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Lincoln memorial, dedication, Cleveland, Ohio, 1927-1932.

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Commission

HENRY TURNER BAILEY

Director of The Cleveland School of Art and of the
John Huntington Polytechnic Institute

Miss Cora Morton, Secretary to the Director

CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 12, 1927.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please serve on the Lincoln Memorial Commission in place of Rabbi Wolsey? Your duties will not be arduous. The principal duty will be to be present at a meeting to be held in Room 2, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Statler, at 12:15 on Friday, March 25th. This is to be a very important luncheon-meeting, for we have to decide upon the method of securing the Lincoln Memorial Statue. Personally, I am very anxious to have you on the Commission.

Please write YES twice on the enclosed card, and then I shall know that you have accepted a place on the Commission and that you will be present at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Turner Bailey

Chairman, Lincoln Memorial Commission. ✓

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.



Called Miss Morton

Lincoln Memorial

HENRY TURNER BAILEY

Director of The Cleveland School of Art and of the
John Huntington Polytechnic Institute

Miss Cora Morton, Secretary to the Director

CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 29, 1927.

To Members of the
Lincoln Memorial Commission:

A meeting of the Lincoln Memorial Commission will be held at the Hotel Statler, Room 2, Mezzanine Floor, Wednesday noon, April 6th, 12:15. It will be a luncheon-meeting, and very important; for at that time we shall have to determine the method for securing a good Lincoln.

Upon receipt of this letter, please phone Miss Morton, my Secretary, at Garfield 4323, that you will be present.

Yours sincerely,

Henry T. Bailey

CHAIRMAN



HENRY TURNER BAILEY
Director of The Cleveland School of Art and of the
John Huntington Polytechnic Institute
Miss Cora Morton, *Secretary to the Director*
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 25, 1927.

To the Members of the Lincoln Memorial Commission:

Mr. Kalish is ready to show us his first sketches for the Cleveland Lincoln.

Please be present at his studio, Fine Arts Building, 8226 Euclid Avenue on Wednesday afternoon, June 1st, at four o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

Henry T. Bailey

CHAIRMAN.



MISS RUTH F. STONE
2822 EDGEHILL ROAD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

Dec. 12, 1928.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
10311 Lakeshore Boulevard
Cleveland.

My dear Mr. Silver:

Mr. Henry Turner Bailey, Chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission has requested me to call a meeting of the Commission for Monday Afternoon, Dec. 17th at three thirty P.M.

The place of meeting is the studio of Frank Jirouch, located in the rear of 1445 East 47th St.

Mr. Max Kalish, the sculptor, will show the life-sized model of the Lincoln statue, and it is important to have a full attendance of members of the Commission.

Kindly notify Mr. Bailey at the Cleveland School of Art, if you are unable to be present.

Very truly yours,

Ruth F. Stone, Secretary

Lincoln Memorial Commission.

F. R. WALKER
H. E. WEEKS
A. H. TASHJIAN
C. W. STEDMAN
BYRON DALTON
DANA CLARK
H. F. HORN
J. BYERS HAYS
DAN MITCHELL
I. J. WITMER
WINIFRED ROBBLEE, TREAS.

WALKER & WEEKS
ARCHITECTS
2341 CARNEGIE AVENUE
CLEVELAND

Nov. 25, 1929.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
10311 Lakeshore Blvd.,
Cleveland —

Dear Sir: —

Mr. Henry Turner Bailey has
requested me to call a meeting of the Lincoln
Memorial Commission for Monday Afternoon
Dec. 2, 1929, at four o'clock, in the offices
of Walker and Weeks, 2341 Carnegie Avenue.

It is important to have a full
attendance at this meeting to make
arrangements for the placement of the
Rabish Statue.

Sincerely —

Ruth F. Slone, Secretary
Lincoln Memorial Commission

Telephone
Main 6690.

2341 CARNEGIE AVENUE
CLEVELAND

Dec. 10/31

Rabbi A. H. Silver
10311 Lakeshore Blvd.

Dear Sir: —

The last and probably the most important meeting of the Lincoln Memorial Commission will be held Wednesday Afternoon, Dec. 16th at 3:30 P.M., in the offices of Walker and Weeks, 2341 Carnegie Avenue.

At this meeting we must select the date for dedication and unveiling of the Kahish Lincoln Statue, and arrange

for the program on this occasion.

In View of the recent death of Henry Turner Bailey, Chairman of the Commission, this notice is sent out by the Secretary of the Lincoln Commission, with the hope that every member will make a special effort to attend the last Executive Meeting of the Lincoln Memorial Commission.

Sincerely

Ruth J. Stone.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Cleveland

R. G. JONES
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

H. A. BATHRICK
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 27, 1932.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am enclosing a copy of the program set up for the dedication and unveiling of the Max Kalish Lincoln statue.

