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February 25, 1949

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, President
Tifereth Israel Congregation
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weitz:

According to our records your congregation will be 100 years old in 1950. No doubt you will celebrate this significant occasion and perhaps you are already making plans. The reason for my writing you about this in advance is as follows.

An official of one of the large congregations suggested to me that it might add something to the individual centenary celebrations if the group of our congregations that were planning such celebrations in any one year would get together on it in some way. It might be something just to know that in 1950 six of our congregations will celebrate their 100th anniversary. For your information the five others are: Norfolk, Va., Chef Sholom Congr.; San Francisco, Calif., Sherith Israel and Emanu-El; Detroit, Mich., Temple Beth-El; New Orleans, La., Gates of Prayer.

A suggestion that occurs to me is something that was done here recently by Rockdale Avenue Temple on the occasion of their 125th anniversary. The congregation invited to their celebration the presidents of all the congregations that were as old as itself or older. You might want to do likewise. You might also want to establish a special fund in honor of the occasion. Perhaps you are already thinking of something of that kind. It occurs to me that if you are planning such a fund and if we could get all of the 1950 birthday congregations to do the same, the fact that the whole group has undertaken such a plan would help to put it over. Have you thought of the possibility of a radio broadcast over a local station which might be extended to a larger territory?

I should appreciate hearing from you regarding the above and if you have any suggestions along the same lines I am sure they will prove valuable to all of us.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Jacob D. Schwarz
Director of Synagogue Activities

JDS:mr

March 10, 1949

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

I have been thinking of a General Chairman for our Centennial. Among the names which have come to mind are those of Herman Moss and Eugene L. Geisner. You might perhaps want to appoint a Chairman and two or three co-chairmen.

In going over the souvenir programs of centennial celebrations of other congregations, I find that in almost every instance they have appointed quite a number of committees and have put on these committees a substantial number of people with the idea presumably of interesting as many people as possible in the affair.

Among the committees which we should appoint, besides the general committee of 8 or 10, are:

1. Anniversary Volume Committee
2. Program Committee
3. Banquet Committee
4. Centennial Endowment Committee
5. Publicity Committee

It would not be amiss to put some 20 to 25 members on each committee, selecting them so as to reach all age groups and a complete cross-section of the congregation. Should an historical pageant be decided upon, another committee should be appointed to arrange for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 10, 1949

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
19201 South Moreland
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

The following three members of the Board were not included in the list of committees for the centennial celebration: Harry Gellin, Bert Krohngold and Joseph H. Cross. I suggest that their names be added to the Centennial Endowment Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 6, 1949

Dr. Nelson Glueck, President
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Glueck:

The Temple is celebrating this year its centennial. We are planning a number of activities in connection with this event which will dramatize the message of Judaism and of The Temple in our community. One of the projects which the Centennial Committee has in mind is an exhibit of Jewish ceremonial objects. Last year The Temple presented a very successful exhibition of the paintings of the noted Jewish artist, Isidor Kaufmann. This made a deep impression upon our community, and thousands of visitors - both Jews and non-Jews - viewed the exhibition.

I am wondering whether the Hebrew Union College Museum would put on display at The Temple a loan collection of Jewish ceremonial objects. Any month between November and April would be satisfactory. The Temple would undertake to pay all costs of transportation, insurance, printing, etc. The Hebrew Union College and the Museum would, of course, be given fullest publicity in connection with this exhibit, and I believe that it would be an excellent opportunity to popularize these institutions in our community.

Hoping that I may receive a favorable reply from you at your earliest convenience, I remain

Very cordially yours,

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
President

SNW:er

September 8, 1949

Cantor Emil Rosen
709 Chalfonte Place
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Cantor Rosen:

I was very happy to have had a conversation with you, and I am delighted that you will be with us for our opening Sunday morning service on October 23rd. It is our intention to have during our centennial year visiting guest cantors from time to time to acquaint our worshipers with some of the more traditional liturgical music.

Our services are from 10:30 to 12:00. About 45 minutes is devoted to the prayer service and the rest, to the lecture. We, of course, use the Union Prayer Book with which you are undoubtedly acquainted. It is my thought that you might wish to sing two solos and the one which you suggested with the choir. One of the solos might well be the "Ayn Kay-lo-hay-nu" at the close of the service. If you would send on the "uvnucho yomar" to Mr. A. R. Willard, our organist here at The Temple a few weeks ahead of time, he could get to work with the choir on it so that when you come, they will be ready for you.

We shall reserve hotel space for you at the Wade Park Manor which is an excellent hotel very near to The Temple. If there is any further information that you would like, please write to me. I would also appreciate receiving from you some biographical sketch and a photograph.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

709 Chalfonte Pl.
Cincinnati 29, Ohio
Sept. 13, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have your letter of September 8th.

I am deeply honored to have been chosen as the first Cantor to help celebrate your centennial year.

However, since our phone conversation, I have checked the holiday calendar and realized that your date of October 23rd follows so closely after the strenuous services of the holidays (including Succoth, which, as you know we celebrate with four complete services) that I feel my voice will be overtaxed to the point that I would not be able to do your service full justice. My experience has proven that my voice needs more than a few days rest after the high holidays.

I am sure that you can

understand my position and my sincere hope that you can readjust your schedule to include my appearance at your Temple at a later date.

However, if your arrangements are impossible to change, I will by all means appear on October 23rd.

Please advise.

I am entirely agreeable to the other arrangements, and after I have heard from you I will send my music to Mr. Willard.

Thank you very kindly for the hotel reservation you have secured for me. /

Very sincerely yours,

Cantor Emil Rosen

September 14, 1949

Cantor Emil Rosen
709 Chalfonte Place
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

My dear Cantor Rosen;

Thank you for your kind letter. I can readily understand the reasons which prompt you to ask for a postponement of the date of your coming here. Would Sunday morning, October 30th be acceptable to you? If not, would the following Sunday morning, November 6th, be acceptable.

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 16, 1949

Mr. Eugene Geisner
National City Bank Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Eugene:

I am enclosing herewith a list of Anniversary committees which Mr. Weitz, the President of The Temple, has appointed. I am also enclosing the list of tentative activities which was discussed last June and which I presented to the Board at its meeting last Tuesday. I shall get in touch with you and Abe Luntz in a day or two about sitting down for a meeting of the General Committee with perhaps the chairmen of the other committees.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

cc: A. M. Luntz

Encs.

GENERAL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Henry Biel

Mrs. Leonard H. Biskind

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Mrs. Henry Steuer

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Andre Ulao

Mrs. Clarence Weidenthal

Mrs. Victor Wise



709 Chalfonte Pl.
Cincinnati 29, Ohio
September 16, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you so much for your understanding letter.

The date of November 6th is entirely satisfactory to me.

I shall sing the following two solos, both traditional; "Ayn Hay-lo-hay-nu", and "Al Tira", and the "uvnucho yomar" with the choir.

My music will be sent to Mr. Willard very shortly and the other material which you requested will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

My sincere good wishes to you for a most happy new year -
Cordially yours,
Cantor Emil Rosen

October 11, 1949

Cantor Emil Rosen
709 Chalfonte Place
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Cantor Rosen:

A reservation has been made for you at the Wade Park Manor for Saturday night, November 5th. The hotel is located a very short block from The Temple and I am sure that you will find it very convenient and comfortable.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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709 Chalfonte Pl.
Cincinnati 29, Ohio
Oct. 12, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Under separate cover I am sending you my music, including all the choral parts, my photograph, and 2 recent programs which might be of interest to you. I am also enclosing a brief biographical sketch.

My plans for arrival depend upon whether or not I must officiate at the Saturday morning service on Nov. 5th. If we can arrange a substitute service for that day, I will plan to be in Cleveland by Friday afternoon.

with pleasure to being with you
and singing in your Temple.
With best wishes,

Cantor Emil Rosen

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If, however, I ² must be here for Saturday service, I will take the night train and arrive in Cleveland on Sunday morning. I will certainly advise you as soon as the services here can be arranged. In either case, I think it would be safest to call a rehearsal with the Temple Choir for Sunday morning.

Since my wife intends to accompany me, I would appreciate your reserving a double room for us.

I am looking forward

FOR THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

1. October 12, 1949 Temple Women's Association Fall Festival
2. November 19, 1949 Temple Men's Club Anniversary Banquet
November 20, 1949 Special service for the Men's Club in The Temple
3. December Jewish art exhibit along with the dedication of
The Temple Museum

December 18, 1949 Service of re-dedication of all the past confirmants
(Chanukah) of The Temple.
4. January 15, 1950 Temple Women's Association Centennial Sunday morning
service
5. March 7/8, 1950 Centennial Pageant in Severance Hall or Public Music
Hall
6. May 14, 1950 Principal centennial religious service Sunday morning

May 18, 1950 Centennial Banquet at the Carter Hotel
7. May, 1950 Souvenir Volume containing the history of the con-
gregation to be ready for the Annual Meeting and
Dinner
8. Special soloists in connection with the Sunday morn-
ing services; one each month, to present outstanding
Jewish liturgical music in connection with our ser-
vices.
9. Four or five eminent guest preachers to occupy our
pulpit during the year.
10. Special publicity in connection with the celebration,
such as featured articles in the local press, a radio
period on "The Ohio Story", special articles in the
magazine, "Liberal Judaism", in other magazines, and
in the Anglo-Jewish press.

October 24, 1919

Mr. Stanley S. Friedman
3275 Grenway Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Friedman:

A meeting of the General Centennial Committee is being called for Sunday, October 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor of The Temple. Plans will be made for the year's program, and in order that we may prepare our budget for the Centennial activities, we should very much appreciate your presence and that of your co-chairmen, Mrs. Leonard Labowitch and Mr. Morris Schaeffer, so that you may give us a report of your plans and an estimate of your needs.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday evening, we are

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY H. WEITZ
President

EUGENE GEISMER, Chairman
General Centennial Committee

cc: Mrs. Labowitch
Mr. Schaeffer

October 24, 1949

Mrs. Helen Bing
Wade Park Manor
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bing:

A meeting of the General Centennial Committee is being called for Sunday, October 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor of The Temple. Plans will be made for the year's program, and in order that we may prepare our budget for the Centennial activities, we should very much appreciate your presence and that of your co-chairman, Mr. Harold Thorman, so that you may give us a report of your plans and an estimate of your needs.

We hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
President

Eugene Geisner, Chairman
General Centennial Committee

cc: Harold Thorman

October 24, 1949

Mr. Irving Hexter
2995 Brighton Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hexter:

A meeting of the General Centennial Committee is being called for Sunday, October 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor of The Temple. Plans will be made for the year's program, and in order that we may prepare our budget for the Centennial activities, we should very much appreciate your presence and that of your co-chairman, Mr. Weidenthal, so that you may submit to us a report of your plans and an estimate of your needs for the Anniversary Volume Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday evening, we are

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
President

EUGENE GEISMER, Chairman
General Centennial Committee

cc: Leo Weidenthal

October 24, 1949

Mrs. Irwin Yoelson
16728 Holbrook
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Yoelson:

A meeting of the General Centennial Committee is being called for Sunday, October 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor of The Temple. Plans will be made for the year's program, and reports of Sub-Committee Chairmen will be submitted in order that we may estimate our budgetary needs for the Centennial activities.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday evening, I am

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE GEISLER, Chairman
General Centennial Committee

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Eugene Gersman Ch.

