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New Temple annex, 1957.

1) In Ps. 118 - one of the 6 Shema-sung. is the verse

^{עֲלֵנוּ נָא}
It is with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving that we repeat to-day these same words which our ancestors were wont to utter when they rejoiced on a day which to them was so rich in achievement, and so radiant in promise - that they called ~~that~~ it "a God-made" day.

2/. What makes a day "a divine day?"

One that is both glorious fulfillment - and of exciting prospects

One that marks the consummation of a long-cherished purpose - and, at the same time, opens the doors upon great expectations.

This is such a day - for the men and women of our Temple fellowship - who planned, for some years now, the new Temple Annex, as a crowning complement, to the noble edifice in which we are now worshipping.

A gay to you
Dear Friends: you have built well and beautifully - as one should build - and you have reason to be glad and rejoice!

3/. Significantly - this week of our dedication is in our J. Calendar the week of 10/10/22 - cycle - and we read from 1st chapter of Genesis - "In the beginning God created..."

the inspired narrator of the Story of Creation - tells ¹²
how the Master Architect of the Universe - as He
created His world - paused to regard each
successive stage in the progress of His handiwork,
and, seeing that it was good - was pleased and
blessed it.

It is not presumptuous ~~to~~ on our part when we, the
children, are engaged in building any humble
structure, ^{whatever they be} pause to regard ^{our modest} handiwork - and
if we find it to be good and true, ^{are moved to be} are pleased -
and to invoke God's blessing upon it. Especially
when the edifice which we reared is dedicated
to His glory - and to His service.

4/. Our Congregation - T. I. S. - was organized 108 yrs. ago
and numbered 47 members. Cleveland was then
a city of 17,000.

Its first place of meeting was a roundabout hall
on Seneca St. - seating 74 people.

Soon it outgrew the hall on Seneca St. - and moved
to a larger hall on Kelly's Block at Superior
Av. and Bank St. - then the heart of the city's
commercial district.

Not long thereafter - our Congregation built its own
structure on Huron St., that was in 1855

It cost but .5 and 6000 dollars - and the building
was described by the newspapers, the day - as "plain but

meat and tasty". - and "Credis take to the furniture, the
 Par city". It was then that our first ~~real~~ ^{real} ~~school~~ ^{school}
~~was founded in 1855~~ - and here our Cong. was kept from
 1855 to 1893 - when the 55th St. Temple was built.
~~this second Temple~~ ^{that day} ~~was~~ ^{in the} ~~dedicated~~ ^{as} "probably the first church
 building in Cleveland" - 25 yrs. later - ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{best}
 and now even ~~that~~ ^{our} ~~former~~ ^{former} Temple building - Its
 members have reached 500. Its school and numerous
 activities ^{+ enlarged} ~~very~~ ^{facilities}. And so in 1924
 this ~~beautiful~~ Temple was dedicated. The ~~then~~ ^{then}
 that day was ~~dedicated~~ ^{dedicated} : "Corporation Temple to Israel has
 dedicated in Cleveland one ^{the most magnificent}
 temple ever reared to the worship, the ~~the~~ ^{the}
 Jew".

And to-day 34 years later — we are dedicating
a new Annex to this Temple — to meet the ^{growing} growth
and ^{we are now} ~~expansion~~ ^{extraordinary} hope that you will find it
fitted to its ^{high} standards, ^{its} beauty, ^{you cheer} ~~the years~~ ^{the years}
God be praised for having prospered our way —
God be praised for the men and women who through
the years gave us — their leadership, their
loyalty, their capable support. Every challenge was
met — every need was satisfied — then at last
sacrifice.

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 through the dark times -
 to 11th

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(b) ~~Judaism~~ What we try to do in our
And suggest is to reach } any and old-exp. the you
to ~~eradicate~~ ^{exclaim} the darkness - to seek the light - to help
others to find the light

(c) This is not easy! It is very difficult to know
sometimes to discriminate! To know the in the values
, the moral bet. light and darkness. bet. dawn and
twilight-dark. When are the ^{true} phantasies / fables and
tolerance and freedom? What are the ~~right~~ ^{right} banners
/ peace and the ways which lead away from war?

