveland around the first of September. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention at that time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

426 Caxton Building
Cleveland, Ohio
August 30, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We invite you to join a group of Cleveland citizens who are interested in seeing that Cleveland's War Memorial be a worthy expression of the people's great desire for peace.

We plan to bring about widespread discussion, so that the citizens, especially service men and women, may help to select a fitting Memorial representative of this great democracy.

We believe that the final selection of the Memorial should be made at such time as a substantial number of citizens have had the opportunity to express themselves.

We wish to cooperate with the Cleveland City Council and the proposed Mayor's Committee on War Memorials, and with similar bodies of greater Cleveland.

It is of the greatest importance that the membership of this organization be widely representative, and so we are particularly concerned to have your response on the enclosed card, signifying your willingness to be one of our initiating sponsors.

The sponsors to date are: Rev. D. R. Sharpe, Lawrence Blazey, Marvin C. Harrison, Ada N. Leffingwell, Rev. Howard Wells, Matthew DeMore, W. A. Stinchcomb, I. Iglauer, Dr. Irwin V. Shannon, Walter Blodgett, Dr. E. E. Ecker, Fred H. Chapin, J. Milton Dyer, Beryl Rubinstein, Dean Leonard Mayo, Dr. William M. Milliken, Rev. Everett Moore Baker, Grace E. Meyette, Sam Griff, Edward Murphy, Kalman Kubinyi, Dorothy Fuldheim.

Sincerely yours,

Jean K. Wolford

Jean K. Wolford
for the

CITIZENS WAR MEMORIAL LEAGUE

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City of Cleveland

THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

July 29, 1948

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For about a year the American Heritage Foundation, acting in cooperation with the U. S. Attorney General, has been sponsoring Rededication Weeks in a large number of American cities. During Rededication Week which is to be held in Cleveland, August 26th to September 3rd, the citizens of our community are invited to participate in patriotic activities designed to focus attention upon American "Freedoms."

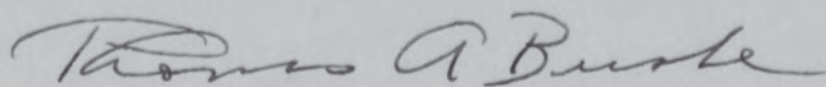
On September 2nd and 3rd the Freedom Train containing original, historical documents will be in Cleveland for inspection by the public.

I would be deeply grateful if you would accept membership on the Church Committee for Rededication Week.

If you can accept this appointment, please contact my Executive Assistant, John P. Butler. A representative of the American Heritage Foundation will hold a meeting at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, July 31st, in the Mayor's office, to outline the program, and we would like to have you attend.

Hoping you will do us the honor of participating in the capacity above-described, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Mayor.

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August 2, 1948

Mayer Thomas A. Burke
City Hall
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mayor Burke:

I shall be most happy to be a member of the Church Committee
for Rededication Week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

City of Cleveland

January 18, 1949

THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The National Commission on UNESCO, the advisory body on UNESCO matters to the State Department, has called a National Conference on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to be held in Cleveland March 31 to April 2 inclusive.

The UNESCO Commission is composed of one hundred(100) individuals representing the leading national organizations in the educational, scientific and cultural fields. The Commission will hold its own deliberative meetings March 29th and March 30th in Cleveland.

The National Conference which the Commission is calling for the three-day session will be composed of delegates of all national organizations in the foregoing categories. There will be coming to Cleveland between 2,500 and 2,700 national figures in these fields.

Naturally, I am pleased that UNESCO has seen fit to select Cleveland as the meeting place of this very important gathering. I am organizing a civic committee of 100 people to insure the success of this event and I would be grateful to you if you will consent to serve on this committee. ✓

A public meeting will be held on the night of April 1st in the Public Auditorium. This meeting will be addressed by leading figures of international stature, and special events of significance to the Conference subject will be presented. All Clevelanders will be invited to attend.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Burke

Mayor

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January 20, 1949

Mayor Thomas A. Burke
City of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mayor Burke:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of January 18th. I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of a civic committee in connection with the UNESCO National Conference in Cleveland, March 31 to April 2.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

10th October 1949

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SETH C. TAFT

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at
Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just been talking to Rabbi Nodel concerning the County Charter Commission and in passing we discussed one of your personal concerns, that of the beautification of the Cleveland Lake Front. I thought you might be interested to know that the City of Cleveland, through its Planning Commission, plans to spend some \$6,750,000 for general Lake Front development during the 6-year period 1950-1955.

