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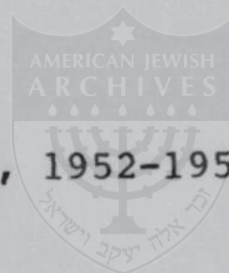
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November 11, 1952

The Temple
Ansel Rd. at E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Miss Rice

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two letters that we suggest sending to all Temple members. The first letter is the one that my committee wrote and the second one is a shorter one as corrected and amended by the President of the Men's Club.

If there are any thoughts in the first letter that you would like to incorporate in the second, or if there are any changes in the letter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest H. Siegler

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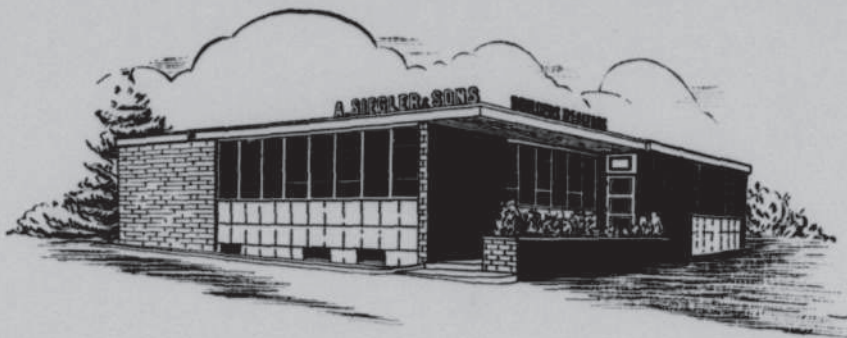
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DEAR FRIEND,

I have been asked by my fellow members of The Temple Men's Club to invite you to serve on a committee whose function it will be to come to our Temple service Sunday, the _____ day of _____, 1952, and to bring a few of your friends with you. Rabbi Silver will speak on the topic _____. Services begin at 10:30 in the morning and end at noon.

The Temple Men's Club in consonance with like brotherhoods all over the country has made attendance at religious services its cardinal purpose this year.

Sunday school classes are not dismissed until after the completion of the Temple service. If you have a child attending our religious school, you and your child will profit by your regular attendance at Sunday morning services; you by gaining much spiritual satisfaction and your child by learning to follow your example.

Ample parking facilities have been provided on newly acquired land on Ansel Road.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your friends at this and subsequent services.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Builders of Better Homes...

November 24, 1952

My dear Friend:

Will you and your family join with me at Services next Sunday morning at The Temple? I am inviting my friends to do so because I believe that they will be inspired and spiritually benefited by the Service.

and
In these confused times we need the guidance/the steadying influence of our religion, and we need to set an example to the rising generation and to our entire community of our loyalty to our faith and to its great ideals and institutions. If you have a child attending the Religious School of The Temple, what better example can you set then to show him that his mother and father attend Temple Services faithfully?

The Temple Services, as you know, begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:00. Ample parking facilities have recently been provided on newly-acquired land on Ansel Road.

The Temple Men's Club, together with all other brotherhoods all over the nation, is making attendance at religious services its cardinal activity this year.

Rabbi Silver will speak next Sunday morning on the subject,
. The famous cantor, David Kusevitsky, from New York will share in the musical service. I shall be very happy to see you and the members of your family at next Sunday morning's service, and of course, at all subsequent services.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

SWIFT

CLEANING AND LAUNDRY
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February 9, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a result of my discussion with you and other Temple officers and members last Tuesday evening, I should like to offer two suggestions for your consideration:

- #1- That the present Mr. and Mrs. club be divided into two groups according to age. For example, a junior group consisting of couples from 20 to 27 years of age and a senior group of couples from 27 to 35 years of age. That each group have its own committees so as to "spread" the work and responsibilities. That most affairs be combined so as not to create any additional social functions. This should divide the group according to its natural interests, and should eliminate the problem existing in the present Mr. and Mrs. organization.
- #2- That the present room-mother arrangement be replaced with a strong parent-teacher's organization, consisting of from 3 to 4 parents from each classroom. These parents to be primarily Mr. and Mrs. "graduates" who would be in an excellent position to keep in close touch with the other parents of their respective classrooms. The purpose of this group would be to promote attendance to religious services, to correlate the training in the religious school with the home, and to assist the Temple and teachers with religious school projects and activities.