Herman Moss

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Anniversary Volume

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Alexander Nuntz

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Mrs Walter Goldsmith



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Leonard Bialosky
Mrs. " " "
" Jennie Furth
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M E M O R A N D U M

October 28, 1949

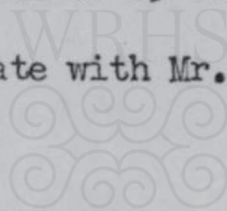
To: Rabbi A. H. Silver

From: Rabbi J. J. Nodel

I received a letter from Rev. Render of San Francisco regarding the Milhaud sacred service. He writes that the arrangement under copyright with the publishers is not completed, and it will be necessary to communicate directly with Mr. Milhaud regarding the right to a performance of his work. Milhaud is at present in Paris.

He speaks very highly of the service and explains in detail how it may best be worked out. An orchestra of 35 or 40 with at least the chorus of 25 voices - they used 150 singers.

Shall I communicate with Mr. Milhaud in Paris?



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93 Spruce St
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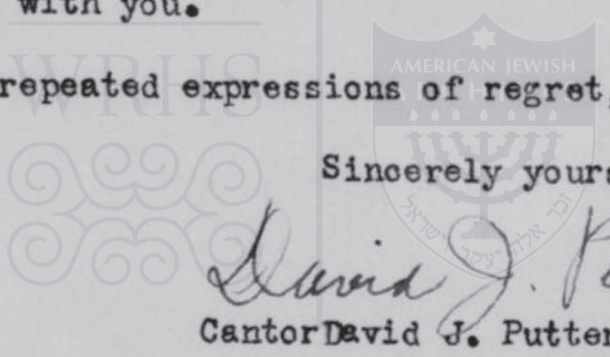
Rabbi Julius J. Nodel
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Nodel:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th. In view of the circumstances described there-in it is with extreme genuine regret that I cannot, under these circumstances, avail myself of the privilege of being with you.

With repeated expressions of regret, I am,

Sincerely yours,


David J. Putterman
Cantor David J. Putterman

October 30, 1949

Mr. Eugene Freedheim
National City Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Freedheim:

A meeting of the General Centennial Committee is being called for Sunday, October 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor of The Temple. Plans will be made for the year's program, and in order that we may prepare our budget for the Centennial activities, we should very much appreciate your presence so that you may submit to us a report of your plans and an estimate of your needs for the Program Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday evening, we are

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY N. WEITZ
President

EUGENE GEISMER, Chairman
General Centennial Committee

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EMIL ROSEN=

November 4, 1949

Mr. Stanley S. Friedman
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Stanley:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the "Voice of Reserve" which contains your article. I read it with a great deal of pleasure.

Before long now you ought to call your Centennial Publicity Committee to a meeting for a general discussion on the publicity in connection with our Centennial celebration.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 9, 1949

Mr. Emil Rosen
709 Chalfonte Place
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rosen:

May I tell you again how profoundly grateful we all are for the superb contribution which you made to the musical part of our service last Sunday morning. The congregation was deeply moved by your singing. I am sure that you must have felt the reaction of the congregation yourself. I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of having you return to us in the near future again.

I am enclosing herewith a check as a slight token of our appreciation for your services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

November 10, 1949

Mrs. David Unger
13800 Fairhill
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Unger:

A meeting of the Centennial Program Committee of The Temple will be held on Monday evening, November 21st, at 8 o'clock in the Parlor of The Temple. Many important activities are being considered in connection with the 100th anniversary of our Temple, and we should like to have the cooperation of the members of the Program Committee to which you have been appointed to assist in the planning and the developing of these projects. I trust that you will be able to attend this meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

EUGENE H. FREEDHEIM, Chairman
Centennial Program Committee

EHF:er

Temple Centennial

Minutes of meeting, Nov. 21, 49 - Temple Board-room.

Purpose: Discussion of and voting upon various aspects of celebrations honoring Centennial.

Chairman-- Mr. Eugene ~~H~~ Freedheim

Present: Rabbi Silver

Judge Mary Grossman

Mrs. Winifred Fryer

Mrs. David Unger

Messrs: Pomerantz

Herman

Haas

Steinberg

Feder

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Gellin

Auerbach



Rabbi Silver outlined the events scheduled throughout the coming year to commemorate the Centennial. Asked for action on certain phases as follows, pertaining to (1) Dedication of ~~n~~ew Museum Room (2) Pageant , (3) Anniversary Services, (4) Banquet.

In connection with the opening of the Museum Room will be two loan exhibits, from the Hebrew Union College and from the N.Y. Theological Seminary. Date was set for Jan. 23, a representative from either school, or Mr. ^{Jones} Rorimer, curator of The Cloisters, to be asked to interpret these collections; printed catalogues to be used; String music to be procured from the Cleveland Institute of Music (or other classical - type source) to play Jewish music by Ernest Bloch, etc.

Motion made and accepted that entire Temple membership be invited by mail to this opening night of exhibit, requesting response so that place of dedication (Temple proper or Mahler Hall) may be determined upon by weight of response. Date, Jan. 23 to be subject to change by discretion of chairman of event. Question of refreshments discussed and vetoed

Pageant.

The question of a charge for admission tickets to the Pageant to be presented in Public Music Hall on March 2nd discussed lengthily. Motion was made, seconded and passed (with two dissenters) to charge the nominal sum of one dollar per ticket; seats to be allotted in the true order of reservation by mail by a committee to be set up for this purpose. Members of Temple are to be offered tickets before general sale to public. This committee to include some members of Pageant Administrative committee.

One each of The following list of speakers and artists in this order of preference to be asked to perform at the Banquet and Annual Meeting at Hotel Carter, May 18. In addition to the guest soloist, local string music to be procured for the dinner hour.

Mr. Baruch

Mr. Frankfurter

Gen. Eisenhower

Mr. Lilienthal

Sen. Lehman

Justice Roberts

Marian Anderson

Koussevitzky (Cantor)

Tucker

Regina Resnick

Warren

The choice of a guest speaker to share the pulpit with our Rabbi at the Anniversary Service on May 14 shall be left to the decision of Rabbi Silver.

Having disposed of all matters pertaining directly to this committee, and having assured ourselves that all phases of the Centennial pertaining to Food were in the hands of Cordon Bleu experts, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Unger

(Sec. Pro tem.)

November 22, 1949

Mr. Mendel Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mendel:

I know that your acquaintance with musical talent in the East is encyclopedic, and so I turn to you for some information. Would Cantor Moses Koussevitsky fit in in a program here at The Temple to sing both classical and Jewish selections? Has he done this in other places? Within what range does his honorarium fluctuate, and who is his manager?

I shall be in New York next week, stopping at the Waldorf, and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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November 23, 1949

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of the program of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Banquet of Temple Emanuel, Denver. I thought you would be interested in seeing this program in relation to the discussion at our meeting of the Program Committee on Monday night. Two points are of especial interest to me:

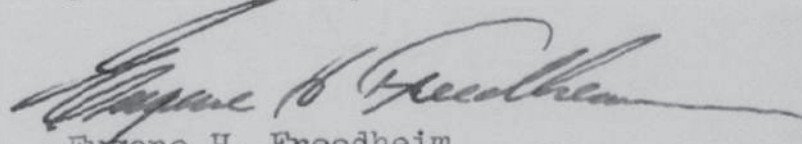
1. The representation of synagogues, universities and churches on the program and, in the latter category, the inclusion of the Episcopal and Catholic churches; and

2. The fact that Dr. Nelson Glueck was the principal speaker.

I cannot fathom why Dr. Glueck's name did not occur to any of us on Monday night but certainly I would think it should be included in the list of those to be considered. His topic "The Future of American Judaism", on which he spoke in Denver, sounds very interesting. I have been told that this was a very splendid and successful Anniversary Dinner.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely


Eugene H. Freedheim

EHF:HC
Encl.

To Frank Stewart, Cleveland ~~News~~ Press
Mr. Dinwoodie, Cleveland ~~Press~~ News

December 6, 1949

Mr. Louis Gale, Church Editor
Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gale:

I am very pleased to enclose herewith an outline of the history of the congregation which you may feel helpful in the preparation of your story, as well as in covering events of The Temple during the Centennial Year.

I gave you the names of two members of the Class of 1869. The actual date is 1870. The names are Mrs. Louis Littman and Mrs. Adolph Born. Also in attendance will be a representative of the Class of 1874, Mr. Isadore Bloom.

I enjoyed meeting with you very much this morning. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.



**CENTENNIAL
RE-DEDICATION SERVICE
OF PAST CONFIRMANDS**

Friday, December Sixteenth

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine

Eight Fifteen O'Clock

(Second Night of Chanukah, 5710)

TEMPLE BETH EL

Woodward at Gladstone

Detroit, Michigan

1850

100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

1950

RE-DEDICATION PROGRAM

1. Sabbath Eve Service.....*Rabbi Sidney Akselrad*
Union Prayer Book-pages 38-43; 87-91
Liturgical Music by Temple Quartette and Religious School Choir
2. Re-Dedication Prayer.....*Dr. B. Benedict Glazer and Confirmands*
3. Kindling of Chanukah Lights
Abraham B. Heavenrich, Confirmand of Class of 1885.
Susan G. Klein, Confirmand of Class of 1949.
Chanukah Blessings and Songs.....*Religious School Choir*
Rock of Ages (Union Prayer Bk, page 92)....*Congregation and Choirs*

4. Greetings:

Nate S. Shapero, President of Temple Beth El.

Justice Henry M. Butzel, Confirmand of Class of 1884 and past President of the Temple.

Melville S. Welt, Confirmand of Class of 1895 and past President of the Temple.

Joseph M. Welt, Confirmand of Class of 1899 and past President of the Temple.

Mrs. Irving L. Hirschman (Irma Sloman), Confirmand of Class of 1903.

Lawrence J. Michelson, Confirmand of Class of 1916 and Treasurer of the Temple.

Mrs. Stanley Fleischaker (Margaret Franklin), Confirmand of Class of 1923.

Arthur L. Goulson, Confirmand of Class of 1923 and past President of the Men's Club.

Albert M. Colman, Confirmand of Class of 1938 and President of the Young People's Club.

Mrs. Morris Brown (Lois Hopp), Confirmand of Class of 1942.

5. Chanukah Songs.....*Religious School Choir*
6. Re-Dedication Charge.....*Dr. Glazer*
7. Re-Dedication Pledge.....*Congregation*
8. Song—"Beth El".....*Congregation*
9. Anthem.....*Religious School Choir*
10. Adoration and Kaddish—Union Prayer Book, pages 71-77.
11. Benediction.

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- A Reunion of Confirmation Classes and Social Hour.....*Social Hall*
A Exhibit of Confirmation pictures, programs, textbooks, etc.....*Social Hall*

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The first Confirmation at Temple Beth El was held on Wednesday, June 4, 1862 (Shevuos, 5622) at the Rivard Street Synagogue, Detroit's first Jewish house of worship, during the ministry of Rabbi Abraham Laser.

Over 5,000 boys and girls were confirmed from the Temple since that year.

The oldest living Temple Confirmand is Mrs. Jacob F. Teichner (Class of 1877), now residing in Atlantic City. The oldest living Temple Confirmand in Detroit is William A. Stearns (Class of 1880). Both are members of the Temple.