This will include specifically the completion of the Lake Front Airport, the reconstruction of the upper level of Edgewater Park, the obtaining of and preparation of new land at Gordon Park to replace that which will be taken by the realignment of the shoreway, and continuation of Lake Front filling, grading and planting. Part of the funds are also earmarked for protection of the Lake Front against erosion.

I am very glad to hear that you have consented to be on the Campaign Committee for the election of a County Charter Commission. I have been working on the campaign also and am more and more impressed with the necessity for a county charter such as the Citizens' League candidates hope to prepare.

Very truly yours,

Seth Taft

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CLEVELAND

RAY M. GIDNEY, PRESIDENT

June 14, 1951

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The President of the United States by Executive Order has established a Commission for the Commemoration of the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. There are enclosed copies of the Executive Order dated May 17, 1951, and a telegram from Hon. Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the United States, dated May 28, 1951.

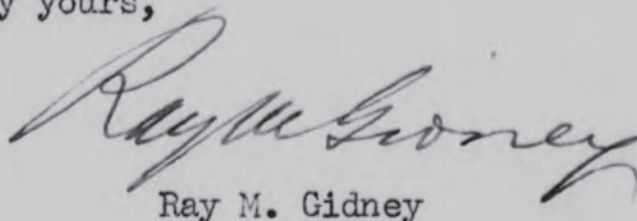
Chief Justice Vinson has asked me to serve as the Commission's chairman for Cleveland, Ohio, and has suggested that a local commission be appointed to see that appropriate commemoration activities are conducted in this community.

It is my privilege and pleasure to invite you to be a member of this Commission. It will not require any substantial contribution of your time, but your interest and willingness to serve will be of real help in making the commemoration proceedings impressive to the people in the community.

I know you will share my belief that there has never been a time in the history of our country when the understanding and application of the principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence were of greater importance than they are now, and that the Commission will perform a real public service in co-operating with all appropriate agencies and organizations to place emphasis upon the Declaration of Independence as a living and enduring statement of principles basic to our national life.

I shall appreciate it if you will write or telephone me as soon as conveniently possible indicating your acceptance of this invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Ray M. Gidney

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF
THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS the fourth day of July in this year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-one will mark the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS the ideals of the Declaration of Independence still guide the United States and give hope to the oppressed in other lands; and

WHEREAS the forces of aggression and tyranny are now threatening the utter destruction of the basic principles of freedom, both with respect to individual liberty and the liberty of free nations; and

WHEREAS the United States is today joined with other free nations in a struggle to resist aggression and tyranny and maintain peace; and

WHEREAS we, the people of the United States, should carry on our efforts for peace and freedom with a fuller understanding of the great truths set forth in the Declaration of Independence, with renewed determination to maintain our cherished freedoms, and with faith and hope in that Divine Providence which has protected our country from its beginnings:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established the Commission for the Commemoration of the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.
2. The Commission shall be composed of seven members, all ex officio, as follows: The Chief Justice of the United States, as Chairman, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
3. It shall be the function of the Commission to plan and arrange for the appropriate commemoration, by ceremonies and otherwise, of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
4. All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in its work and to furnish the Commission such information and assistance, not inconsistent with law, as it may require in the performance of its functions.
5. When the Commission deems that its work has been completed, it shall report that fact to the President, and thereupon the Commission shall cease to exist.

Harry Truman

THE WHITE HOUSE,

May 17, 1951

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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WASHINGTON DC MAY 28

RAY GIDNEY, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

THE PRESIDENT BY EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE VICE PRESIDENT BARKLEY, SPEAKER RAYBURN, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER ERNEST W. MCFARLAND, SENATE MINORITY LEADER KENNETH S. WHERRY, HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER JOHN W. MCCORMACK, HOUSE MINORITY LEADER JOSEPH W. MARTIN JR., AND MYSELF AS CHAIRMAN.

