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JUDGE SAMUEL H. SILBERT

Judge Samuel H. Silbert was born in a small town in Lithuania on April 15, 1883. He was the oldest of four children, and was brought to this country by a widowed mother. Judge Silbert spent his childhood in Newark, New Jersey, and Denver, Colorado, and in 1902 came to Cleveland to take a job with a local jeweler. He attended Central Institute, several college preparatory schools, and in 1907 received a Bachelor of Laws degree, cum laude from Baldwin-Wallace College. In 1909 he married the former Anne Weinstein of Steubenville, Ohio.

Judge Samuel H. Silbert has held the esteem of laymen and members of the legal profession alike since he was first appointed Police Prosecutor in 1911 by the Hon. Newton D. Baker. His uninterrupted service to the community includes terms of office as municipal judge and as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of which he is now a member.

Judge Silbert taught at Cleveland Law School and its successor Cleveland-Marshall Law School, specializing in the field of Domestic Relations. He has also served as a Trustee of the school.

Many honors have been bestowed upon this outstanding citizen. In 1926 he received his Master of Laws degree from John Marshall Law School, and in 1953 his Doctor of Laws from Cleveland-Marshall Law School. After serving for several years as Chairman of the Eternal Light Program of the Theological Society of New York, he was named its Honorary Chairman.

Always willing to give unselfishly of his time, Judge Silbert has been active in numerous organizations including the Legal Aid Society of which he is a Trustee. He is an active participant in the Zionist Organization, bar associations and many other civic activities. At 71, he is still a student of the law and an avid reader. Judge Silbert's hobbies include the violin and fishing. But his greatest pleasure comes from the help he continues to give to the younger members of the legal profession and to law students.

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