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February 9, 1953

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At this time, I should like also to say that we enjoyed sitting in with you and Rabbi Stone, and certainly appreciate the opportunity of being able to discuss Temple problems informally with officers and members of the Temple.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. Friedman

EDF:ef



February 13, 1953

Mr. E. D. Friedman
8920 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Friend;

Thank you for your letter of February 9th. We are taking your suggestions under advisement and I shall keep in touch with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:er

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TO PERMIT MY ACCEPTING YOUR INVITATION TO BE WITH YOU
IN CLEVELAND=

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FEBRUARY 17, 1953

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
AMBASSADOR HOTEL
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87 HAMILTON PLACE
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February 26, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I join with those of your friends who have been thinking of you these days on the occasion of your birthday?

I wonder whether you remember our talk years ago in New York when I was planning to publish my book on Dura-Europos. My "Messianic Theme in the Paintings of the Dura Synagogue" has appeared in the meantime in the University of Chicago Press.

I am now working on a history of Synagogue architecture and would like to include a photo of your discarded building of 1894, now a Negro church. It so happens that the building type this synagogue represents is art historically important. It was reproduced in pamphlets of your congregation many times, but the picture is not good. A stylised drawing has appeared in "The Temple", 1950, which, I am afraid, would not look right in an architectural publication.

I should be very grateful to you for helping me to obtain a good picture and, if available, some information from your archives on the architects Lehman and Schmitt. (Was any of them Jewish?)

I have heard so much of your present temple built by Greco which I am also going to discuss.

If you ever contemplate a lecture on Synagogue architecture or Passover as illustrated in Haggadahs, I am available and would be glad to come to Cleveland.

With anticipated thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Rachel Wischnitzer

Rachel Wischnitzer

March 17, 1953

Miss Rachel Wischnitzer
87 Hamilton Place
New York 31, New York

Dear Miss Wischnitzer;

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter of February 26th. I have been away on the Pacific coast and in Mexico.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of the old Temple building at East 55th Street and Central. However, since it is the only one available, it must, of course, be returned to us. As regards the architects, Isadore J. Lehman was Jewish and was a member of the Euclid Avenue Temple. His partner, Theodore Schmidt was not.

I hope that we may have the pleasure some day of bringing you to a Temple audience in a lecture on synagogue architecture.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

March 5, 1953

Barton's
80 DeKalb Avenue
Brooklyn 1, New York

Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith an order form for 19 boxes of Chocolate covered Macaroons in a metal gift box, together with the names and addresses of 19 servicemen to whom they are to be shipped. Will you please include in each one a card reading as follows: "Passover Greetings from The Temple Women's Association".

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

I extend my warmest greetings to all the members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club. I have been delighted with the progress which this splendid organization has made, the enthusiasm of its members, and the pride that they take in their programs and activities.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club has meant a great deal to our beloved Temple. I wish for it increasing strength and service for the future.

Need I remind the men and women of the Mr. and Mrs. Club that a Temple has preeminently two functions in the life of a community — public worship and religious education of ~~the~~ young and ~~the~~ old. Good fellowship is another objective, but not primary. As the Mr. and Mrs. Club enriches its program of cultural-religious activities and as its members progressively cultivate the habit of regular attendance at ^{religious} services, ^{will} it fulfill the main purpose for which it exists as a vital ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ auxiliary of The Temple.

More power to you!

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MEMORANDUM ON Special Sunday Services at The Temple

In connection with special Temple Women's Association, Temple Men's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Club and Alumni Association special services at The Temple, we should request of each organization at the beginning of the year:

1. A special committee considerably ahead of the Sunday Morning Service to plan the Service and to build it up.
2. These committees be asked to meet with the Rabbis a month before the Service to check up on the plans, etc.
3. Special music, special seats for past presidents and Board members, etc., and special announcements to be sent out by each organization.
4. No affairs be held by the respective organization during the month of special religious service, that being their program for that month.

