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The Temple, new building, 1922-1923.

August 17th, 1922.

Rabbi Leo M. Franklin,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Rabbi Franklin,

The Temple is busily engaged at this time collecting the outstanding pledges for our new Temple fund as well as in the solicitation of new ones. I know that you carried through a marvelously successful campaign with very interesting publicity matter to help you. I recall reading some while in your office.

I wonder whether you would 'nt have your secretary mail me copies of the publicity that you used in your campaign.

Trusting that Mrs. Franklin and yourself are having a pleasant summer, and with kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I need not tell you how much I appreciated your kind note of congratulation.

December 13th, 1922.

Mr. Reed,
a/c Chas. R. Greco, Architect,
Guardian Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Reed,

Just a word to call your attention to the fact that I have not yet received the write-up which you promised to send me. I should love to receive it before I am many years older.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from San Francisco. I wish you would send me the information Mr. Myer requests and please return the letter with it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD G. REED, A. I. A.

MEMBER MASSACHUSETTS
STATE ART COMMISSION

CHARLES R. GRECO, A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

8 BEACON STREET, BOSTON
729 GUARDIAN BUILDING, CLEVELAND

December 16th, 1922.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 55th Street & Central Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of
December 13th with the enclosure and I shall be glad
to attend to the matter as you desire.

I am sending enclosed with this, by
messenger, the long delayed description of the Temple
which I trust will be satisfactory. I am afraid it
is not a masterpiece, but I shall be very glad if you
will touch it up to improve the form as I have tried
to outline the main facts. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Edward G. Reed

EGR:D

February 7th, 1923.

Mr. Edward Hoss,
Union Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed,

You will recall the conversation I had with you last Wednesday evening at the Excelsior Club. I am very anxious that you should proceed at once with the organization of a group of the younger and more active men of our Congregation, say twenty or twenty-five in number, who are willing to give me a few hours of their time for the all important work of putting our new Temple project across. I have a very important piece of work for them to do.

If you would arrange for a meeting at your home and consult me as to the evening which you select, I would be very happy to come and talk to them. Let me know what progress you make with this job.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February 12th, 1923.

Mr. Jesse F. Solomon,
Colonial Furniture Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Jesse,

I believe that our new campaign received a good start last night. I believe that we ought to follow it up progressively. (1) The small office which you contemplated renting at the Guardian should be obtained at once, and a competent secretary placed in it. (2) The duplicate cards of those who have not yet pledged and of those who have paid part of their pledges should be collected at once as well as the list of which Mr. Goldhammer spoke last Friday. (3) A definite evening should be set aside, say some time the latter part of next week, for a meeting of the old campaign workers plus the sixty or seventy men who signified their willingness to work last night. These people should be given notice of this meeting in ample time and a second notice sent the day before the meeting. (4) Please consult Mr. Goldhammer about the two other men who are to be put on the smaller executive committee. Both Lawrence Koblitz and Sylvester Flesheim are eager to work.

I shall be out of the city until Thursday morning. Please get in touch with me then and let me know what progress you have made.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February 12th, 1923.

P.S. Perhaps it would be well to have Mr. Goldhammer send in the things he would like to have printed in the bulletin every week. I have grown rather tame on the subject of publicity on the new Temple. A new man may be much better. Such publicity should be in the hands of Miss Jones not later than Tuesday noon of each week. We can give him all the space he requires.



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

My dear Rabbi:-

Herewith enclosing copy of letter from the
Guastavino Company, in re: the several questions propounded
to them.

This will give you the information we have
been seeking.

Very truly yours,

Louis M. Wolf

LMW/FED.

Rabbi Lilon

COPY

March 27th, 1923.

RABBI SOLOMON FOSTER
90 TREACY AVE
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Reed:-

In reply to your inquiry about the Guastavino tile, used in our Temple, I am pleased to inform you that we have been thoroughly satisfied with the material. It has been in the Temple for seven and one-half years, gives us perfect acoustics, presents a fine appearance. Your question about cleaning the tile suggests a thought that we have never had the occasion to entertain. It looks perfectly clean. Our powerful ventilating system clears the Temple atmosphere in eight minutes, which helps remove all particles of dirt.

After nearly eight years use, I can heartily commend the Guastavino tile.

If I can give you any information at any time on any item of the Temple, please command me.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) Solomon Foster

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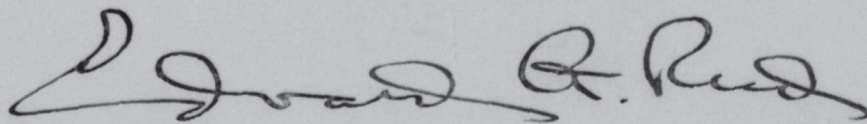
March 28th, 1923.