I ACCEPTED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS COMMISSION IN THE BELIEF THAT WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD CARRY ON OUR EFFORT FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM WITH A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREAT TRUTHS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WITH RENEWED DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN OUR CHERISHED FREEDOMS, AND WITH FAITH AND HOPE IN THAT DIVINE PROVIDENCE WHICH HAS PROTECTED OUR COUNTRY FROM ITS BEGINNINGS. THE FOURTH OF JULY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE DAY FOR NATIONAL COMMEMORATION AND REDEDICATION. IN ORDER THAT THESE HIGH IDEALS WILL FIND A SUITABLE PLACE ON ALL PROGRAMS NOW BEING PLANNED IN YOUR CITY, OR IF NONE IS PLANNED, TO ARRANGE AN APPROPRIATE COMMEMORATION, I INVITE YOU TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S CHAIRMAN FOR CLEVELAND, OHIO. MANY NATIONAL EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED, INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS SHORTLY, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE WIRE ME YOUR ACCEPTANCE.

FRED M. VINSON, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

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June 18, 1951

Mr. Ray M. Gidney
Federal Reserve Bank
Superior at East Fourth
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gidney:

Thank you for your letter of June 14th. I shall be pleased to serve as a member of the Commission for the Commemoration of the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

JULIUS M. KOVACHY
JUDGE

March 14, 1952

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herein a report of the Planning Committee, a sub-committee of the Citizens Committee formed last year to study Divorce Procedure. It will be considered at a Luncheon Meeting held at Halle's Lounge, Parlor B, on Wednesday, March 26, 1952 at 12:15 P.M., to which you are cordially invited.

Last year there were more Divorces filed than Civil Cases in Common Pleas Court - 6042 to 5695. One divorce was granted for 3.1 marriages - the worst record in the history of Cuyahoga County.

From these stark facts, should it not behoove all good citizens to do whatever is possible to help stem the rising tide of divorces?

Do, therefore, come to this gathering to give your advice and support to these proposals which will enlarge reconciliation opportunities in divorce proceedings.

Please sign and return the enclosed card.

Sincerely yours,

Julius M. Kovachy
Chairman, Citizens Committee

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GREATER CLEVELAND

CITIZENS

REGISTER AND VOTE

COMMITTEE

HONORARY CHAIRMEN

Hon. Thomas A. Burke
Mayor, City of Cleveland

Hon. Edward Blythin
Judge, Cuyahoga County
Court of Common Pleas

NON-PARTISAN

606 CAXTON BLDG.

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September 3, 1952

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Frank J. Ryan

TREASURER

Loring L. Gelbach
President,
Central National Bank

Dear Rabbi Silver:

✓ You are respectfully and urgently invited to serve as a member of the Greater Cleveland Citizens Register and Vote Committee.

This Committee has been organized at the instance of many leading organizations to coordinate and accelerate the Non-Partisan Register-and-Vote Campaign.

More than 300,000 adult citizens of Cuyahoga County have not registered. That's one in every three.

Unless they register, they cannot vote.

The coming election will be the most important in our nation's history. On November 4 our Country needs the benefit of the best individual judgment of each and every citizen at the polls.

This is no time for apathy -- for failure to register and vote.

The first objective of this Committee is to induce the 300,000 unregistered citizens of Cuyahoga County to REGISTER!

All of them will have the opportunity to register, easily and quickly, on Registration Day, Tuesday, September 16. There are 1713 polling places. They will be open from 10 in the morning till 2. and from 4 in the afternoon till 9.

As a member of this Committee, you will be expected to exercise your leadership, in your organization, to induce your fellow-members to register and vote - and to have them induce members of their families, friends and neighbors to register and vote.

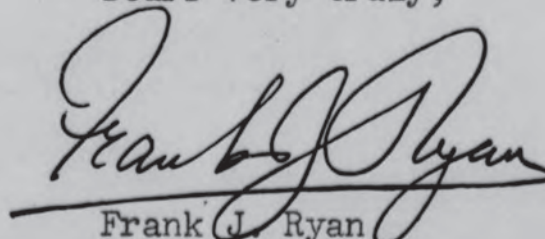
It's vital to get action on Registration Day.

The best way to get people to register is to take them to register! On Registration Day, call for a friend with your car, and ride him to his precinct polling place. Do as much for a few more friends, and get your friends to do the same.

That's good personal service to your Country, your State and your Community. By such service, Registration Day can be made a grand success.

Trusting you will serve actively with us,

Yours very truly,



Frank J. Ryan
General Chairman

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Greater Cleveland Citizens REGISTER and VOTE Committee (Non-partisan)

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Public Relations Society of America, Inc.