I am told that you have already agreed to preside and make the presentation and dedication to the Board of Education and the children of Cleveland. I am assuming, also, that you will take entire charge of the unveiling ceremony west of the Administration Building.

I have suggested that Mr. Kalish be on the stage and that somewhere on the program the chairman present Mr. Kalish, the sculptor, to the audience. Incidentally, 2500 children from all schools of the county, and 500 adults will make up the audience.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Bathrick

HAB:CB
ENCL.

[January 28? 1932]

Jan. 26th, 1932

Mr. H. H. Bathrick,
Board of Education,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bathrick:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of January 27th and for the program of the
unveiling of the Lincoln statue which you sent me.

I shall carry through the program as
indicated.

With kindest regards and best wishes,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

Cleveland
Lincoln Statue
Dedication
2/17/32

We are assembled today to dedicate a monument to the great emancipator, ~~some~~. Abraham Lincoln.

With the passing of the years the name of Lincoln has waxed in splendor. Legends have clustered around him - and legends are a people's sincerest tributes of love.

Lincoln has always made a particular appeal to the children of our nation. His life, his struggles, his honesty, his whimsical humor, his great loving heart have stirred the imagination of American boys and girls and have inspired among them deep reverence and the greatest affection.

It is therefore as beautiful as it is appropriate that this memorial statue of Abraham Lincoln which we are unveiling today and which is to adorn our city, ^{should be} ~~is~~ the gift of our school children.

No American is so well known the world over as Abraham Lincoln. His name is sweet upon the lips of the lowliest and the most distant people of the earth. They love to hear his story and to repeat it to their children.

For Lincoln is the epic of the common man. He shared ^{all} ~~too~~ our weaknesses and our failures. His personality evolved through many inner and outer impediments. He carved his way through a ^{jungle} ~~channel~~ of poverty, ignorance and back-woodsmen's superstitions, ~~and~~ to the open spaces of a magnificently rich and effective manhood. He suffered much. He knew the pain of love and loss. He was slandered and denounced in the dark days of war and defeat. He was martyred in the day of his triumph.

The prophet dies but his vision lives on and today a grateful people blesses his memory. Today also, we of the City of Cleveland are dedicating a monument to him as a symbol of our love and of our faith in his faith.

It is appropriate that this statue of Abraham Lincoln should stand in front of the Administrative Building of the Board of Education.

No one struggled so valiantly for education as Abraham Lincoln. No one reached out ^{for knowledge} so eagerly in that primitive and lonely world of the pioneer as he did, and no one knew how to blend knowledge with wisdom and intellect with compassion as completely as he.

Here let his monument stand, stemming the tide of years. The streams of life will sweep around its base. Generations will come and go. But here Lincoln will stand among his people, a wise kinsman and friend, and his lips will proclaim to each generation the faith which never grows old.

And ^{As} long as Americans will hearken to his words so long will their democratic institutions remain secure. As long as they will love and admire those qualities of heart and mind which made Lincoln, so long will the moral tone of our nation be high, ^{and its strength, its admiration,}

Abba Hillel Silver.

of his the best, tolerance
and good-will

PROGRAM

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman

Time
P.M.
1:30

Music Selected
Glenville High School Band
Ralph Rush, Conductor

2:00

Life of Lincoln Film

3:30

Address Rev. Joel B. Hayden
Broadcast by WTAM

Presentation Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
For the Lincoln Commission

Acceptance Mayor Harold H. Burton
For the City of Cleveland

President Edward M. Williams
For the Board of Education

4:00

Music America
Mr. R. V. Morgan, Directing

Unveiling Ceremony - at the Board of Education
Administration Building

Place - Music Hall, Public Auditorium

Date - February 12, 1932



Man
Here was a Man - Inspiration. Epic of Common
shared all the weaknesses and def. of men
of some he had a greater share & most were
far from perfect

~~Saint~~ - not perf. man - by dint of heart-
breathing effort perfects himself.

- Grew - developed - personality evolved
then trial & suff.
- Fought his way thru jungle of poverty -
ignorance, & backwardness in superstition
early slowly standards of pol. morality.
- He knew the pain & love thro.
- To open spaces for a way. rich &
marvell effective personality.
- Not all men are A.T. - but in each
resides latent power -

in a primitive & lonely world
and superior to herostally. And no one
~~place~~ his blessed Kew. with Symp.
infilled with compassion ~~as~~ perf.
as I. —

How well
 Thus the year (This summer) will stand
 Among the hills & fairs, the
 stream, life will not be
 it. forever will come to his
 will stand here ~~among~~ his
 people - ~~dear, his dear friend~~
~~Abraham~~ - and his
 life will ~~stand~~ ^{stand} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ his
 and of hope & confidence &
 faith.