AHS:er
5/18/53

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

17 WEST AVENUE, SO. NORWALK, CONN.

TELEPHONE 8-7880

MARTIN B. RYBACK . . Rabbi

April 27, 1953

Dr. Abba H. Silver
East 100 Fifth St. and Ansel
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

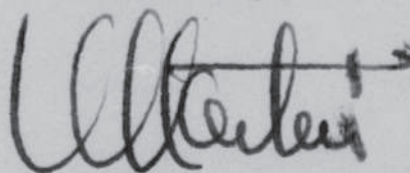
I trust that you will not think it presumptuous of me to write to you about the following matter--something that has been bothering me for a long time. I have felt that you, Dr. Silver, can strike a strong blow for the preservation of the Sabbath by transferring the main service from Sunday morning to Friday evening. In my recent article which appeared in American Jewish Archives entitled "East-West Conflict in American Reform Judaism," I demonstrated that I. M. Wise fought for the preservation of the Sabbath as Sabbath and strongly opposed the idea of having the main service on Sunday. I know that a number of congregations introduced the Sunday service, but since have returned to Friday night service.

You, Dr. Silver, as the leading Rabbi of our generation and, in my opinion, of our century can do our faith a terrific service by correcting the Sunday service deviation. The prestige you command in American and in World Jewry will help others correct the Sunday service situation in their communities.

Please believe me that I am writing this letter to you in sincere concern for the future of American Judaism and with the highest regard for your great contributions in guidance of our Reform movement along positive Jewish lines.

With friendliest greetings to Danny and to yourself, I remain

Cordially,



Martin B. Ryback

MBR/hms

April 30, 1953

Rabbi Martin B. Ryback
17 West Avenue
South Norwalk, Connecticut

My dear Rabbi Ryback;

Thank you for your letter of April 27th in which you raise the question of the Sunday morning service at The Temple. Our Sunday morning service which we have had here at the Temple for nearly 60 years at no time displaced the Sabbath service. Even under my predecessor, a Sabbath morning service was conducted - very poorly attended - along with the Sunday morning service. When I came to the Temple 35 years ago, I added a Friday evening vesper service. We have today three services a week - a Friday vesper service at 5:30, a Sabbath morning service at 10:00 a.m., and a Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. The Sabbath morning service is attended by the entire Junior High School of the Temple and by quite a few adults. The Torah is read and a sermon is preached, usually by my associate, Rabbi Stone, sometimes by myself.

The Sunday morning services, needless to say, is a weekday service. The reason that it is more largely attended is because Jews do not work on that day, and those who are inclined to attend services do so. The Friday evening vesper services - Kabbalat Shabbat - which is a beautiful service of prayer and song at 5:30 p.m. attracts an average of 150 to 175 worshippers, largely mourners. This service is conducted throughout the year while the Sunday service is carried on from October through May.

The reason that I have maintained the Sunday morning service is due simply to the fact that I see no advantage according to Judaism in sacrificing a religious service attended over the years by large congregations, where they receive, I hope, some religious guidance and inspiration, who might otherwise not come at all. I do not believe that the cause of Judaism would be strengthened if this service were abandoned. I know of congregations who abandoned it in the hope that it would reinforce their late Friday evening service, but the expectation unfortunately did not materialize.

Rabbi Martin B. Ryback

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April 30, 1953

You know, of course, that historically public services on weekdays were a common practice and mandatory among our people, and that at certain times in our history special weekday services on Mondays and Thursdays were held along with the reading of the Torah because they were market days, and large congregations were available.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
===== of Cleveland =====

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

1800 EAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTH STREET

June 10, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Neumark has brought to my attention the concern of Mrs. Eisenberg with problems created by the hospital nursery school which is maintained in Temple quarters.

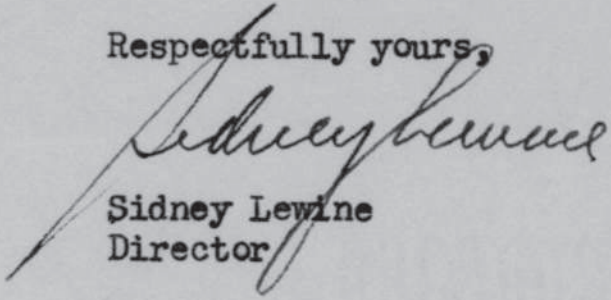
For some time we have been aware that in various ways the nursery school was of some annoyance to the Temple. When specific matters have arisen such as the need for a change in the housekeeping schedule or the additional custodian services which the nursery necessitated, we have taken concrete steps to remove the immediate cause of the difficulty. However we believe that we have grown in the nursery school to the point where we do not have a right permanently to utilize Temple facilities and have taken steps to acquire and furnish our own nursery school. You may be sure that we will move just as quickly as we can to complete this project. Our knowledge that Mrs. Eisenberg is concerned will further expedite this move.