September 9, 1952

Mr. Frank J. Ryan
Citizens Register and Vote Committee
606 Carlton Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In reply to your letter of September 3rd, I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of the Citizens Register and Vote Committee of Greater Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

MRS. ALLAN C. HOUSE
2214 DELAMERE DRIVE
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Shaker Heights, Ohio

September 3, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is to invite you to serve on our small Cleveland Citizens' Committee for the concert of St. Paul's Choir of London, England, on October 28th, at the Public Music Hall.

Mayor Burke has consented to act as chairman and there will be no meetings of the committee. We would appreciate the support of your name and interest.

The St. Paul's Choir is on tour in this country, on the invitation of a national committee headed by the Honorable Owen J. Roberts, former Justice of the Supreme Court, to tell the American people about the memorial chapel now being built in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. This chapel is to be in memory of the American men who were based on the Island of Britain and who lost their lives in World War II. The English people raised \$280,000 American dollars to build this chapel in memory of the 28,000 American men who lost their lives.

Before he left Europe, President Eisenhower dedicated the honor roll which will go in the chapel when it is completed.

Hoping that you will join us in making this goodwill tour a success, I am

Very truly yours,

Frances Eells House
(Mrs. Allan C. House)

CITIZENS

September 15, 1953

Mrs. Allan C. House
2214 Delamere Drive
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mrs. House:

In reply to your letter of September 3rd, I shall be pleased to serve on the Cleveland Citizens' Committee for the concert of St. Paul's Choir of London, England.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

City of Cleveland

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE
MAYOR

October 17, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Hts., Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The St. Lawrence Seaway will be bringing deep water vessels to Cleveland in 1959. Cleveland industries tend to make it a natural world port - both for import and export trade. We must anticipate and provide the facilities essential for this expanding commerce.

Private business operating docks - wharves and warehouses - will need the usual utilities required by any other new business. The city will need to install water lines - sewers - and roadways, and to create fill lands for the purpose of private development.

Further improvements are to be made to Cleveland's downtown airport.

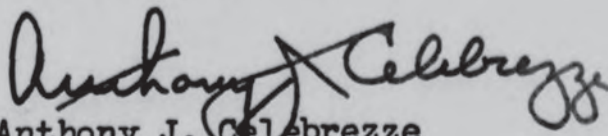
To provide the money for the above purposes, a bond issue in the amount of 8 million dollars will appear on the ballot at the November 8, 1955, General Election.

To inform the people of the needs and purposes of this bond issue and to help secure its approval, a Citizens Committee is being formed. Because of your interest in the City of Cleveland and in this project being proposed, we are asking you to serve on the Executive Committee.

Enclosed is a card upon which you may signify your acceptance of this appointment.

Thanking you for your interest and help, I am

Very truly yours,


Anthony J. Celebrezze
Mayor

AJC:bw
Enc.

CLEVELAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

501 CITY HALL, CLEVELAND 14, OHIO, TOWER 1-4600

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October 3, 1956

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 3, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Over the past three months the City Planning Commission has concentrated its major efforts toward the development of a comprehensive community plan for the Hough Community. When completed, the plan will include both short and long-range proposals for such neighborhood improvements as streets and major thoroughfares, off-street parking, zoning, housing, schools and recreational facilities.

Prerequisite and of integral importance to the aforementioned studies is the big item of population. The only source of population statistics available at the moment, is that provided by the 1950 U.S. Census, which is seven years out-of-date and obviously unusable for any realistic planning.

Consequently, and at this point in the planning process, it shall be necessary to gather reliable population data. With the full-hearted assistance and support of the various leaders of church, civic and business groups that either service or are located within the community, it is felt that the gathering of such information may be accomplished by mobilizing lay people from various community groups.

Reverend John Bruere of Calvary Presbyterian Church, located at Euclid Ave. and E. 79th St., has donated food and the use of his church facilities for survey volunteers on Sunday - October 14, 1956, at 12:30 P.M. Members of the Planning Commission's technical staff are to be present to instruct the volunteers and to make the assignments for the survey which shall be conducted on this one day.

May we request that you use your influence to recruit, among your parishioners, as many people as possible in order to make this single project a successful joint citizen effort.