Rabbi Silver,
The Temple,
Central & E. 55th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

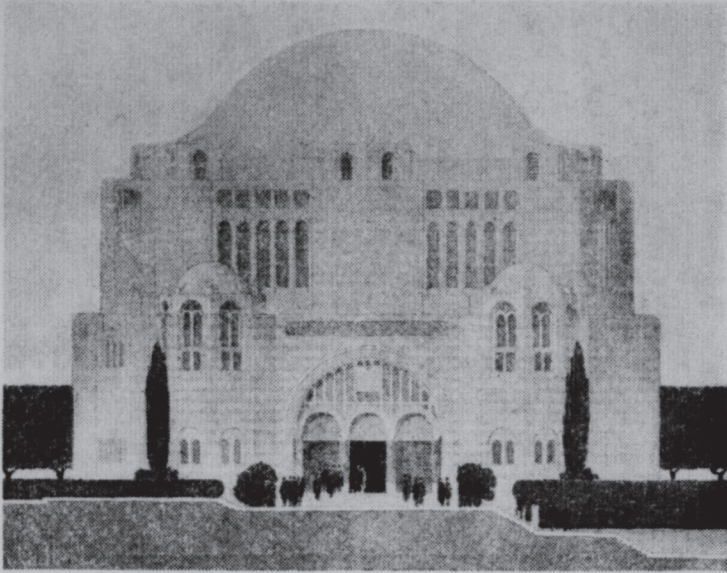
Dear Rabbi:-

Enclosed is a copy of a letter just
received from Rabbi Foster, of the Newark
Temple, which I think conveys very satisfactorily
the information I requested from him.

Very truly yours,



EGR/CC



The New Temple Building Fund

B. MAHLER, *Chairman Finance Committee*

711 ELECTRIC BUILDING

CLEVELAND

April 2, 1923.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are urgently requested to attend a very important dinner meeting Monday, April 9th, 6:30 P. M. at the Excelsior Club.

Plans for laying the corner stone of the New Temple early in May; the annual meeting of the Congregation; and other matters of vital importance will be discussed. We need your advice and co-operation. Make every possible effort to be on hand.

Kindly phone Mr. Mahler's office, (Main 1413), for your reservation and acceptance on or before Friday of this week.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Solomon
Vice Chairman.

April 11th, 1923.

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz,
Temple Beth El,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Henry,

My Temple is planning to hold the Cornerstone laying ceremony on Sunday, May 13th. I would appreciate very much if you would send me a copy of the program which you had for your ceremony as well as a list of the items which you placed in the cornerstone. They may give us very helpful suggestions.

With kindest regards, to your dear wife, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CHICAGO

April 13th, 1923.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

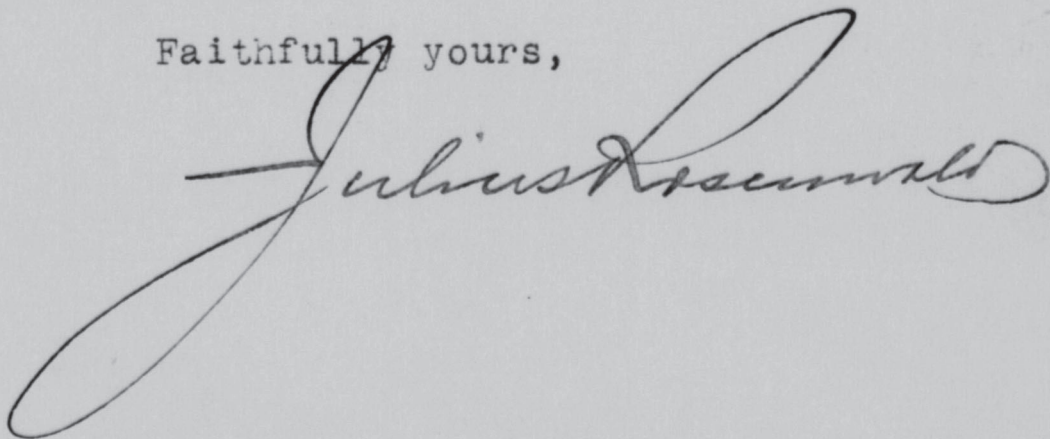
Your very kind letter reached me at my home last evening.

Needless to say, the courtesy of the invitation and the sentiments which you express in your letter are most heartily appreciated. It would give me the greatest pleasure to accept the invitation if it were at all possible to do so. I am very fond of Cleveland and the Jewish community there but, owing to my meager equipment for such tasks, the strain of preparation is more than I dare undertake. My duties here at the present time are unusually heavy, both in business and out of it, the former due largely to the absence (on account of illness for several months) of the vice president of our company; and the latter due to the \$2,500,000 drive for Jewish purposes which is just about starting, beside my other public duties. But, all of these together, would not weigh as heavily on my mind as would the effort that I would have to put forth were I to accept your kind invitation.

Will you, therefore, kindly express to your board my sincere regret that I cannot accept the honor which I value beyond my power to express.

With assurance of my high esteem and with cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Silver, I am

Faithfully yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Julius Rosenwald". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping loops, particularly in the first and last letters.

April 13th, 1923.

Mr.
Mt. Sinai Hospital,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Chapman,

We are planning to hold our
cornerstone laying ceremony on Sunday,
May 13th. I would appreciate it very
much if you would send me a copy of the
program of your cornerstone ceremony.
We might get some helpful suggestions from
it.