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RABBIS OF TEMPLE BETH EL

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Rabbi M. Greenblatt.....1870-1871	

Dr. B. Benedict Glazer.....1941-

PRAYER OF RE-DEDICATION

(Composed by Dr. Glazer)

Rock of Ages, Father of Mankind. To Thee we turn in gratitude during this Chanukah season which reminds us of the heroism and sacrifices of our Maccabean forebears. We revive sacred memories of men and women who put their trust in Thee in the face of persecution and tyranny. We recall their victory over the forces of darkness and evil and their return to Jerusalem to cleanse and re-dedicate Thy Holy Temple.

In this historic spirit of re-dedication we have entered Thy house on this Sabbath of Chanukah. We too are challenged to renew our loyalty to our faith, to our people, and to this Temple. Many precious memories stir in our hearts as we relive the inspiring hours of our confirmation into the faith of Israel at Temple Beth El. We see again our classmates, our dear ones, our teachers, our Rabbis, who helped make this experience unique and unforgettable.

We thank Thee, O God, for these bonds with the past which have deepened the meaning of our lives. We are grateful that our families have been enriched and sustained by the traditions and contributions of Temple Beth El. Help us to perpetuate this precious heritage with dignity and honor. Renew in us the zeal to practice Judaism in our homes and to serve this Congregation as laymen and leaders. May we recognize that it is from our spiritual home we receive the inspiration to support all worthy Jewish causes and to give of our best as citizens to this blessed land.

In these exalted moments of re-union and re-dedication, and as we pledge our abiding loyalty to Temple Beth El and the faith it proclaims, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight. Amen.



RE-DEDICATION PLEDGE

"In this solemn hour I hallow my life, in the name of the Eternal God, to the religion of Israel. Whatever be my lot and wherever I may be, I promise to support the truths revealed by Judaism. Now, as ever, it shall be my aim 'to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before God', and thus to harmonize my life with Israel's proclamation, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one'."

December 20, 1949

Mr. Louis Gale
Cleveland Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gale:

May I tell you how much I appreciated the very fine stories on The Temple Centennial and the Reconsecration Service which you wrote for the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th, as well as on Saturday, December 17th, and Monday, December 19th. The lovely display and the illuminating articles invoked many favorable comments from members of The Temple. I want to thank you for your cooperation.

I wish also to send you the compliments of the season and all my good wishes for the coming year.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

APS:er

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Cleveland Press
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Cleveland News
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Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 27, 1949

Mr. A. M. Luntz
Hanna Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

This is just a brief note to remind you of our conversation last evening about contacting Mr. May in Detroit to learn whether Mr. Edsel Ford could come to a meeting here at The Temple during our Centennial Year. Any evening at any time in the spring would be agreeable to us here. I have already spoken to Mr. May when I was last in Detroit about the possibility of a visit from Mr. Ford to The Temple, and he thought that that might be arranged.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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RABBI

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The Temple

E. 105th St at Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

LC 9 3334

Under separate cover I am mailing a manuscript copy of Mizmor Shir and Handel's Judas Maccabaeus from which I am submitting the air "The Lord worketh Wonders" [on P. 115]. May I also suggest ~~the~~ the hymn or song by Schubert "Great is Jehovah the Lord" entitled "The Almighty" Mr. Willard can easily secure a copy of this in the key of "G" if you decide to include it.

However, I certainly hope you include the Mizmor Shir which I have re-edited for this service and is in a sense, my own humble tribute to this celebration and to the sparkling leadership of Rabbi Silver.

I shall be in Cleveland early Sunday morning Jan. 8th and will call the Temple around 9 A.M.

Kindest regards

Yours Truly
Philip Blackman

January 12, 1950

Mr. Philip Blackman
Hillcrest Jewish Center
80-15 Kent Street
Jamaica, New York

My dear Mr. Blackman:

I should like to express to you in the name of The Temple and in my own name our profound appreciation for your beautiful singing on the morning of ~~December~~ 8th in connection with the Service in The Temple. You greatly enriched and beautified our Service. From all sides I have heard expressions of the highest praise and satisfaction with your beautiful rendition of the traditional music of the synagogue. I trust that it will be our pleasure to have you with us soon again. Please be assured of our deep gratitude.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

January 25, 1950

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

It has occurred to me that we ought to have a meeting of the Centennial Endowment Committee and utilize the remaining few months of the Centennial year for increasing our endowment fund. I notice that you appointed Leo W. Neumark as Chairman of the Committee and Charles Ascherman and Philip J. Haber as Co-Chairmen. I am under the impression that Mr. Neumark has indicated that he does not wish to serve. In that case, do you wish to appoint someone else in his place, or have Mr. Ascherman and Mr. Haber send out the invitation to a meeting? Perhaps we should meet with the Co-Chairmen and one or two other people before the meeting is called.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

January 25, 1950

Mr. Hiram Rivitz
Industrial Rayon Corporation
Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Hiram:

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and that you are enjoying your rest. Judging by the kind of weather we have been having here, it seems that California and Florida have moved to Cleveland - balmy spring weather. I wanted to talk to you about the purpose of this letter before you left, but I did not get around to it, and not knowing when you plan to return, I am putting down my thoughts in writing.

As you know, The Temple is celebrating this year its 100th anniversary. We are having some very fine events scheduled in connection with this Centennial which will be climaxed with a banquet on May 18th at which Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, we trust, will be our guest and speaker. Next month we are dedicating a beautiful Museum for Religious Art and Music which a few friends of The Temple have made possible. In March at the Public Music Hall we are presenting a Pageant telling the story of The Temple and of Cleveland during the last 100 years. We are also publishing an attractive volume, telling in words and pictures the history of the congregation which will be distributed to all of our members and to libraries throughout the country.

I am personally eager to have the Centennial year result in some "tachliss" -- some material benefit to The Temple. We must look ahead. Our Temple structure, one of the most beautiful religious edifices in America, is now more than a quarter of a century old. It will be in need from time to time of major repair and renovation for which our current income does not provide. We should like to protect our institution as far as possible from the sort of experience which we had in 1929-34, when, because of the economic depression, The Temple was compelled drastically to curtail its cultural and educational program because of a radical reduction in income. With these and other contingencies in mind, The Temple, a few years ago, established an Endowment Fund which amounts at this time to a little over \$100,000. We want to use the fine sentiment created among our members in this Centennial year to raise this amount to a quarter of a million dollars. All outstanding religious organizations in our country, including the leading churches of Cleveland, have such endowment funds.

We are making a quiet canvass among some of our people for gifts so that we could announce at the Centennial Banquet in May the completion of This Fund. Would you like to help me, Hiram, and The Temple by making a birthday gift to the Endowment Fund? We would be deeply grateful to you. It is many years since The Temple has turned to

its fellowship for contributions beyond the rather modest annual dues which members are paying.

I send you my warmest greetings and all good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



Jan. 26, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

In this terribly busy and fussy world called New York one must literally halt the progress of time in order to impose a moment of relaxation and thought.

May I apologize for not answering at once your kind letter of Jan. 12 and thank you for the inclosure.

Your gracious words concerning my brief visit at your Temple will serve to humble me in moments of elation even as they will be a source of inspiration in those hours of melancholy which oft beset folk with a creative instinct.

Should the Temple be favorably disposed toward the services of a regular cantor, I shall deem it a privilege to submit my application. In this regard may I write my answer to a question thrown at me by Mr. Saul Meisels when he deplored the propriety of a cantor functioning from the choir-loft. I simply stated that it would be more honorable to contribute part of the musical service from the choir-loft of Rabbi Silver's Temple than the pulpit of most of our Conservative Synagogues.

If I may say it Sir, through the inspired earthiness of your appeal to reason, you have aptly classified those who rabble-rouse and strengthened the hand-clasp of those with God-given gifts to enrich their daily blessings.

May I close with sincere thanks for the opportunity and pleasure that was mine in being a musical moment in the service of the Temple.

May your health continue vigorous and the well of your inspiration unending.



Respectfully,

Philip Blackman

42 Park Terrace E.
New York City

January 31, 1950

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
606 West 122nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Niebuhr:

My Temple here in Cleveland is celebrating this year its 100th anniversary. It was the first reform congregation in the Middle-West and is today, I believe, numerically the largest in the country. We are planning a number of functions in connection with the Centennial Celebration. One, a very impressive one, already took place on December 18th when 2,000 past confirmants of The Temple met in a reconsecration service which was very inspiring.

The Centennial Committee has planned for the month of April a dinner meeting with the Jewish and Christian clergy of Cleveland as its guests for a re-affirmation of our common brotherhood in the ethical and spiritual tasks which confront them. It is the thought of the Committee to have an outstanding representative of Christianity and one of Judaism present their views on the general theme, "Religion Looks to the Future". The Committee was unanimous in its invitation to you to be our guest and spokesman. It is our hope to invite Dr. Leo Baack, whom you undoubtedly know, to speak for Judaism.

I would be delighted if you could come. We are thinking of Monday evening, April 10th, or Monday evening, April 17th. If these dates are not convenient for you, would you indicate any other evening in April when you would be free to come? I believe that the event would mean much to our entire community and would attract national attention.

Hoping that you will be able to fit this meeting into your crowded schedule, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

Feb 1.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I greatly appreciate the honor of your invitation and am sorry that my schedule is such that I see no possibility of accepting it. Mondays and Sundays are my only possible days for out of town engagements. But my Mondays in April are taken as follows: April 10th Washington, April 17th Vanderbilt U; April 24th Philadelphia; May 1st St Louis Mo.

So--- I must regretfully say no.

WRHS



Cordially yours,

Pinchus

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HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,
The Temple,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of invitation to Dr. Fosdick has come to me in his absence. I am sorry to be disappointing, but I know that Dr. Fosdick would not find it possible to accept your gracious invitation. He is in Arizona at present, and plans not to return to New York until near the end of March. Early in April he is leaving for Europe. Before he left for Arizona he sent negative answers to several invitations for speaking appointments during that interval in April before he sails, saying that he was going to be much too pre-occupied at the time.

I am forwarding your letter to him so that he may know of your invitation. I am sure he will appreciate your wanting him.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Noyes (Mrs)

Secretary to Dr. Fosdick.



EL CORTEZ HOTEL
SAN DIEGO I. CALIFORNIA

Feb. 12/50

My Dear Hillel:

I have your Tackless letter of Jan 25th and have been wondering how to answer you. — Tackless is a most appropriate word. for it deals with the future and I can well understand that good management should always have the future in mind — but in my case the immediate present must be solved before I can ^{even} think of the future —



EL CORTEZ HOTEL
SAN DIEGO I. CALIFORNIA

When I left Cleveland I
had on my desk several
requests - letters asking for
contributions both from me
and my company - This has
almost become a daily dis-
tance in the category of
emergencies it's a real prob-
lem my Dr. Hillel believe
it or not - I haven't even
a fraction of the means
to meet even a part of
these requests - The ink
is hardly dry on my last
remittance before I'm



EL CORTEZ HOTEL
SAN DIEGO I. CALIFORNIA

Presented with a few more
I suppose This is an old
story with you a sheer
alibi but it happens to
be my tackless problem.
you see I have one too.
For the first time in my
life I have undertaken
obligations that extend
into the future - it was
more than my income
allowed for that year - I
will have to find out where
I stand when I get back
I am certain that I
have exceeded my limit -



EL CORTEZ HOTEL
SAN DIEGO I. CALIFORNIA

for a year or two ahead
at least - and I will have
to reduce my giving
drastically for a couple
of years - That's about
my status at present -
I am planning to return
home by the middle of
April - In the meantime
My sincere good wishes
for your continued good
health and that of your
family -
Sincerely - Hiram R.