In the meantime I hope that any specific problem will be referred to my office so that we can take care of the matter without aggravation of the problem. At the moment I understand that certain Temple equipment is in need of repair because of use by the nursery school. If I may be presented with the details, the hospital will surely provide either the repair of the material or will pay for the repair elsewhere. Meanwhile I would like to take this opportunity to thank again the Temple for its gracious cooperation in this important enterprise. Through the initiation of the nursery school we have been able to employ eight to twelve nurses who would otherwise not have been available to the hospital. With the shortage of nurses today this has meant an invaluable contribution to the care of the sick at Mount Sinai Hospital. The Temple served an especially useful purpose in providing facilities during which time we were able to demonstrate the feasibility of this project. Now that its feasibility has been demonstrated and we know its value as a continuing project, we are ready

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver - 2

to accept our responsibility and we are planning to provide our own facilities on hospital property to maintain this program on a continuing basis.

Respectfully yours,


Sidney Lewine
Director

SL:djc



June 11, 1953

Mr. Sidney Lewine
Mount Sinai Hospital
1800 East 105 Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Sid:

Before leaving the city for a few days, Rabbi Silver asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 10th and to thank you for your sympathetic understanding of our situation. We appreciate your willingness to make any necessary repairs to equipment used by the nursery school, but we are prepared to make replacements and repairs during our usual summer re-decorating program.

We are in the process of making our plans for the fall with reference to our School building and in order that we may proceed according to schedule, we should like to have the nursery vacated by Mount Sinai Hospital by July 31st.

We are happy that during the necessary period, the facilities of The Temple served a useful purpose for you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

L. W. N E U M A R K

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CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

June 11, 1953

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

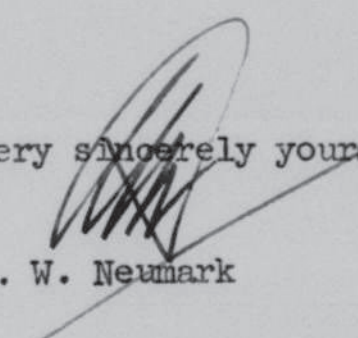
Mr. Sidney Lewine has sent me a copy of the letter he wrote you in connection with the hospital nursery on Temple property.

I note that plans are underway to set up this nursery on hospital grounds -- in fact, it had been hoped to have this set before now, but as usual - in matters of this kind, a delay was encountered. They are now hoping to be set by fall, but definitely, the nursery will be removed from The Temple at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile, this has been tremendously helpful - as Mr. Lewine said, in procuring much needed nursers who could otherwise not have possibly been induced to return to service.

With kindest regards

Very sincerely yours


L. W. Neumark

LWN:HB

87 HAMILTON PLACE
NEW YORK 31, N. Y.
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June 30, 1953

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for the picture of the old Temple building which I have returned to you in due time. I hope it is safe in your hands.

As for the present Temple, I am afraid the illustrations in the Architectural Forum are too pale for reproduction purposes. I wrote to the architect, Mr. Greco, 11 Beacon Street, Boston on June 5, but got no answer so far. Would you lend me any good pictures you may have?

I have a question: according to the Architectural Forum of 1925 some of the units were to be built at a later time. Do you have a swimming pool, a gym, a playcourt as provided in the plans?

Another question: In an article in 1929 you expressed the opinion that extra-pulpit activities did not further the interest of the young for the religious programs and I think you abolished them altogether. What is your present attitude and what are the activities conducted in the Temple. I understand you have a museum of ceremonials.

Thank you for any information you may be able to give me and looking forward to the pictures (original prints)

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Wischnitzer
Rachel Wischnitzer

July 2, 1953

Miss Rachel Wischnitzer
87 Hamilton Place
New York 31, New York

My dear Miss Wischnitzer:

Unfortunately, we have no other pictures of the present Temple to send you. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Centennial Volume which was published some three years ago and which contains a picture of The Temple which may be adequate for reproduction.