With kindest regards and
trusting that you are well, I beg to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

DR. K. KOHLER
2 WEST 86TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

April 29th - 1903

Rabbi Abner J. Heller,

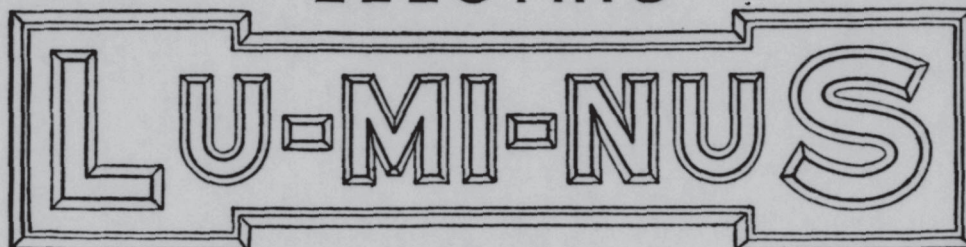
Dear friend! I greatly appreciate the honor of being invited to participate in the corner stone laying of your new Temple, but am to my regret prevented from accepting the same, as on the fourteenth of May a dinner is to be given in my honor by the Rabbinical associations of New York. I shall, of course, send you the desired Blessing for the New Temple by wire.

With cordial greetings

Yours Dr. K. Kohler

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Isaiah Temple

Rabbi Abba Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

CHICAGO July 13, 1923.

My dear Rabbi:

I had occasion yesterday to call on the W.W. Kimball Co., and while there learned that they are figuring with you for your new organ for the Temple which is now in the course of construction.

The Kimball people are figuring for the new organ for Isaiah Temple of this city, and the thought struck me last night that it might be a good idea for your committee on organ work and our committee for the purchase of our new organ to get together and try and buy both organs at the same time and possibly from the same concern. I am inclined to think that, if we can get together, that both of our organizations can save considerable money.

I also learned this morning that the A.H. Andrews Co. are preparing samples of the seats to be used in your new Temple, and we in turn are figuring with them, as well as the American Seating Co. and Heywood-Wakefield Co., all on chairs, and I believe it would be a good idea there to get together and possibly use the same design, thereby saving money for both of us.

What do you think of this?

I am sending this letter to you special delivery, as I am informed in Chicago that you will be back in Cleveland to-morrow or Sunday, and should appreciate your either wiring me immediately or writing so that we can govern ourselves accordingly here.

The W.W. Kimball Co. are desirous of getting your job as well as ours, and, inasmuch as these two jobs are probably the biggest in Temple work at this time, I am inclined to think that we could effect a considerable saving by working together.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely,

President Isaiah Temple.

July Twenty-third,
1923

Mr. Nathan Herzog,
1400 So. Michigan Boulevard,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Herzog,

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your kind letter. It was but last Friday that I had an opportunity to talk the matter over with the Chairman of our Building Committee and the Organ Committee.

In the judgment of our Committee it would not be advisable to use the same design for temple pews, inasmuch as each building is distinct and so should the pews be. This likewise holds true of an organ. There is practically no standard price put on organs by reputable organ builders and the kind of organ you get depends upon the amount of money which you spend and the distinctive combination of pipes which the organist and the committee may desire. Perhaps there may be some other way in which we could co-operate.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Program for renewed effort on the Temple project:

First effort---in the direction of securing pledges from members who have not yet subscribed;

Second effort--in the collection of unpaid pledges;

Third effort---in soliciting additional pledges from those who have not given adequately;

In securing pledges from new members or those who failed to subscribe, the following plan may be followed out:

Use the Fellowship Gathering, as a time and place to give the project, a new interest and impetus:

a Rabbi Silver to review the reasons for a new Temple and the purposes to be served with the new and broadened activities in which the Temple is to engage----to appeal to every member for his sustained interest and co-operation in the project--to request all those who are willing to serve either as advisors or in the actual solicitation, to record their names on cards to be handed them by someone at each table, and to be handed back to that person;

b Statement by some member of the Campaign Committee of the following plan of procedure:

1. Immediate issuance of a list of all members who have not subscribed---copy of this list to be placed in every Committee member's hands with request that he note the amounts which he knows any of these persons should contribute, and the names of Temple members who could best secure the respective amounts----list to be returned to headquarters, and assignment cards made ready to hand out at a meeting to be called very soon;
2. Following this, there is to be submitted to the Committee members, a list of all unpaid pledges with request that each member note thereon to whom such delinquencies could best be referred for collection----lists to be returned and a meeting called for the assignment of the work;
3. Lastly, when the work on the new Temple has progressed, a re-canvass of the entire subscription list must be made to determine which persons should be solicited again for additional sums on a basis of their failure to give adequately in the first instance.

In all of this effort, interest should be sustained by using follow-up letters to all prospects---and inserts should accompany every issue of the Temple Bulletin, with some items of interest pertaining to the progress of the new Building, or in reference to the new work which it will make possible.

-1. Mauro March

2. Goldth Klein

3. Charles
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4. Jerry

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