ELKHORN RANCH

SASABE STAR ROUTE
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Your gracious letter of invitation has just reached me here. I appreciate warmly the goodwill expressed in it, and I know that I should thoroughly enjoy taking advantage of the opportunity you offer, were that possible.

Mrs. Fradich and I, however, shall return from here in late March, only to sail for Europe in early April, so that I must disappoint you. I can only send you my good wishes and do that very heartily.

Best wishes!

Tr惻nally,

Haugh Fradich

2/14/50



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April 27, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me information concerning the celebration of your Congregation's 100th Anniversary, i.e., your programs, pamphlets or brochures pertaining to the celebration.

We are planning to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in the coming year and would, therefore, like to benefit by your experience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

F. Goldfeder
Rabbi F. Goldfeder

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800 NATIONAL CITY E. 6TH BUILDING
CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

May 22, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

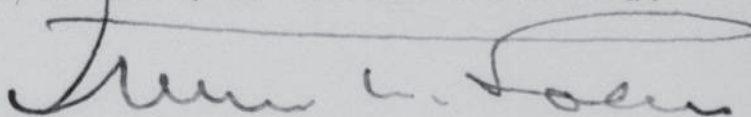
Bertha and I were privileged to attend the One-Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of Congregation Tifereth Israel. When I say "privileged" I mean just that. As a meeting it was a model of adequacy and timing. As a banquet it must have satisfied the most fastidious as well as the hungriest. The reports were brilliantly presented and inspiring.

As for Rabbi "Kalisch" Silver he was perfection incarnate. We have heard you on many occasions, but never more pleasing, more eloquent and convincing.

May you and yours (including the Congregation) be blessed with many years (and in the case of the Congregation, centuries) of continued and superbly useful and soul-satisfying endeavor and achievement.

With sincerest personal greetings to you and Virginia, and also to my old and very dear friend Sid Weitz, I am proud to be,

Very appreciatively and cordially
your friend (tho' in the other Camp)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Irwin N. Loeser', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Irwin N. Loeser

To: Frank Stewart, Cleveland Press
Louis Gale, Cleveland Plain Dealer

May 23, 1950

Mr. William Dinwoodie
Cleveland News
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dinwoodie:

Now that the celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Temple has been concluded, I should like to extend to you my deepest thanks for all of your cooperation in giving such complete newspaper coverage to all of the events which made of this, our Centennial year, such a memorable occasion. All of us are deeply grateful for your ready cooperation, and I want you to know how much I personally appreciate all of your efforts.

With best wishes for a very pleasant summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL STIVER

AHS:er

May 25, 1950

Mr. Irwin N. Loeser
800 National City Bldg.
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Irwin:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and all the nice things which you say about the Centennial celebration last Thursday. I am happy that you and Bertha could be with us and join in the festivities. I, too, was very much pleased with the tone and quality of the meeting which rounds out a very satisfying Centennial year at The Temple.

I send you and Bertha my best wishes in which Virginia joins me.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 31, 1950

Rabbi F. Goldfeder
Louis Feinberg Synagog
Lexington Ave. & Reading Rd.
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Goldfeder:

Rabbi Silver has turned over to me your letter of April 27th with reference to our 100th Anniversary celebration. I am enclosing several copies of our weekly Bulletin which describe some of the Centennial events.

On December 18th a Reconsecration program for all past confirmants of The Temple was held, followed by a buffet luncheon. Over 2,000 were present and a most impressive Service was held in The Temple.

On March 1st a beautiful Museum for Religious Art and Music was dedicated. On March 29th a Pageant was presented in the Municipal Public Music Hall with a cast of over 150.

In April a symposium for all the clergy of Cleveland was presented in Mahler Hall of The Temple. On May 14th the Centennial Religious Service was presented in The Temple. The Bloch Sacred Service was rendered by an augmented choir and symphony orchestra, and on May 18th the 100th Annual Meeting and Banquet was held. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of our Centennial Volume which was mailed to our members immediately following the Banquet.

Throughout the year guest preachers occupied our pulpit as well as well-known cantors who enriched the liturgical music of our Sunday Morning Service.

The new Temple Museum was made possible through the generosity of a number of our members, and The Temple Endowment Fund, established a number of years ago, has been considerably increased by members who wished to see the fine spirit engendered in this Centennial year maintained in some concrete form.

The closing event of the year will be held next Sunday morning at the Religious School Rally when the honor pupils of the year will present an original cantata giving the history of the 100 years in the life of our Temple.

If you wish any additional information, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE TEMPLE
1850 — 1950
Cleveland, Ohio

INTRODUCTION

One day in the winter of 1816, into the Ohio Valley came a young English Jew named Joseph Jonas. While still in England he had heard a great deal of the Ohio ~~land~~ land west of the Alleghenies and he made up his mind that there he would go to seek his fortune. His friends argued with him day and night. What business had he, a Jew, to go into "the wilds of America, and entirely among Gentiles"? But Jonas was stubborn. He left his friends and his home, and came to Cincinnati, where he set himself up as a watch-maker.

Soon word spread that a man of the Israelite nation was here in the West, and from all parts of the country around came people to see him, and talk to him. One old Quakeress, who had come from afar to see him, said: "Art thou a Jew? Thou art one of God's chosen people. Wilt thou let me examine thee?" And examine, him she did, turning him round and round, and then exclaimed: "Well, thou art no different from other people!"

The constant prayer of Joseph Jonas was "that he might be a nucleus around which the first congregation might be formed to worship the God of Israel in the great Western territory".

His prayers were soon answered, for during the High Holydays in the autumn of 1819, the first Jewish service in the Western part of the United States was held in Cincinnati. In 1836, the first temple West of the Allegheny was constructed in Cincinnati.

From this time on Jews kept drifting into the Ohio Valley. In 1837 Simson Thorman, a Bavarian, was the first Jew to settle in Cleveland. He was soon joined by a fellow-Jew, Aaron Lowentritt. By 1839 there were already 20 Jews in Cleveland out of a total population of 7,648, and an Israelite Society was organized. In 1842, the Society split over some dissension on matters of ritual, function of the spiritual leader and lesser administrative problems. The seceding group formed the "Anshe Chesed Society" (now the Euclid Avenue Temple).

In 1848 as a result of the revolutions in Europe and restrictive legislation against Jews in Germany, many more Jews of distinct reform and liberal learnings settled in Cleve-

land, and soon there developed a clash between the more conservative elements in the "Anshe Chesed Society" and the more liberal elements. In 1850, 47 members, led by Asher Lehman, seceded from the older congregation, and on May 26th, organized "Tifereth Israel" which means "Glory of Israel".

Almost from the very beginning of its history, "Tifereth Israel", which later came to be known as "The Temple", has been in the forefront of American Jewish congregations. Isaac M. Wise, the founder of Reform Judaism in America, writing in the "Chicago Israelite" in 1894, speaks of Tifereth Israel Congregation as the first reform congregation in the West because reforms in his congregation in Cincinnati came later than they came to Cleveland. Today The Temple has grown to a membership of 1950 families, the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States, to become a spiritual and cultural powerhouse, attracting national and international attention. It has been a leader and pioneer in the development of Jewish religious life in this country.

Upon the cornerstone of its present magnificent structure are inscribed these words: "Dedicated to the service of the One God, the fellowship of all His children and the Prophetic mission of His people Israel."

This year the custodians of that high tradition are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Temple's founding. They guard its tradition with the same ardent zeal as did those who first announced it a century ago. From this milestone they reflect with solemn pride upon the road they and their forebears have traveled, and they go forward with renewed hope and faith into the years that stretch ahead.

IN THE BEGINNING

"I, Mr. E. Pincus, Secretary, respectfully submit the first minutes of the meeting held May 26, 1850. The meeting was called by Mr. A. Schwab at the home of S. Loeb to draw up rules for the new congregation under the name of 'Tifereth Israel'. Dr. Isadore Kalisch, the liberal and scholarly Rabbi who left the old congregation with our seceding group, informed us that in case he was chosen, he would accept the position of Spiritual Leader, preacher and teacher only on condition that the members assure him that they will attend

Services every Friday evening and Saturday morning. The congregation agreed, and Dr. Kalisch became the first Rabbi of Tifereth Israel. His salary was \$400 annually. Contributions were accepted, the largest amount was \$50 by Mr. David Hexter, and Dr. Kalisch himself contributed \$5. The meeting adjourned and the members dispersed in peace and harmony."

THE EARLY YEARS

Impelled by great energy, devotional and zeal, many organizational meetings were held in rapid succession. On June 9, 1850, a committee was elected to secure a charter from the state of ~~Ohio~~ Ohio and to prepare a constitution. Services were held in the homes of Dr. Kalisch and members. A children's choir sang during the services and they received musical instruction from the Cleveland "Gesangverein" until a short time later when a music teacher, Mr. Wagner, was engaged to train the singers at a salary of \$18.00 per month; the congregation paying \$4.00 and each participating child, 25 cents. Apparently the new order of worship was satisfactory, and the small group was moving ahead, for we read in the minute books of June 9, 1850: "We separated as brothers should separate, with a heart full of peace and harmony."

June 23, 1850, Tifereth Israel received its Charter, and on July 7, July 14 and July 28, committees were elected to proceed with the many details of organization. In September, a place of worship in a remodeled hall on Seneca Street was consecrated as soon as a Torah (the Scroll containing the Five Books of Moses) was installed in the Holy Ark. The hall had room for 74 seats. A private home on Lake Street was rented for a school house, where members sent their children for instruction in Hebrew and religion in the afternoon of weekdays and on Sunday morning. In 1851 the congregation began to worship in a hall on Kelley's Block on Main Street, now Superior Ave. Here it met until 1855.

Gradually the congregation grew as new members were voted into its fellowship. Dues ranged from \$60 to \$18. The members, like most of the immigrants who came to this part of the world, were in general poor people - tradesmen, peddlers, bakers and butchers; and in 1853 financial difficulties faced the congregation. The membership dues were lowered,

the tuition fee in the Religious School of 37 cents per months for members and 50 cents for non-members was reduced ~~5%~~, and the Rabbi's salary was cut to \$300 with the understanding that if a better position was offered him, he should feel free to leave.

New hope came to the struggling, small group in March 2, 1854, when Judah Touro, nationally known Jewish philanthropist of New Orleans, left, among his many other bequests to Jewish, Christian and civic institutions, the sum of \$3,000 to Tifereth Israel.

Finally, it could look forward to the day when it could build its own house of worship.

THE FIRST TEMPLE

On the north wall of the present Temple is a plaque with the following words engraved: "JUDAH TOURO, generous philanthropist and faithful Jew, who bequeathed \$3,000 to the Tifereth Israel Congregation, with which money the original Temple site on Huron Street was purchased. In honor to his memory this tablet is erected. 'By righteousness and integrity he gathered his wealth; in charity and for salvation he gave it.'"

The first great dream of Tifereth Israel was truly realized when on December 14, 1855, the Huron Street Temple was dedicated. This edifice was the first of three homes occupied by Tifereth Israel in its century-long history. It was a simple building, constructed along severe lines, with only a rose-window in front, above the winding steps leading to the main entrance to break the symmetry of its architecture. The pride and joy of the congregation in its new Temple is evidenced by the generous purchase of seats by the members. It remained the home of Tifereth Israel untill 1894, undergoing three periods of remodeling and enlargement in 1861, 1867 and 1874.