We did not build any swimming pool, gymnasium or play court at The Temple. Our position today is the same as it was. We are not conducting a social or a community center at The Temple. As far as possible, we are trying to limit our activities to public worship and religious education for young and old. Naturally, we have activities during the year aimed to create better acquaintance among our people in good fellowship, especially among the younger elements in the congregation but these are quite secondary.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

17 WEST AVENUE, SO. NORWALK, CONN.

TELEPHONE 8-7880

MARTIN B. RYBACK . . Rabbi

August 4, 1953

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
100 Fifth St. at Ansel Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my letter concerning the Sunday morning service at the temple. I fully understand and agree with the reasoning justifying the Sunday morning service. I realize that this service falls into the category of weekday services. However, the fact that your Friday evening service attracts a congregation of "largely mourners" would serve to demonstrate that for the average lay person the Sunday service is the main service. What I wish to emphasize is the fact that for the lay person the "weekday service" rationale for the Sunday morning service is irrelevant: the average lay person still thinks of the Sunday service as a substitute for Sabbath Services.

The advantages to Jewish religion in eliminating the Sunday service in favor of an all out campaign for one if not both of the Sabbath services would be:

1. Up-rooting the confusion which prevails in the mind of the religiously illiterate laymen that Sabbath observance is unimportant, inasmuch as the main service is held on Sunday.
2. That Sunday can be considered as a substitute for Sabbath worship.
3. It would tend to re-emphasize the sanctity of the Sabbath in the home as well as in the Synagogue.
4. It would end the confusion in the minds of children, the adults of the coming generation, as to just what significance the Sabbath has for the American Jew.

You see, Dr. Silver, the fact that, you, the leading Rabbi of our generation still maintains a Sunday service brings requests from some few persons in smaller congregations throughout the land for similar practices in their Synagogues. I reiterate that you can strike a strong blow for mature and intelligent Jewish religion, for the sanctity of the Sabbath, for bringing indifferent people back to organic Judaism, and for bringing Jewish religion into the homes and lives of a large section of American Jewery.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver

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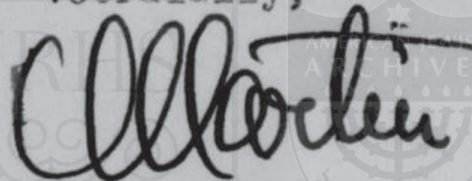
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I repeat, I hope you will not think it presumptuous of me to write to you in this vein for believe me I express these feelings out of deep conviction and out of a sense of complete dedication to our Jewish Faith.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention.

With all good wishes for a happy and healthful summer,
I remain

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. B. Ryback", is written over a circular archival stamp. The stamp contains the text "WEST HAVEN ARCHIVES" and "JULY 1953".

Rabbi Martin B. Ryback

MBR/hms

P. S. Will you please send me Danny's address--I wish to write to him concerning a mutually interesting matter.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Once again we beseech your influence for the affiliation of your men's club with the NFTB.

To support the merit of this objective, we enclose for your attention a copy of our new Brotherhood Program Guide.

We would welcome an invitation to meet with your brotherhood board to discuss this matter.

Yours is the only large brotherhood in the country that is not associated with our federation. We pray that during the coming new year your group will join with us in our efforts to advance Reform Judaism.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Sylvan Lebow
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cc: A.M. Luntz



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This letter concerns our Temple and I am taking the liberty of writing to you as a fellow member of Beechmont.

The year 1953 is an auspicious one in the life of our Temple for it marks the 35th anniversary of Rabbi Silver's leadership and his 60th birthday. We members of the Temple must feel a great sense of pride in the national and international honors which our great spiritual leader has brought to us.

Rabbi Silver's zeal for the growth of our Temple and the welfare of its members deserves cooperation from those of us who are able to help.

I am asking you to do something which will benefit both yourself and the Temple. Instead of renting your Temple seats for the High ~~XXXXXX~~ Holy Days will you purchase them.

The enclosed schedule will give you the cost of your Temple seats. Mr. Bamberger ~~the~~ Temple Secretary will give you any additional information you may want.

Will you please help us celebrate this eventful year by doing your little bit now.

Sincerely,

Assessments will not be charged until Sept. 1, 1953.