(d) It is the task of religion to help us find the
true answers - to orientate us to moral situations
to transmit to us the experience / former generations
and the wisdom which they ~~possessed~~ ^{possessed} - and the
insights of saints and prophets and the dreams ^{and visions} of great
dreamers. the sp. heritage / moral.

7/ This is what the ^{specific} ~~series~~ ^{series} which is a rel. institution
should render to ~~the~~ ^{the} community - not to ~~try to~~ ^{try to} compete
in the market place with ~~stunning~~ ^{stunning} attractions -
with the ~~customary~~ ^{customary} ~~techniques~~ ^{devices} which an age employs
to attract attention - to the noise, the excitement,
the ~~greatest~~ ^{greatest} ~~entertainment~~ ^{entertainment} - the rock and roll / an
over-stimulating ~~way of life~~ ^{way of life} - but the ~~steady~~ ^{steady} challenge
and the ~~challenge~~ ^{challenge} to the ~~ways~~ ^{ways} / d - the
culture of intell. + sp. quest - the quiet serenity
of a dedicated lives - all that heals, and
uplifts and gives ~~confident~~ ^{confident} direction to those
who are ~~lost~~ ^{especially seeking out} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~for~~ ^{for} a way ^{satisfying and} ~~confident~~
way of life.



THE TEMPLE

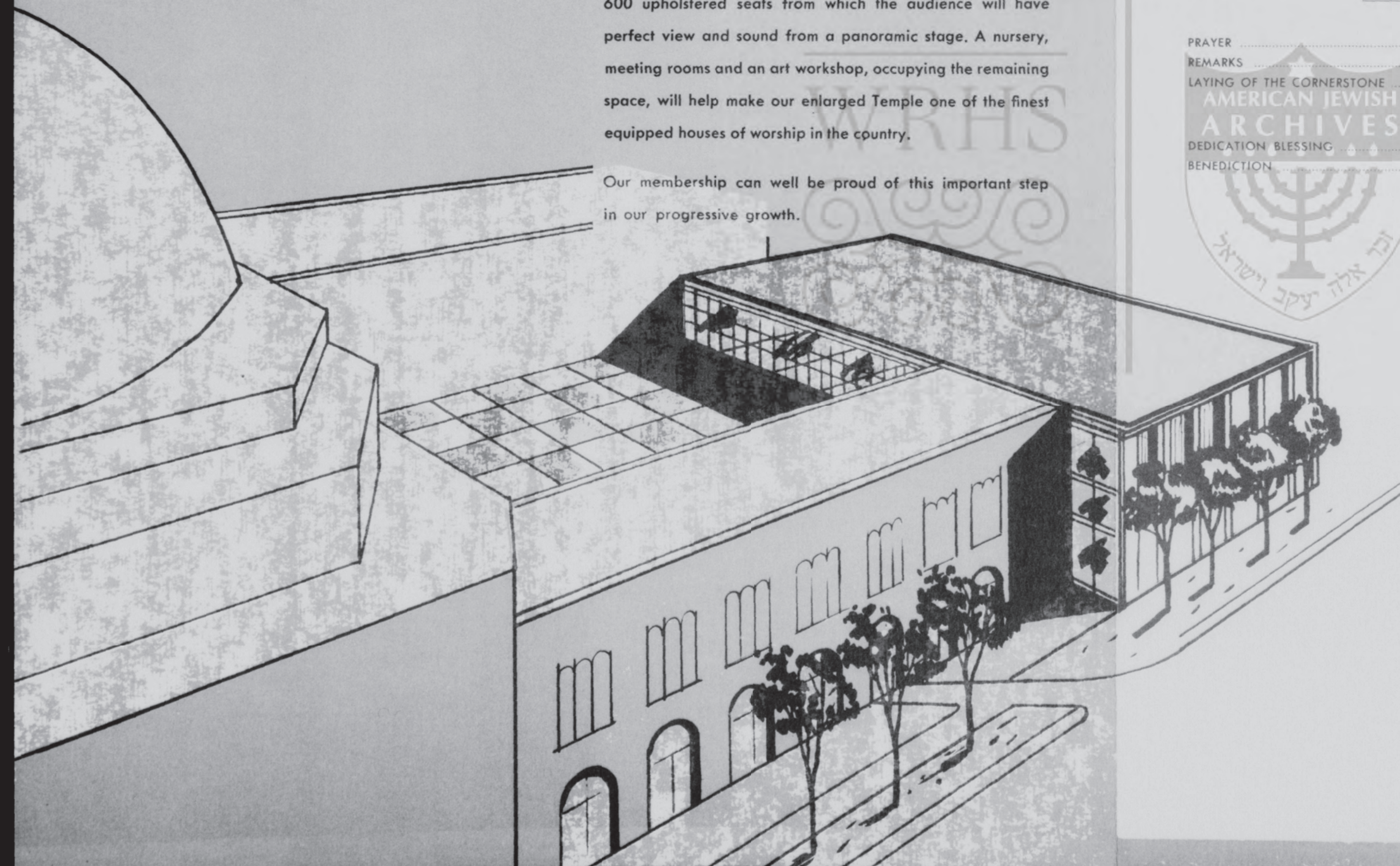
In the cultural heart of Cleveland

a cornerstone of expansion

THE laying of The Temple Annex Cornerstone represents more than just another step toward the completion of The Temple building program . . . it represents a major contribution toward "The Cultural Heart of Cleveland," of which The Temple is an integral part. The Temple's growth supplements the growth of the other institutions which comprise Cleveland's permanent cultural center. In doing so, it adds a center of religious life, worship, instruction, inspiration, cultural and social activity to this area, the focal point of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in our city.

To be included in this, the new wing of The Temple now under construction, are: a new religious school floor providing 14 attractive classrooms, as well as a complete adult and children's library. There will also be a modern auditorium with 600 upholstered seats from which the audience will have perfect view and sound from a panoramic stage. A nursery, meeting rooms and an art workshop, occupying the remaining space, will help make our enlarged Temple one of the finest equipped houses of worship in the country.