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERS

The first Rabbi engaged by the congregation was Dr. Isadore Kalisch, a scholar of note, who had been educated in the Universities of Berlin and Breslau, and who, because of his liberal views, had to flee Germany. He was among the earliest advocates of reform and a close friend of Dr. Isaac M. Wise. He assisted Dr. Wise in the preparation of the new prayer book, "Minhag America", and was a prolific writer in German and Hebrew. His

duties were to serve as Rabbi, Cantor, reader and preacher. When the congregation found it necessary to let him go in 1855 because of financial burdens, the following communication was sent to him: "Finding it impossible to bear the expense of a Cantor and Rabbi, the Tifereth Israel Congregation hereby informs you that they shall not require your services after the expiration of the present term. On parting, we beg leave to assure you that none but the kindest feelings dictate our ~~parting~~ motives and that the best wishes for your future welfare and happiness accompany you in whatever new occupation you may be engaged. With sentiments of esteem and respect for your eminent scholastic abilities."

For 12 years following the departure of Rabbi Kalisch, the congregation had no Rabbi but was served by cantors, teachers and readers, selected, for the most part, from among its laymen. Wolf Fassbender was cantor and teacher until 1857. Jacob Cohen, secretary of the Board and a gentleman of exceptional Jewish learning, served as reader and teacher from 1857 till the end of the Civil War. For the High Holydays members who were capable assisted in the conduct of the Services. An attempt was made in 1860 to secure a Rabbi, and Rev. Dr. Banks was invited to preach on a Sabbath before the congregation for a hearing. Before such a comparatively learned laity, the selection of a Spiritual Leader was not to be taken lightly, and a committee of three was empowered to select a text from the Bible upon which the aspirant to the pulpit was to preach. The committee also was empowered "to ask Rev. Dr. Banks for his testimonials and to converse with him about his abilities as a teacher, and to propound him with questions concerning the fundamental principles of Judaism". Perhaps Dr. Banks did not pass the test; most likely the congregation felt that it still could not afford a Rabbi, for the records show that at this same time another attempt (one of several) was made to unite with the Anshe-Chessed Congregation from which Tifereth Israel separated itself 10 years ago. In any event, Jacob Cohen was retained. Mr. Cohen was, no doubt, deeply appreciated for his services because in 1862 he was presented with a gift: the privilege of choosing for himself any burial lot in the cemetery as yet unsold.

The dream of having a Rabbi never abandoned the congregation. In 1865 the reasons for securing a Rabbi were recorded in the minutes of the Board: "A preacher whose services would awaken a healthful interest for religion amongst us, and arouse us from that spiritual indifference which has crept amongst us, and threatens to spread more and more on the observance of our holy laws, by which further a greater attendance at divine worship would be secured, the neglect of which has already too long and too badly been felt."

In 1866 the congregation accepted the services of Rev. G. M. Cohen who came from Anshe Chesed with a bloc of 34 members who resigned from the older congregation because of their desire for new reforms in Judaism. Rev. Cohen performed the services of Cantor, instructor and leader of the choir and teacher of the Sabbath and Sunday School. But he stayed less than a year and went back to Anshe Chesed.

In 1867 Tifereth Israel finally succeeded in engaging a Rabbi and preacher, Dr. Jacob Mayer, who came from the Bnai Jeshurun Congregation in Cincinnati. The seven years of his ministry were marked by great progress in the direction of reform. In 1874 Dr. Mayer resigned to go to Baltimore, Maryland, and he was succeeded by Dr. Aaron Hahn, who served the congregation with distinction and devotion for 18 years. He was born in Bohemia and was educated in Prague and Wurtzberg. He received his Doctorate at the University of Leipzig. He had been Rabbi of Rodeph Shalom Congregation in New York before he came to Cleveland. He was a fine Jewish scholar, particularly in the field of theology. He helped Dr. Wise found the Hebrew Union College and was corresponding member in the Department of Philosophy in that seminary. After his retirement from the pulpit in 1892, he studied law and became an honorable member of the Cleveland legal profession.

Upon the resignation of Dr. Hahn, Rabbi Moses J. Gries was elected Rabbi of The Temple in 1893, having served previously in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was the first graduate of the Hebrew Union College to occupy the pulpit of Tifereth Israel. He came as a young man full of energy and remarkable organizing ability, and his spirit infused new life into The Temple. Before a year was out, the cornerstone of a new building was laid at the corner of 55th and Central. Rabbi Gries retired in 1917 because of his health while still a relatively young man. He died soon thereafter and was universally mourned.

In 1917, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was called from the pulpit of Wheeling, West Virginia, to succeed Rabbi Gries. Rabbi Silver, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College, was only 24 years of age when he assumed the leadership of The Temple which, by this time, had become one of the most important as well as largest Jewish congregations in America, with a membership of 725 families. Within two years the membership had grown to 916 families, and The Temple was making plans for the building of a new home. Rabbi Silver's unique and unrivalled gifts of oratory which set a standard for Jewish pulpit utterances, evoked such large attendances at The Temple worship services that many were the times when those who found no standing room were turned away. His leadership and participation in all worthy civic, philanthropic and religious endeavors focused national and international attention upon The Temple and Cleveland. In 1925 Rabbi Silver received his D. D. degree from Hebrew Union College; 1928, Honorary Degree from Western Reserve University, Litt. D., and 1941, Honorary D.H.L. from Hebrew Union College. During the First World War he was sent to France by the United States Government, at the invitation of the French Government which later decorated him. He reached the height of his national and international labors on behalf of the Zionist cause when he presented the case for the establishment of the State of Israel before the United Nations in 1947. During the years of his ministry at The Temple, Dr. Silver has written "Messianic Speculations in Ancient Israel", "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History", "Religion in a Changing World", "World Crisis and Jewish Survival" and "Vision and Victory".

Thus, in the period of 75 years, from 1874 on, The Temple has had only three Senior Rabbis. To intensify the work of the congregation, in 1927 an Assistant Rabbi was engaged, Leon Feuer, 1927-1936, followed by Rabbi Melbourne Harris, 1936-1944; Rabbi William Kramer, 1944-1946; Rabbi Julius J. Nodel, 1946 - ; Rabbi Earl S. Stone, 1948 - .

THE WILLSON AVENUE TEMPLE

The Huron Street Temple building, although enlarged three times, had become too small for the growing congregation. Land was purchased on the corner of Willson and Central Avenue (now 55th and Central) and on July 16, 1893, the cornerstone was laid, with addresses delivered by Dr. Isaac M. Wise. Dr. Machol of the Anshe Chesed Temple, and Rabbi

Moses J. Gries. On April 29, 1894, the last worship service was held in the Huron St. Temple. For a period of five months Tifereth Israel worshipped with Anshe Chesed, and finally on September 21, 1894, the new Temple was dedicated, with Dr. Isaac M. Wise, Dr. Max Lilienthal, Dr. Machol and 10 Christian ministers of Cleveland participating. The new building was described in the press as "probably the finest church building in Cleveland, and ranks high among the finest Jewish temples in the country. It is a structure that must be seen to be appreciated. Its canopied ceiling, supported at the sides by massive pillars finished in white stucco work can be described but not with full effect. Along the arches which form the ceiling and which are finished in white upon a green background are hundreds of incandescent electric lamps backed by white shades, and the effect is beautiful. In the dome which is made of quartered oak and glass are clustered lights ~~which~~ which greatly add to the beauty of the building. The gallery is finished in paneled oak, and the sanctuary and choir loft are of the same material. The organ is a magnificent instrument, larger than any other in the city, and of beautiful tone. The pipes are finished in silver and gold. The carpets are of modest coloring and tasteful design, and are of velvet material. The building was tastefully decorated for the opening exercises."

The seating capacity of the new Temple was 1200 and Dr. Wise, describing the building in "The Chicago Israelite", said: "Everything in The Temple is simple, substantial and elegant."

To meet the needs of an expanded program of activities, the Willson Ave. Temple had a library, trustee rooms, assembly hall and large and airy school rooms.

Rabbi Gries, in his dedicatory sermon, said: "This shall be a temple consecrated to Jewish worship and Jewish instruction. Here shall we be brought nearer to our God. Here shall our faith in Judaism be strengthened and deepened. From this place shall we go forth to teach our doctrine and proclaim our truth and to live life as Jews ought to live."

This building used by Tifereth Israel for 30 years still stands, and is now a Baptist Church.

THE ANSEL ROAD TEMPLE

As a result of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's vigorous leadership beginning in 1917, new activity stirred in the congregation, and the shift in the population threatened to isolate the Willson Ave. Temple. In 1919 immediate steps were taken for the acquisition of a new site. A triangle of land at the junction of East 105th St. and Ansel Road was purchased, and the model of the new Temple, placed on exhibition in the City Auditorium, was awarded first prize and was conceded to be the finest architectural achievement in Cleveland. The work of excavating for the new Temple was started December 4, 1922, and by May 13, 1923, the cornerstone was laid. Among those participating in the presence of 2,000 members and friends were Rabbi Louis Wolsey and Rabbi Jack Skirball of the Euclid Avenue Temple, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the Hebrew Union College, former Rabbi Aaron Hahn, and Rabbi Silver. The Temple choir rendered appropriate music.

On September 19th, 20th, and 21st of 1924 The Temple, completed at a cost of almost one and a half million dollars and designed by Charles R. Greco, was dedicated. It is generally regarded as one of the most beautiful religious structures in the country. The main Temple auditorium is 90 feet in diameter and 85 feet high to the top of the dome. The new Temple seats 2,000 worshippers and has a Chapel for 175 persons; a library, offices, thirty classrooms, and an auditorium. "The mountain of the height of Israel; that is the best phrase to describe the new Temple," said the Director of the Cleveland School of Art.

Prominent national and local religious and civic leaders participated in the ceremony of dedication.

During the closing ceremonies in the old Temple, the congregation was profoundly moved as the Scrolls were lifted and in procession carried from the Temple. Dr. Silver said: "It is true that we are passing from the old to the new, and yet, in another sense, we are not. The Temple which is built not of brick and stone, but of living hearts and living faith, remains always the same. Physically we shall have a new edifice; spiritually, it will be the same age-old, memory-laden, life-sanctified Synagogue whose beginnings were the first dreamer in Ur of Chaldees and whose end will be with the last dreamer on the last

shore in the ~~ultimate~~ ultimate cycle of time."

In dedicating the new Temple, Dr. Silver summoned the members of Tifereth Israel to build the spiritual temple now that the physical one was completed. He hoped that The Temple would continue to speak to the rich and poor alike, and especially to the poor and for the poor. He rededicated the Synagogue to the ideal of peace first visioned by the seers of Israel.

REFORM AND PROGRESS

Despite the fact that they adhered to many of the basic practices of Orthodox and Conservative Judaism, such as the dietary laws, worshipping with covered heads, separation of men and women in the synagogue, strict observance of the Sabbath, and services mainly in Hebrew, the first members of Tifereth Israel were inclined towards reform, and they were considered from the beginning as liberals, opposed to the conservative group from which they had separated. In fact, there were many attempts at reconciliation with the original Congregation Anshe Chesed, but they were without success, for despite financial pressure on both congregations, their theological differences and ritualistic differences were irreconcilable.

