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The Temple, new building, 1921-1922.



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November 22-1921.

Charles C. Colman,
The 1900 Euclid Bldg.,
Cleveland.

Dear Mr. Colman:-

Yours of the 22nd received.

It is true that a limited discussion took place at the last meeting of the Temple Building Committee concerning your future connection with the work of building the Temple. As far as I remember, I was not authorized to make any definite arrangements with you.

You will remember that you called at my office early in the progress of the proposition, and I put up to you the matter of your looking after our interests after actual work had begun. In other words, to act as Clerk Of the Works. You at that time expressed your willingness to act in such capacity for us when the time arrived. At the time of our conference there was no mention made of any remuneration, although of course it was fully expected by both of us that suitable remuneration would be made when you started actual work as Clerk Of the Works; the amount of such remuneration was not discussed by us.

If there was any work done by you since the date of our conference for which you should be paid, that is a matter for the Building Committee to take up with you, as I was not aware that you were rendering any service on a basis of remuneration. I simply want to make clear my position in the matter, and trust I have done so. I would suggest that you appear before the Committee at its



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Chas. C. Colman #2

next meeting (the date of which I will advise you as soon as it has been called) and explain your position fully, i.e. insofar as the work you have already done and for which you evidently expect to be paid.

Sincerely yours,

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C/C Rabbi Silver.




Cleveland, Ohio Nov. 23, 1921.

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

My dear Rabbi:-

WRHS
Please be advised of meeting of The Temple Building
Committee, to be held at the Excelsior Club, Monday evening,
November 28th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Greco will be present with
further plans and data for your consideration.


Levi M. Walz
Respectfully,

Chairman.

LMW/FED.

ALFRED A. BENESCH

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

912 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

12-6-21

My dear Rabbi Silver -

at last night's "Dishebin" Orphanage" meeting, Mr. Lowenstein, on behalf of The Temple, announced that the matter of The Temple's quota and the method of raising the quota would be referred to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be held on Tuesday, the thirteenth.

I hope you can arrange to be there, because I do not care to wage the battle single handed.

Sincerely yours
Alfred A. Benesch

TEMPLE ISRAEL
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS.

December 9, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
Minister of Jewish Reform Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would like to ask you for some information relative to the new Temple that you have in contemplation. Also regarding the Architect that you have engaged, or have in mind.

The information that I want bears upon the following conditions that confront me in my Congregation. We have outgrown our Temple, that has less than 1000 seats available, viz., on the ground floor. We require at the present time 1800 seats, and within a year or two, at our present rate of growth, we will have to have a maximum seating capacity of not less than 2500. But the point is, Mr. Silver, that I have made up my mind not to have that ghastly array of seats facing me throughout the year. I want a minimum and a maximum auditorium. In other words, an architectural unit that will hold ten to 1200 compactly and comfortably, but which shall have a right and left wing or annex that can be opened up into it on great occasions, to double the seating capacity, even if the architectural effect on such special occasions is not perfect. These annexes can be lecture rooms, communal dining rooms or other assembly rooms.

The object of this letter to you is to find out whether you have any such purpose as above in mind or not, and whether your Architect has been selected simply from among the local talent in your city, or whether he has been winnowed out from the great Architects of the country that have specialized in Institutional Churches, and especially in building the kind of Auditorium that I have referred to. If you think your plans would be helpful I would be glad to be informed of them, or to have a copy of them. Also whether you have an Architect who is especially qualified to build an Institutional Synagog with a large Lecture Room immediately adjacent for secular and School purposes, with Parlors and probably Gymnasium, etc.. I am writing to Stephen Wise on this subject, as well as to yourself, hoping to benefit by what experience you may both have gathered.

With kindest personal greetings, and trusting to hear from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leon Harrison

December twentieth,
1921

Dr. Leon Harrison,
Temple Israel,
Kingshighway and Washington,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

My dear Dr. Harrison,

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have been out of the city much of the time.

The architect who is to build our new Temple was selected after a careful canvassing of the entire field. He is Mr. Charles R. Greco of Boston.

I am quite sure that he will be pleased to give you any information concerning our plans which might be of service to you in your project. We are, of course, planning to build an institutional synagogue.

Mr. Greco, I am sure, would be glad to give you the information which you will ask of him without in any way binding yourself to any obligations to him.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

TEMPLE ISRAEL
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS.

December 30, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Silver,
Temple,
East 55th St. & Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

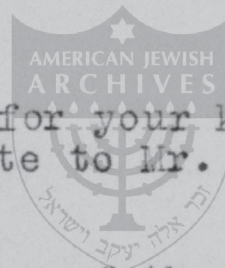
Many thanks to you for your kind reply
to my inquiry. I am going to write to Mr. Greco by this
mail.

With glad good wishes of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Harrison

WRHS



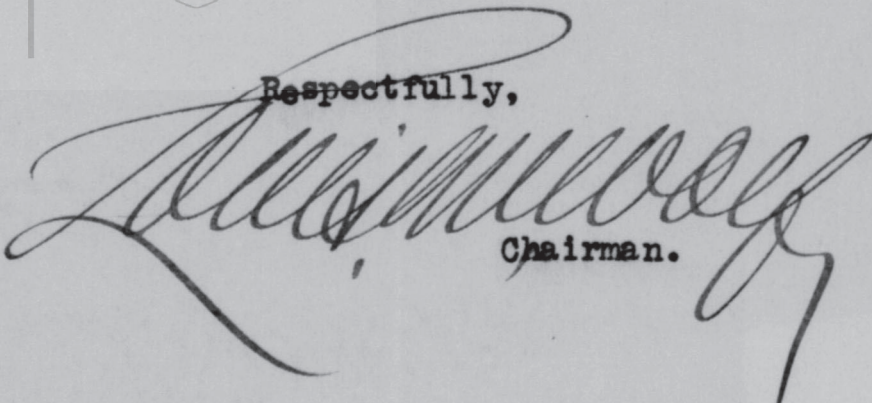
Cleveland, Ohio Jan. 17, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% The Temple,
Central Ave., & E. 55th St.,
City

My dear Rabbi:-

This is to advise you that there will be a
special meeting of The Temple Building Committee, on Friday
at one o'clock at the Federation office, Guardian Building.
Please arrange to be present.

Respectfully,


Chairman.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
City

My Dear Rabbi:-

As per telephone conversation: Enclosed find
checks endorsed from Mr H. Eisenstein, Mrs M. Monahan,
Mr. J. Wiskoff & myself. Mr. Eisenstein & Mr. Korach
will mail you their checks for \$50.00.



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Yours
J. A. Solomon



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April 29th, 1922.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed please find check for \$50.00 towards
the fund for the Torah. I am sorry I did not send
it sooner as it slipped my mind.

I hope this Torah will be a great inspir-
ation for our future generation and I am glad that
I am one of the five to contribute towards it as
it is a Mitzvah.

Very sincerely yours,

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Paid Telegram to

May 11th, 1922

Louis M. Wolf
Care Traymore Hotel
Atlantic City, N.J.

Greco will arrive Tuesday morning with
completed plans and specifications. Advise calling meeting of Building
Committee Tuesday evening. Please wire.

(Signed) A. H. Silver