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As the battle of the ducks bay -
suffered. If there is any man out of hell who
suffers more than I do, I pity him -
-standard - labeled -
-He was broken on the wheel of his faith,
but his faith endured.
-The prophet dies, but his vision lives on
-But he left us a precious legacy



-He needs no monument.
-We need it as a constant reminder
of his faith.
-It is appropriate that his statue that
shall stand here in front of the Edison
building. We are privileged to voluntarily
by Kennedy than I. We are proud
his work was a great guidance

~~He is the hero of the American legend.~~
The embodiment of the nation's
faith. As long as general ^{Americans} will
look at war L. - Our dearest
institutions are secure. As long
as they will admire the qualities
of humanity, compassion, humility,
simplicity, + patriotism ~~and self-sacrifice~~.
which were his. So long ^{will the} ~~is the~~
~~not~~ moral ^{tone} ~~life~~ of our nation
be high.

Mr. Mayer.

to erect a suitable
mon. to the 2. way

The 2. Mr. Comm-^{way} in 1923, (to raise funds
proposed for the ~~Memorial~~ ^{Monument} ~~to the 2. way~~ ^{the Comm} ~~for now~~
completed its labors. The fund was raised
largely from the small ~~Comm~~ ^{Committee}, the school
child. (from it — a ~~Monument~~ ^{Monument} sculpture, Mr. May
Kobak was selected to create the statue.
The sculpture ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~work~~ ^{work} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~skill~~ ^{skill} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~statue~~ ^{statue} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted}
The Comm- ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~know~~ ^{know} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~placard~~ ^{placard}
~~is well as any~~ ^{is the name, the 2. way} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~statue~~ ^{statue}
~~to~~ ^{to} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~statue~~ ^{statue} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~city~~ ^{city} ~~;~~ [;] ~~checked~~ ^{checked},
then you - the chief executives.

I wish to present to you the sculpture.
Mr. K. - you have ^{very} ~~associated~~ ^{associated} your name with
the monument ~~monument~~ ^{monument}. All who will behold the
statue in the future - will ask for the name of the
man who fashioned it - that is a rare privilege
you ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~conferred~~ ^{conferred} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~us~~ ^{us} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~achieved~~ ^{achieved} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~valuable~~ ^{valuable}
a man - if you too had not been captured
by the thrill of his personality. We are grateful
to you for a work of art, ~~hand~~ ^{hand} ~~work~~ ^{work}
conceived & executed.

1. Friends:

WE are assembled here to unveil a monument to the great Jew, A.L. - with the passing of the years the memory of him has waxed in splendor. Legends have clustered round him - and legends are a people's ^{suggest} tribute of love.

L. has always made a part appeal to the children of our nation. His life - his struggles - his rise from poverty - his poverty - his unimpaired humor - his great, loving heart ^{still} ~~have~~ ^{inspired} the imagination of our youth and call forth their ~~admiration~~ ^{reverence}.

It is as beautiful as it is appropriate, that the memorial statue ~~which~~ of A.L. which is to adorn our city is the gift of the school children of Greater C. -

No Am. is so well known all over the world as A.L. His name is sweet upon the lips of the lowliest and the most distant people, the earth. They love to hear his story and to repeat it to their children.

To L. is the Epic of the Common Man. He shared all our weaknesses and failures. His personality evokes then many inner & outer imperfections. He fought his way thru a jungle of poverty, ignorance and ^{backwardness} ~~the~~ ^{backwardness} of ~~poverty~~ ^{backwardness} to the open spaces of a magnificent and ~~marvelous~~ ^{effective} ^{life} ~~life~~. He suffered much. He knew the pain of love and loss. "If this is any man out there," he said after the Battle of Fredericksburg, "who suffers more than I do, ^{adultery} ^{in the days of} ~~adultery~~ ^{adultery} him" - He was ~~misunderstood~~ ^{misunderstood}, slandered and decouraged. He was marked

as the day of his triumph.

The prophet dies, but his vision lives on. And
to-day a grateful people ~~honors~~ his memory,
and ~~we~~ to-day, ^{we} will dedicate a monument
to his memory - as a symbol of our ~~faith~~ ^{loyalty}
for him and for his faith in his Enduring
Vision.



It is approp. that this station of G.H.
shall stand here - in front, the the building
ded. to education (1) No one to suggest
no validity for (2) No one marked out
no saying for knowledge in that position
+ surely would > L. - And no one knew
how to blend know with wisdom,
and intellect with confidence or L -

Here will be man. Stand-stemmy
the tide of years. The steam, left will
wrap around the tree. Generation
will come and go. But he will be
stand among his people - the wise
Krusman and friend, and his lips
will speak to each succeeding gen-
eration ~~the words of~~ faith and
which never grows old.

As long as Americans will
~~not~~ ~~hasten~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~point~~
~~look & take~~ ~~7-~~ so long will ~~our~~ ~~then~~
~~our~~ ~~in~~ ~~itation~~ remain secure. As long
 as they will love & admire these qualities
 & want to have them - so
 long will the moral force & our nation

6 wpts -



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