The first prayer book used was the ritual of Frankfort-au-Main, Germany, which followed the general Orthodox pattern, but the Orthodox practice of calling up members from the congregation at random to read from the Torah (Scriptures) was abolished in favor of a more modern and orderly practice of assigning portions each week. In 1859 the attitude of the congregation was evident when an attempt was made to secure a preacher or lecturer "of reform principles competent to discourse in the English and German language".

There must have been some vagueness on this point, because an amendment was incorporated into the minutes that the term "reform principles" be substituted by "liberal principles which shall not over-reach the Law of Moses". Traditional prayers were changed or eliminated because of a new theological outlook as early as 1859. A prayer for Jewish scholars and the heads of academies in Babylon which, of course, no longer existed, was eliminated as well as a passage which gave the formula for compounding the incense in the

temple in Jerusalem which no longer existed. An attempt to abolish the blessing recited on the Holydays by members of the congregation descended from the priestly family was voted down, but in 1866, with the adoption of a new reform prayer book, this prayer-custom, too, fell by the wayside.

In 1861 when the Huron Street Temple was enlarged and rededicated the (then) extreme innovation of an organ and regular choir was established, and the reader of the Service was instructed to face the congregation during all prayers instead of toward the Ark, as was the Orthodox custom. In this same year, the second day of the Jewish Holidays, observed by Orthodox Jews, was abolished.

However, they were unwavering in their loyalty to their faith and in their desire to maintain their Jewish identity. Their faithful adherence to the tradition of the Jewish Sabbath was expressly stated by the following resolution which was unanimously carried: "We, the undersigned members of Tifereth Israel Congregation, knowing and without hesitation admitting our violation of the Mosaic law, in keeping our places of business open on the Sabbath day, whereby not only ourselves, but also our children become estranged from Judaism, and trusting that our Heavenly Father who ordained the 7th day as one of rest and meditation, will bless us with prosperity during the week-days, deem it our duty, and hereby promise if all agree to keep our business places closed on Saturday, and to attend regularly on that day of divine worship." What finer example can we find to prove that their reform was born out of conviction and not convenience!

The progress and strengthening of the congregation's reform tendencies occurred in 1866 when the 34 members of the Anshe Chesed congregation applied as a group for membership in Tifereth Israel. In their petition for membership the candidates said: "We, the undersigned, one and all, send our petition to your honorable body for admission as members in your congregation. This petition comes from a body of men who come not merely because we have no shelter to lay our heads down, neither is it for our aggrandizement, it is solely because we see that our hands are bound and we are stopped in the way of progress. We have outlived the dark and superstitious ages; we are determined one and all of us to help to

raise the Congregation Tifereth Israel to the standard, and to such beauty as will make it a joy and glory, not only to ourselves, but also to our sons and daughters. We wish to have a good Sabbath and holiday service as well as a good and wholesome moral and religious instructor....."

With the addition of this large reform group into the membership, further action was taken to liberalize the Service. "Minhag America", the prayer book prepared by Dr. Isaac M. Wise with the assistance of other reform rabbis in the country, was introduced to the congregation. Even in this reform prayer book, the members made certain improvements which are now accepted by all Reform congregations in the present-day Union Prayer Book. Anything referring to the bodily resurrection, the bodily Messiah, rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the sacrifices was eliminated.

In 1867 with the election of Dr. Jacob Mayer, many new reforms in ritual were introduced. The term "cantor" was eliminated from the parlance of the worship service, and the Spiritual Leaders were referred to either as Rabbis, preachers, readers or teachers. Likewise, the practice of laymen from the congregation called up to the reading from the Torah was changed to have the Rabbi only read the Scriptural lesson.

In 1868 the service of Confirmation on the Festival of Shevuoth (Feast of Weeks), a service which originated with Reform Judaism in Germany, was held in Tifereth Israel. Eight boys and eight girls were confirmed. Since that time Tifereth Israel has confirmed over 4,000 children attending its Religious School and services. This first Confirmation service impressed the members so mightily that they drew up a resolution thanking Dr. Mayer for "the great joy and gratification" that was theirs in hearing "with unspeakable delight the true principles of Judaism expounded by these confirmants, inculcated into their hearts pure and unalloyed". The following year, again guided by Dr. Mayer's liberal spirit, the Shofar (ram's horn) blown on the High Holydays, was accompanied by a cornet.

One of the most radical departures from traditional Jewish practice came in 1869 when the motion was made to worship with uncovered heads, but this resolution was not to interfere with members who wished to keep their heads covered during services. So ingrained was the Jewish practice of keeping heads covered during worship that the elimination of this

custom was more difficult to accomplish than changing theologic doctrine. This meant the final break with Orthodoxy. Already most of the old customs had been stripped away. Family pews, a mixed choir with organ accompaniment, prayers recited and sermons delivered in English (or German) were now the accepted order, along with the new Americanized prayer book. General acceptance of this new rule regarding hats was not immediate. In 1871 the matter again was raised, and the decision arrived at was that only those who agreed to worship without hats could be accepted for membership. Even visitors were requested to remove their hats. Finally in 1875 a resolution was passed that all worshippers must remove their hats, and that was passed by a very close margin of votes.

Already in 1870 it is recorded that non-Jews began to attend the lectures given by Dr. Mayer, and a fine relationship was established between the Jewish and Gentile community. Through the efforts of Dr. Mayer, Jewish children were permitted to absent themselves from public school on the High Holydays, without detriment to their school records. Dr. Mayer began to participate in the civic and political affairs of Cleveland to such an extent that the Board had to request him to limit his activities.

The congregation was not interested in its own development alone, but considered it important to aid in furthering the reform movement throughout the country. In this work it was a great influence. At considerable expense the Board sent Dr. Mayer in 1870 to a Synagogue conference in New York for the express purpose of assisting in revising the "Minhag America". In 1871 Dr. Mayer was sent as a delegate from the congregation to a conference in Cincinnati "and that he be politely requested to use his best efforts in promoting all such matters that would contribute to establish a uniformity among the congregations, and not to participate in the transactions on any project which could tend to create or propagate disunion". In 1873 Tifereth Israel affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which was organized in that year.

As a well-established congregation, the Board voted to contribute sums of money for the aid of fellow-Jews in Morocco and Persia as well as contribute to the material aid of new congregations being started in Buffalo, Hartford, Charleston and other communities. In 1873 delegates were sent to Cincinnati for the purpose of assisting in establishing a

seminary for the training of Rabbis, and in 1874, at considerable expense coupled with generous hospitality, the congregation entertained the delegates to the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations held in Cleveland.

With the resignation of Dr. Mayer in 1874 and the election of Dr. Aaron Hahn as Rabbi, further reforms were introduced, revisions were made in the prayer book, and the practice of reading the names of the departed from the Temple Memorial Book was begun at services. The Temple began to expand its activities along cultural interests. A Literary Society met in The Temple to study "the literature and language of our country". In 1886 Dr. Hahn instituted the first Sunday lectures, and his sermons filled with substance and thought raised the standard of preaching in The Temple pulpit, which has been maintained in ever greater degrees to this day. Rabbi Hahn served for 18 years and was succeeded by Rabbi Moses J. Gries.

During the 24-year ministry of Rabbi Gries new changes and new activities which have influenced the programs of Reform congregations throughout the country were instituted. In 1893 Rabbi Gries changed the main service of the week from Friday evening to Sunday morning. In 1894, when the Union Prayer Book was adopted, a resolution also was passed that the weekly portion be read from the English Bible and not from the Hebrew scrolls. Rabbi Gries wanted to remove the Torah Scrolls entirely from The Temple, but in deference to majority opinion, the Scrolls remained in the Ark, though never used. The service on Sabbath and Sunday, on Festivals and Holydays, was read almost entirely in English. The Hebrew responses were chanted by the choir. The first Union Thanksgiving service with a Christian church was held in November of 1894, and Christian ministers were invited for the first time to preach from The Temple pulpit.

Between 1893 and 1917 Rabbi Gries advocated the Open Temple idea, where non-members could send their children to the Religious School and participate in all Temple activities. He made The Temple the first institutional synagogue in the United States with clubs, athletics, forums, extension courses and a library, an offshoot of which is associated with the Cleveland Public Library and located in the approximate area of the Willson Ave. Temple building. It is still called "Temple Library". In 1894 The Temple Society

was formed which conducted extension courses and popular lectures which, in 1896, developed into the well-known "Temple Course" which for more than 12 years was a unique and highly successful institution in the cultural life of Cleveland. A Junior Temple Society was also formed. In 1896 Rabbi Gries organized The Temple Women's Association; 1898, The Temple Sabbath School Sunshine Club, and in the same year, the first Temple Annual was published. In 1902 the Temple Alumni Association was organized. The Sabbath School became the largest in the United States, and the study of Hebrew in the Sabbath School was abandoned in 1895.

Rabbi Gries represented what might be called the extreme radical wing of Reform Judaism, and most of his ministry was spent in the years before the First World War. It was the "Golden Age" of great optimism among the Jewish people, and the ideal of universalism ran high.

When Dr. Abba Hillel Silver came to The Temple in 1917, Reform Judaism had reached the furthestmost boundaries of radicalism, and after the horrible anguish of the War which disrupted the lives and destroyed the hopes of man for a peaceful and ideal world, a great deal of soul-searching took place among the leaders of Reform Judaism. The work of Reform was practically accomplished, and Judaism had been modernized and adjusted, and the awareness of the new tasks necessary to conserve Judaism was realized by Rabbi Gries's successor.

Against much opposition, which he eventually overcame, Dr. Silver brought back into The Temple the more positive and meaningful rituals and practices of Judaism. Hebrew was re-introduced in the worship services and in the Religious School curriculum. The Torah was taken out of seclusion and the reading of it became once again, as always in Jewish worship, an integral and central feature of the Service. Friday Evening Vesper Services were re-instituted with the lighting of the Sabbath candles and blessing over the wine. The beautiful ceremonies of Jewish holiday observances such as the Succah (Tabernacle) on the Feast of Tabernacles were re-introduced, and the preaching placed more emphasis on the affirmative values of Jewish faith and the broad problems of Jewish life, such as Zionism.

When the new Temple was built on Ansel Road, the subject of the "institutional synagogue" was carefully studied, and the extra-pulpit activities which Dr. Silver said had no

direct relation to the synagogue and religious services, were abolished. On May 26, 1929, The Temple adopted a policy that in the future it should devote itself exclusively to the role which it alone can perform in the community; namely, as a "House of Prayer" and a "House of Religious Study". The Religious School with its High School and College Departments set out to develop a full program of educational opportunities for young men and women; The Women's Association, Men's Club, and Alumni carried on their manifold activities only insofar as they are more vitally related to the religious ideals for which a Temple ought to stand. "The Temple cannot be all things to all men," said the statement of new policy, "but it can be and should be a place of inspiring worship, of religious education, of ethical guidance and of Jewish sanctities for all men."

Thus, Tifereth Israel once again demonstrated its pioneering spirit, being the first congregation in the United States to attempt a definite formulation of the function and place of the synagogue in modern American life.

CITY, NATION AND HUMANITY

In its 100 years The Temple has kept pace with the forward surge and remarkable progress of America. Its lay and rabbinical leaders have supported every social purpose and high-minded activity in Cleveland. Its fellowship extended beyond its own environs, to the non-Jewish citizens of this community, and frequently from its pulpit were heard the voices of leading Jews and Christians pronouncing the great truths to which we all are the rightful heirs.