In order to obtain and prepare enough food for the 12:30 luncheon, we request that you phone Reverend Bruere of the number of people from your congregation that you expect to participate on Friday - Oct. 12, 1956.

Please contact me at PR-1-2463 with regard to any problem or question that may arise.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Beard
Charles A. Beard
Sr. Asst. City Planner

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City of Cleveland

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE
MAYOR

January 25, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

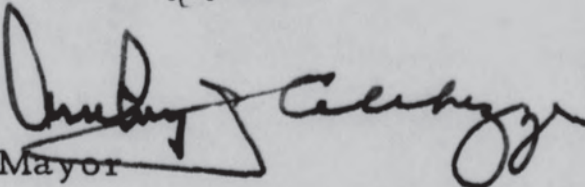
I am more than grateful to you for your support and successful effort on behalf of the Charter Amendment.

Once again, Cleveland has demonstrated that in the face of a crisis, no community can command a more thoughtful and vigorous group of civic-minded people to undertake leadership in the interest of their city.

The goals for Cleveland are high. The problems are, and will continue to be, many and varied. It is gratifying to know that you can be counted on for future development of our city.

Thank you for your splendid effort.

Sincerely yours,


Mayor

AJC:rg

JOHN A. GREENE
750 HURON ROAD
CLEVELAND

September 3, 1957

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On November 5, 1957, the people of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County will be asked to vote on a number of bond and levy issues. These are of extreme importance to every individual citizen and to every segment of Greater Cleveland. The continuing progress of our community depends upon the passage of these issues.

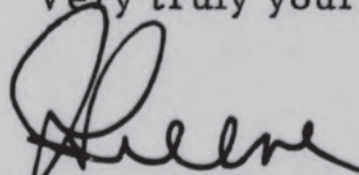
These issues are so vital that, at the request of Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze and the Board of County Commissioners I have agreed to serve as Chairman of a Citizens' Committee to unite all the people of the City and County behind a campaign to successfully explain this program of progress. Curtis Lee Smith, Thomas E. McDonald and Donald S. Carmichael have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of this Committee.

Because of the importance of these issues a strong, representative committee is essential. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of appointing you, as a leader in the community, to serve as a member of this Committee. It is my sincere hope that you will find it possible to serve with me on this Committee and take an active part in the development and progress of Cleveland.

The first meeting of this Committee will be held Wednesday, September 25th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Cleveland City Council Chambers.

Please indicate your acceptance on the enclosed card.

Very truly yours,


John A. Greene

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City of Cleveland

ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE
MAYOR

April 13, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Authority given by the voters to the City of Cleveland in 1957 to levy up to 12.55 mills in property tax for essential city services expires this year.

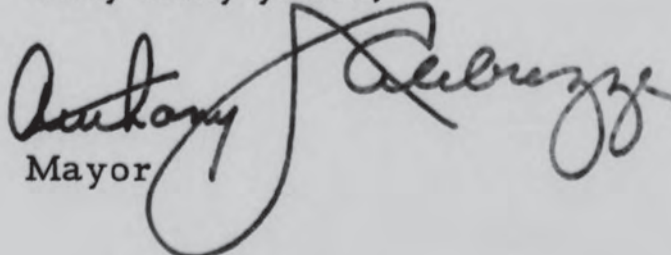
Prudent financial management has given the City of Cleveland an enviable record of holding the line on taxes. In keeping with that record, the city administration and the City Council are asking the voters at the May 5th election to renew, without an increase, the same levy limitation that has prevailed for the past three years.

Because of the vital importance of this issue to the well being of everyone in Cleveland and to the future of our community, I am asking you to serve as a member of the Citizens Committee For the City Operating Levy, which is being formed to promote public understanding and support of the levy renewal.

It is my sincere hope that you, as a community leader, will find it possible to serve and take an active part in this campaign for keeping Cleveland strong.

Your indication on the enclosed card of your acceptance and availability to meet with the Committee at 3:30 p.m. on April 17, 1959, in the City Council Committee Room 217, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Mayor

AJC:rg

Enclosure



WHITE HOUSE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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NOVEMBER 14-15, 1961

November 8, 1961

Governor Michael V. Di Salle
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Samuel Whitman
Executive Director

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Host Committee

Mrs. Wright Bryan
Ralph W. Findley
Patrick J. O'Malley
Harry T. Sealy
Mrs. Louis B. Seltzer
Curtis Lee Smith
J. H. Squires

You have already received an invitation to participate in the section on "Opportunities for Senior Citizens" at the Regional White House Conference to be held in Cleveland November 14. This is a very special request to join a group of federal officials on that date in a tour of certain Cleveland facilities in connection with the Conference.