Our membership can well be proud of this important step in our progressive growth.



program

THE TEMPLE

Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, September 8, 1957, 10:45 A.M.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION AND CORNERSTONE LAYING OF THE TEMPLE ANNEX

THE MAIN SANCTUARY

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE	Mr. Georgio Ciampi — Violin Mr. Harvey Wolf — Cello Mr. A. R. Willard — Organ
PSALM — "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings, Lord"	Choir
SERVICE — Union Prayer Book, Pages 314 - 319	Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
SCRIPTURAL READING — I Chronicles, Chapter 29	Rabbi Herbert H. Rose
PSALM 150 — "Hallelujah"	Choir
SERMON	Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

THE ANNEX

PRAYER	Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
REMARKS	Mr. A. M. Luntz
LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE	Mr. Leo W. Neumark
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES	Mr. Max Eisner
DEDICATION BLESSING	Mr. Ernest H. Siegler
BENEDICTION	Mr. Sidney Weitz
	Mr. Melvin Hakola
	Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver



Dotted lines represent new Chester Avenue breakthrough, which will facilitate the suburban traffic flow to and from The Temple.



The Temple is ideally located in relation to the other institutions in The Cultural Heart of Cleveland. The Temple can be reached easily by car or by major routes of CTS. The new Temple parking area easily accommodates over 400 cars.

1. Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church
2. Case Institute of Technology
3. Western Reserve University
4. University Hospital
5. Garden Center
6. Fine Arts Garden
7. Cleveland Museum of Art
8. Freiburger Library
9. University Circle
10. Cleveland Medical Library
11. University Library
12. Harkness Chapel
13. Flora Stone Mather
14. Cleveland Institute of Art
15. The Church of The Covenant
16. Severance Hall
17. Western Reserve Historical Society
18. Mt. Sinai Hospital
19. Museum of Natural History



... to build a house for the
name of the Lord, the God
of Israel.

... I Kings, VIII, 17.

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