The Temple served patriotically and loyally during all the wars - Civil War, Spanish-American War, First World War, Second World War, and its sons fought in all of them. In the First World War 165 Temple boys were soldiers, and in the Second, 775 served. Many of them won great distinction; 22 of them died in the service of their country.

Many hands have worked under the roof of The Temple to clothe and feed the naked and hungry of all lands who were caught up in the maelstrom of persecution and war. Many purses have been opened in response to the calls from its pulpit for the salvation of the disinherited and the lost. Many dreams originating in the souls of its leaders have come to blessed reality for the salvation of the homeless wanderers among our brethren. Many

happy voices echoed within its walls, and many tears were shed by anguished hearts seeking solace at its services. And many hearts were kindled with renewed faith in God and man before the ever-burning lamp of the Holy Ark.

"And my glory shall not depart from thee, nor from thy children, nor from thy children's children forever."

This is the story of Tifereth Israel - Glory of Israel.



CENTENNIAL EXPENSES - 3/9/50

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
Oct.'49 Public Hall	\$160.00	Pageant
Nov.'49 Emil Rosen	200.00	Cantor ✓
Wade Park Manor	19.65	Cantor
City Blue Printing Co.	10.95	Music (Willard)
Millcraft Paper Co.	16.08	Pageant
Muench-Kreuzer Candle Co.	4.61	Candles
	\$411.29	
Dec.'49 Edgar Mills	250.00	Cantor
Wade Park Manor	14.72	Cantor
Mrs.V.L.Wise	5.70	Decorations Rededic.
Mrs.I.Hurwitz	27.00	" "
Hough Baking Co.	2108.00	Rededication
Ben Silverberg	125.00	Music Reded.
Wade Park Manor	1.34	Cantor
Phillips Candle Co.	4.60	Candles
Lyon & Healy	24.13	Pageant
Phillips Candle Co.	9.00	Candles
Saunders Novelty Co.	22.82	Tags. Reded.
Schonberg Prtg.	190.00	Program R ded.
Walnut Prtg.	62.00	Pageant Postcards
	2844.31	
Jan.'50 Philip Blackman	250.00	Cantor
Perry Briggs	15.00	Microphone Reded.
Jos.Hepner	13.00	Add.Janitor "
Mrs.J.Weiskopf	6.00	Pageant
Bloch Publishing Co.	5.05	Music Cantor Mills
Burrows Co.	2.61	Pageant (Paper)
Diamond Flowers	20.00	Rededication
Howard Gene	18.00	
Lyons & Healy	8.45	Pageant
Millcraft Paper	16.91	Pageant
Mimeograph Co.	10.50	Pageant
Union Towel	12.00	Reded.
	377.52	
Feb.'50 Postage	60.00	Museum Ded.
Bohme & Blinkmann	27.27	History Book
Heights Baking Co.	12.50	Pageant Mtg.
Howard Gene	48.00	Pictures Hist.Bk.
Millcraft Paper	15.75	Pageant
Railway Exp.	39.89	Museum
Schonberg Prtg.	184.00	Museum
	387.41	
Mar.'50 Dr.Freehof	100.00	Guest Preacher
Pub.Auditorium	150.00	Pageant Rehearsals
Henry J.Kurth	425.00	Pageant
Robt.Ellenstein	250.00	Pageant
Robt.Ellenstein	35.00	Pageant
Railway Exp.	48.63	Museum
Wade Park Manor	6.88	Freehof Exp.
Postage	60.00	Pageant Letter
Rita Ganger	5.00	Pageant clerical
	1080.51	
	\$5101.04	

CENTENNIAL EXPENSES
CONT'D

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
	BAL. FWD. \$ 5101.04	
MAR!50 Mrs. Alex. Mintz	9.86	Pageant
Jos. Gingold	150.00	Museum
Stephen S. Kayser	220.96	"
E. & L. Cartage Co.	14.42	"
Bishop G. B. O'nam	100.00	Guest Preacher
Railway Express	1.79	Pageant
Bohme & Blinkmann	4.41	History Book
Gurklis Signs	8.00	Pageant
Industrial Motion Pictures	30.00	"
Lyon & Healy	13.46	"
Mimeograph & Co.	3.15	"
Olympic Sport Goods	1.50	"
Root & Mc Bride	3.30	"
Schonberg Printing	101.50	"
Standard Env. Co.	14.33	"
Wolf Env. Co.	6.73	"
	683.41	
ARR. Acme Chair Rental	12.00	Pageant
Henrietta Bloomfield	33.57	"
Bloomfield Co.	18.00	"
City Blue Prtg.	1.25	"
City Express Del.	14.36	"
Clev. Coca-Cola	14.28	"
Diamond Flowers	6.00	"
Dramaturgy Inc.	66.00	"
Mrs. Mort Epstein	15.00	"
Jack Rosenthal	53.20	"
Eaves Costume	950.00	"
Robt. Ellenstein	250.00	"
H. A. Garson	25.00	"
Saul Henkin	315.50	"
Henry J. Kurth	568.00	"
Luck's Music Lib.	7.65	"
Rand Manning	200.00	"
Helen Murciak	20.00	"
Minnehaha Water Co.	11.15	"
Robt. Nelson	10.00	"
Norris Cartage	332.09	"
Rappaport Studios	84.07	"
Elizabeth Rice	50.00	"
Ritmor Sportswear	7.50	"
Schonberg Prtg.	355.00	"
Martin Sperber	55.00	"
Theatrical Equip.	45.82	"
Theatrical Shopping Serv.	95.00	"
Walnut Prtg.	56.00	"
Jessie Weiskopf	24.00	"



CENTENNIAL EXPENSES
CONT'D

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
Choir	\$130.00	Pageant
Potter Mellon Inc.	3.00	Museum
Theodore Bloomfield	375.00	Pageant
Ben Silverberg	816.50	"
Florence Shapero	7.40	"
Clev. Pub. Auditorium	563.34	"
Helen Santa	50.66	Clergymen's Dinner
Myers Meat Co.	55.20	"
Dr. Louis Mann	100.00	"
Dr. Ralph Sockman	100.00	"
Root & Mc Bride	49.88	Pageant
G. R. Evans	4.30	"
City Ice & Fuel	2.28	Clergymen's Dinner
Mrs. N. R. Combs	2.00	Pageant
S. Meadows	6.29	Clergymen's Dinner
Hungarian Strudel Shop	10.80	"
G. R. Evans	11.55	"
Marion Newmark	23.00	Pageant
Railway Exp.	3.05	Museum
City Hardware & Supply	10.17	"
Gurklis Signs	1.50	Annl Mtg.
Howard Gene Studios	39.00	History Bk.
Jewish Review & Obs.	15.00	Pageant
L. & M. Food Co.	19.45	Clergymen's Dinner
The May Co.	115.13	Pageant
National Ticket Co.	55.53	Anniv. Serv.
Schonberg Prtg.	52.50	" "
Serlin Prtg.	34.00	" "
Wade Park Manor	8.93	Clergymen's Dinner
Weideman Co.	8.56	"
	\$ 6369.46	
MAY Jack Adams & Co. (E. Podis)	100.00	Pageant
Cleveland Press	12.62	Ann. Serv.
May Co.	53.29	Pageant
Wal. Prtg.	14.25	Ann. Serv.
Railway Express	27.68	Museum
Ben Silverberg	740.90	Ann. Serv.
Choir	460.00	" "
Fuller Cleaning	6.50	Pageant
Rabbi L. J. Feuer	32.00	Ann. Serv.
Bing & Haas	1003.10	History Bk.
C. C. Birchard & Co.	40.81	Ann. Serv.
Cleveland News	11.20	" "
Diamond Flowers	4.00	Pageant
Heights Baking Co.	4.50	Clergymen's Dinner
Hinde & Dauch Paper Co.	93.02	History Book
Jewish Review & Observer	4.00	Pageant
Dr. Chas. Lesser	30.00	"
Lily Flowr Shop	30.00	Clergymen's Dinner
Plain Dealer	11.76	"
Ross Prtg. Co.	21.00	History Bk.
Serlin Prtg.	4.00	Ann. Serv.
Unger Prtg.	1789.20	History Bk.
Union Towel Supply	5.38	Clergymen's Dinner
	4499.21	
TOTAL TO JUNE 1, 1950	16653.12	

BALANCE FORWARD \$16,653.12

<u>UNPAID BILLS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EPLANATION</u>
Diamonds Flowers	\$9.12	Ann. Serv.
Industrial Publ.	253.34	Hist. Bk.
Mueller Art Cover & Binding	1292.75	" "
Railway Express	80.85	Museum
	1,636.06	
	<u>\$18,289.18</u>	

PAGEANT RECEIPTS

MARCH	\$501.25	
APRIL	2034.53	
MAY	22.25	
	<u>2558.03</u>	
		2,558.03
TOTAL EXPENSES TO JUNE 13, 1950		<u>\$15,731.15</u>



Powerhouse of Spirit

In ink now faded, on paper yellowed by age, one reads the first official record of century-old Congregation Tifereth Israel of Cleveland, now nationally known as The Temple.

"I, Mr. E. Pincus, Secretary," says the record, "respectfully submit the first minutes of the meeting held May 26, 1850.

"The meeting was called . . . to draw up rules for the new congregation under the name of 'Tifereth Israel.'

"Dr. Isadore Kalisch, the Liberal and scholarly rabbi who left the old congregation with our seceding group informed us that in case he was chosen he would accept the position of Spiritual Leader, preacher and teacher only on condition that the members assure him that they will attend services every Friday evening and Saturday morning. The congregation agreed."

Thus, under conditions which many a modern rabbi would yearn to see accepted and applied, The Temple came into existence just one hundred years ago.

Hailed by Isaac Wise

Isaac M. Wise, master builder of American Reform Judaism, often described Tifereth Israel as the "first Reform congregation in the West" because he noted that reforms that came to his congregation in Cincinnati had been anticipated in Cleveland.

Today, under the leadership of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (HUC '15) one of the most eloquent spokesmen of modern Judaism, the congregation has grown to a membership of 1,950 families, a powerhouse of Liberal spirit, thought and action, perhaps the largest group of its kind in the United States.

A whole series of centennial events, which began last fall and will reach a climax in May, pay tribute to the efforts undertaken and the achievements recorded since the day when, after a first service in June, 1850, the minute books reported: "We sep-



Historic Synagogue
The Temple, Cleveland

arated as brothers should separate, with a heart full of peace and harmony."

Poor peddlers and tradesmen made up the temple's first members, and they were beset by the most acute financial difficulties. By 1853 the rabbi's salary had been cut to \$300 and he had been regretfully advised to accept another post if one were offered.

New hope came in 1854 when Judah Touro of New Orleans, the famous philanthropist, remembered Tifereth Israel with a \$3,000 bequest in his will. With this gift, the first dream of the founders — construction of their own temple — was realized, but financial troubles recurred and there were twelve years when the congregation, too poor to afford a rabbi, was served by cantors, teachers and readers, most of them selected from among its laymen.

The difficulties prompted several efforts to reunite with Anshe Chesed Congregation (now the Euclid Avenue Temple), from which the struggling group had seceded at the outset. These efforts were without success.

Tifereth Israel, though it still adhered to many of the basic practices of Orthodox and Conservative Judaism, had already taken the path toward Reform, and the theological and ritualistic differences between the two congregations, today both Reform, were at that time irreconcilable.