The caravan will consist of Washington and local officials plus selected Clevelanders who are leaders in work with the aged and chronically ill. Here is the schedule:

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| 9:30 a.m. | Chartered bus leaves Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland at Superior Avenue entrance. |
| 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Tour past Springbrook Apartments, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Wade Apartments, Golden Age Center of the Jewish Community Center, several private nursing homes -- visit to Margaret Wagner House. |
| 11:30 a.m. | Visit and have lunch at Cedar Apartments and the Golden Age Center, East 30th Street and Central Avenue. |
| 1:45 p.m. | Arrive at Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland in time for the Conference sessions. |

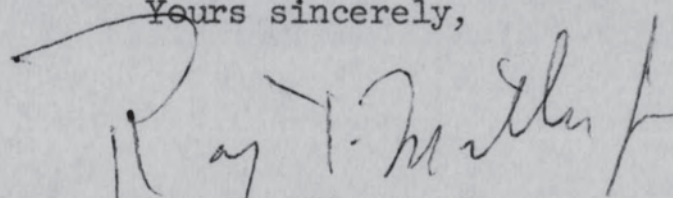
The old adage, "Seeing is Believing," holds true here. We want our federal and local officials, who will have important decisions in their hands in the next few months, to see what can be done when courage, imagination, and community planning are brought into play

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in typical Cleveland fashion. And we may show them some conditions which we hope they can help us improve.

But seeing isn't everything. It sometimes needs skilled interpretation. And that's where you come in. As a Clevelander familiar with what we have and what we need in these fields, won't you please be one of our very special hosts on November 14. Please let us know on the enclosed card.

Yours sincerely,



Ray T. Miller, Jr.
Chairman



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December 7, 1961

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

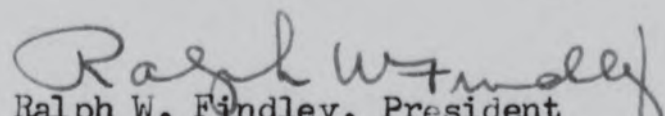
Undoubtedly you have read of the recent survey of unemployed out-of-school youth, conducted by the Cleveland Board of Education. Shocked by the results, the Board of Education has formally authorized a conference of community leaders to consider the implications of the study and its impact upon the community.

It is apparent that the solution to this grave problem is beyond the resources of any single agency. Cooperative planning and coordinated effort on the part of every element of the community are required.

In this connection, on Wednesday, November 29, Mr. David L. Hackett, Executive Director of the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime, suggested the possibility of such a cooperative venture financed with government help.

It is our hope that you will find it possible to meet with approximately twenty other active leaders of the community who have demonstrated their concern for the welfare of our city. A luncheon meeting is planned at the Mid-Day Club on Thursday, January 25, 1962, at noon. The meeting will close at 1:45 P.M. Please mail the enclosed card for your reservation, or feel free to call my office, CH. 1-3660, extension 397, if that is more convenient.

Sincerely yours,


Ralph W. Findley, President
Cleveland Board of Education

RWF:mgl
Enc.

May 8, 1962

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have accepted the chairmanship of a Committee of Citizens for Health Insurance for the Aged through Social Security. The purpose of the Committee is to enlist support for the King-Anderson bill now pending in Congress.

The chief project of this Committee will be to hold a mass rally in Cleveland to coincide with the appearance of President Kennedy on May 20th in Madison Square Garden and with similar rallies in cities throughout the country.

In Cleveland, our rally will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Manger. It will feature a speaker from Washington and the President's live telecast. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend.

We hope that civic leaders and interested citizens and organizations will lend their support to the drive to promote this very vital legislation.

We enclose a card for your endorsement and ask that you return it indicating your willingness to have your name appear on the program as a sponsor of the Cleveland rally.

Sincerely yours,

Dallas M Young
D.S.

Dallas M Young, Chairman

Elizabeth S. Magee

Elizabeth S. Magee, Honorary Chairman

Citizens for Health Insurance for
the Aged through Social Security
(non-partisan)