Progress toward Reform was steady in Tifereth Israel. As early as 1859, traditional prayers were modified or eliminated because of a new theological outlook. The first confirmation took place in 1863, and the sixteen boys and girls in the class were the forerunners of more than 4,000 confirmed since. A motion to worship with uncovered heads, first made in 1869, was adopted on a permissive basis first; made mandatory eight years later. Modifications proposed by other Reform groups were incorporated in some instances; in others Tifereth Israel was the pioneer. By 1873, when the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was formed, the Cleveland congregation was one of the first affiliates.

Rabbi Silver, who came to the congregation at twenty-four, its third senior rabbi in seventy-five years, has occupied the pulpit since 1917. Assisting him in the farflung activities of this influential temple are Rabbi Julius J. Nodel (HUC '43) and Rabbi Earl Stanley Stone (JIR '39).

The centennial observance will close May 14 with an anniversary religious service, and May 18 with an anniversary banquet.

Reconsecration Service

One of the most dramatic events in the celebration thus far was a reconsecration service December 18 for all those who had been confirmed at The Temple. Two thousand men and women, representing sixty confirmation classes, dating all the way back to 1870, joined in repeating the Confession of Faith. From the class of 1896 onward, there was an unbroken representation up to and including this year's confirmands.

Other important highlights of the celebration have included a series of five lectures by Rabbi Silver on "A Bird's Eye View of a Critical Century"; a pageant, "A Temple Century," with over 130 members of the congregation in the cast; and a dinner at which the Rev. Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New



Leo Gartenberg

Temple Beth Israel President and Rabbi



Rabbi Martin M. Weitz

York, and Rabbi Louis L. Mann (HUC '14) of Temple Sinai, Chicago, were principal speakers.

Another important event that marked the centennial was the formal dedication March 1 of The Temple's new Museum of Religious Art and Music, third of its kind to be established in the United States. Dr. Franz Landsberger, curator of the HUC-JIR Museum, was among the guest speakers at the dedication.

First Quarters A Rented Room

In Arkansas, where DeSoto first discovered the "magic wells of health" in the unusual mineral water springs, Jewish settlers have been contributing to the cultural, professional, commercial and agricultural life of the state for many decades. Although Jews constitute less than three per cent of the state's population, fourteen Arkansas towns bear the names of Jewish planters and builders honored by the communities in which they lived and worked.

According to some records, the first Jewish settler of Hot Springs was Jacob Kempner, an immigrant from Cracow, who operated the stagecoach from Little Rock to Hot Springs furnishing those towns with their only organized line of communications.

In this setting the diamond jubilee of Temple Beth Israel of Hot Springs which will be observed with a whole series of special events in May, takes on wide significance.

Temple Beth Israel, one of the first Jewish congregations in the state, developed from the efforts of a handful of devout Jews who met in a rented room for prayer as far back as 1872. In 1875, founders formally organized under the two names, Beth Israel and the House of Israel.

For thirty-nine years the congregation was served by Rabbi Abraham B. Rhine (HUC '02), translator of Graetz' *History of the Jews*. The spiritual leader today is Rabbi Martin M. Weitz (HUC '34), and under his guidance a membership which has recently doubled in size and extended its activities prepares for an observance of the anniversary which will chart new paths for the future while paying tribute to the past.

Among anniversary events scheduled is an institute for clergymen and a luncheon in their honor as well as a special evening service on May 26. Rabbi Louis Binstock (HUC '23) of Temple Shalom, Chicago, will speak at both luncheon and service. An anniversary banquet and program will be held at the Arlington Hotel on Sunday night, May 28. Rabbi Ira E. Sanders (HUC '19) of Temple B'nai Israel, Little Rock, will be the main speaker.

Dissertations Put On National List

The high caliber of graduate work at the College has gained recognition from the Association of Research Libraries.

With the recent publication of Volume 16 (1948-49), the College is listed in the compilation of *Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by American Universities*, which is prepared annually by Dr. Arnold H. Trotter of the University of Illinois Library.

In addition to listing the dissertations submitted last year, the current volume includes those dissertations which have been accepted by the College in the past.

Propose CCAR Ceremonial Guide

An Institute on Reform Theology sponsored by the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held March 20, 21 and 22 at the Cincinnati campus with seventy-four CCAR members participating in inspirational round-table meetings and plenary sessions.

A recommendation that the CCAR formulate a guide for ceremonial practice in Reform Judaism was adopted. Under the proposal, the guide would "provide information concerning prevailing customs, offer standards and criteria for the evaluation of ritual observances and suggest their creative development."

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman (HUC '22) of Temple Israel, St. Louis, chairman of the Institute, announced that it will be resumed at the Cincinnati campus during the December, 1950, midwinter recess.

The annual conference of the CCAR will take place in Cincinnati June 7 to 11. Among speakers will be Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (HUC '15) of Cleveland; Dr. Abram L. Sachar, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman (HUC '18) of Hartford and Dr. Nelson Glueck. Rabbi Harry Kaplan (JIR '27) of Columbus, O., will deliver the conference lecture and Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof (HUC '15) of Pittsburgh will deliver the conference sermon.

Open Letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Rabbi Silver:

According to the local press, The Temple, of which you are the spiritual leader, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 18. This is an event of rejoicing not only for your congregation and the Jewish people, but a time of exaltation for all progressive citizens.

The manifold activities of The Temple have been a force for the elevation of our community life; from The Temple came powerful support in the common struggle against bestial fascism, and in the post war years The Temple has been a center from which flowed that warm brotherhood for healing the wounds of the Jews of Europe and contributing to the foundation of a new nation, Israel.

I feel that I have a personal share in your rejoicing on this occasion.

I have not only abhorred the evil of anti-Semitism, but through the years in concert with many other non-Jews have spoken and acted against this cancer. For this stand we Communists in particular were termed "premature anti-fascists," a brand we wear with pride.

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IN THE OFFENSIVE against Hitler, I served in Europe as an infantryman for the duration of the war. In the long horror of that conflict, one of the major forces sustaining my conviction that this was a just war was the knowledge that we were dealing a death blow to the butchers of six million Jews whose only desire was to live in peace.

It was not Hitler alone who was the enemy; it was the predatory German industrialist who raised the Nazi to power, financed the murder of Communist, Jew and unionist to prepare Germany for the path of world conquest.

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WITH this in mind, it comes as a profound shock to read the names of the individuals you have invited to speak at the 100th anniversary of The Temple—United States Senator Robert A. Taft and John Foster Dulles.

Are they friends of the Jewish people? What is the record?

It is well known that prior to our country's entrance into the war against the Axis that Taft repeatedly expressed his willingness to appease German fascism. He was with that group of "isolationists" whose program was expressed through the America First Committee, a center of open and concealed anti-Semites.

Not even the war brought a change in opinion on the part of Taft.

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IN A SPEECH at Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, on Oct. 5, 1946, Taft declared that the recently concluded war crimes trials in Germany and those in progress in Japan "violated fundamental American law."

He also said:

"The hanging of the eleven former Nazi leaders will be a blot on the American record we shall long regret."

And of recent date, Senator Taft has called for the recognition of Spain, that unhappy country whose democratic government was overthrown by the fascist general, Franco, with the assistance of the armies of his partner, Hitler.

What would be the cry of the dead of the Warsaw ghetto if they could witness Taft stepping across the threshold of The Temple?

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BUT TAFT is not only the enemy of the Jewish people.

He is the mortal enemy of the trade union movement.

Perhaps it is unknown to you that anti-Semitism has made gains in high places in the labor movement. The once proud CIO now publishes anti-Semitic cartoons; the secretary of the CIO has announced his willingness to accept fascism as an ally in a future war.

The presence of Taft in The Temple only serves to provide these mis-leaders of unions with a weapon to divide labor from the Jewish people in the same manner that Hitler achieved that division.

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OR CALCULATE the impact of Taft's presence in The Temple upon the Negro people, who with the Jewish people have energetically fought for fair employment practices legislation.

It was Taft who asserted a short time ago that he would not vote for compulsory FEPC and was condemned by

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Taft's coming to The Temple will be welcomed by those sinister forces who seek to drive a wedge between the Negro and Jewish peoples.

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THEN your other guest, John Foster Dulles.

This associate of Truman in the promotion of the cold war has been charged in a federal lawsuit against the International Nickel Corporation with helping Nazi Germany stockpile war materials before Pearl Harbor. One of Dulles's war time clients, Rudolph Lenz, was convicted on a charge of having criminal relations with the international German monopoly, I. G. Farben.

Dulles' bank, the J. Henry Schroder bank, was described by Time Magazine as "an economic booster" for the Rome-Berlin Axis.

Dulles was the reorganizer of the finances of Poland in 1926 just after Pilsudski, the anti-Semite, set up his fascist regime.

Dulles and his wife contributed a total of \$1,000 to the anti-Jewish America First Committee.

Dulles has sued the government of the United States in behalf of Franco banking interests in Spain.

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AND WHAT was it but a reference to the Jewish people when Dulles in a senatorial campaign speech in upper New York said: "... if you could see the kind of people in New York City making up this block that is voting for my opponent (Lehman), if you could see them with your own eyes ..."

The list of hatreds shared by Taft and Dulles against decency and progress is too long to be described here. The record is available.

Topping this list of hatreds are the Soviet Union and those countries of eastern Europe who have made anti-Semitism a criminal offense.

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WOULD ANYONE weigh the records of Taft and Dulles against the blood of millions of Soviet citizens who died in the war against Hitlerism?

Or could deceit dare to draw comparisons between the actions of Taft and Dulles on nationhood for Israel as compared with the firm stand of the Soviet Union whose destruction is sought by your two guests?

When the people of Israel cried out for arms to defend their homes and their families where were Taft and Dulles? Were they not engaged in denouncing the government of Czechoslovakia whose factories were providing weapons for the defense of Israel?

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TODAY in the United States a plan is being unfolded whose same design was used by the monopolies and cartelists of Germany through their spokesman, Hitler. Assisting in this scheme of thought control, jailing of Communists headed by Eugene Dennis, deportation of the foreign born, destruction of the trade union movement, encouragement of hatred against minorities and unprecedented redbaiting coupled with a clamor for war are Robert A. Taft and John Foster Dulles.

Will the Jewish people go unspared from the holocaust that is being prepared?

History teaches us that they will be among the early victims.

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I WOULD not be so presumptuous to make suggestions for the conduct of your 100th anniversary celebration at The Temple.

But I feel that I have earned the right as a firm friend and ally of the Jewish people to cry out against Taft and Dulles.

Better to revive the voices of the ancient prophets. Amor and Hosea.

"Let justice flow like water, and righteousness like a perennial stream."

Sincerely yours,

ELMER O. FEHLHABER
Editor, The Ohio Edition.
The Worker.

[1950?]

STATEMENT ON CENTENNIAL FOR RADIO STATION WJMO

The Temple, the oldest liberal Jewish congregation in the Middle West, and the largest in the country, is celebrating this year its 100th anniversary. Under God it has prospered and has been privileged to serve the faith of Israel, the community, and our country. Our fervent prayer is that in the coming years, as in the past, it will remain true to the purposes which are inscribed upon the cornerstone of The Temple: "Dedicated to the Service of the One God, the Fellowship of all His children and the Prophetic Mission of His people Israel."



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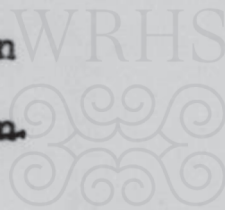
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