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The Temple, annual meeting and 20th anniversary celebration of
AHS, 1937.

March 18, 1937

Mr. Jacob Landau,
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landau:

This year, I am completing twenty years as Rabbi of The Temple. The community plans a civic celebration on Sunday, April 18. I wonder whether you have someone in your organization who would write up the story of my two decades in the ministry, my work in the field of Zionism, other Jewish causes, etc. etc., for distribution in the Anglo-Jewish press. I would supply the information upon which such a story could be built. I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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347 MADISON AVENUE
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March 22, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

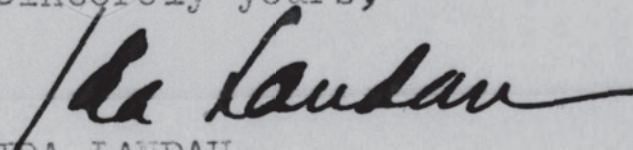
We have your letter of March 18th. We shall be very glad indeed to have you send us the material. One of our men will write it up for the Anglo-Jewish press. Could you also let us have a more recent photo, preferably an action photo.

Will we also receive releases on the plans for the celebration on April 18th?

With heartiest congratulations,

Sincerely yours,

IL:GF


IDA LANDAU,
Acting Manager

March 23, 1937

Mrs. Ida Landau,
Jewish Telegraphic Agency,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Landau:

Let me thank you for your kind letter
of March 22.

I am sending you herewith some material
in connection with the twentieth anniversary of my
ministry at The Temple which will be celebrated on
April 18. I am also enclosing herewith one of my
more recent photographs as well as a photograph of
the bronze bust which was made by the well-known Jewish
Sculptor, Max Kalish.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

52 William Street
New York

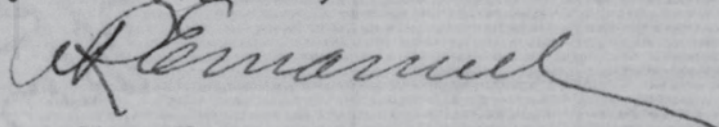
March 31, 1937.

The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

As Mr. Warburg is in Europe, he is unable to accept your cordial invitation to attend the Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday evening, April 18th, at the Hotel Statler.

Very truly yours,



Secretary to Mr. Felix M. Warburg

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Mr Solomon Lernerstein regrets that
absence from the country will prevent
his acceptance of the kind invitation
from the Temple to attend the Annual
Meeting and Dinner on April 18th.

April 1, 1937

Mr. Leo Weidenthal, Editor,
The Jewish Independent,
Film Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weidenthal:

It occurred to me that you would wish to write something about Rabbi Silver's twentieth anniversary at The Temple - an article or an editorial. I am taking the liberty of sending you some items on Rabbi Silver's work and career here in Cleveland and nationally, in the last twenty years.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

MH:BK

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My dear Mr. Wolf. -

Thank you very much for your
kind letter and invitation of the 29th ult.

Mrs. Blossom and I regret that
absence from Cleveland makes it
impossible to be with you on April 18th.
With renewed thanks,

Yrs. sincerely,
D. S. Blossom.

April 5, 1937

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf,
Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wolf:

I am enclosing herewith some items in connection with Rabbi Silver's twentieth anniversary which you want to give to Mayor Burton.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

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Eugene E. Wolf, President The Temple, City:

Dear Mr. Wolf - Regret delay in replying
to your kind invitation to be present at the
anniversary celebration of The Temple and Rabbi Silver,
being due to oversight in this rush of things in labor
affairs.

Unless unforeseen circumstances prevent Mrs. Hayes
and I will accept and deem it an honor to be at the
Statler, Sunday evening, April 18th.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Max S. Hayes

Dear Rabbi -

It is with regret that we cannot attend the Annual Meeting, especially as the outstanding event is the twentieth anniversary of your connection as Rabbi and Leader of the Temple. Looking back now how time flies - I remember so well the first year of your coming - and the inspiration your high ideals had upon our congregation - and how for many years, you and I were so closely associated through you the Temple has been brought to the high standard it occupies

as probably the leading
Temple in the Union
We trust God will grant
you many years of health
and strength to continue
your great work —
My Dear wife joins in
extending our congratulations
to yourself and Benjamin.

Sincerely
Benj. Lowenstein

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4/8/37

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have received a notice of the Testimonial Service to be held in honor of your twenty years with us. It is my deepest regret that I shall not be able to attend, and in this little way express my profound respect for all you have done in those same twenty years. I most sincerely hope you will honor us by staying with us for at least another twenty year period, and more if you will.

Your friends,

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Tronstein

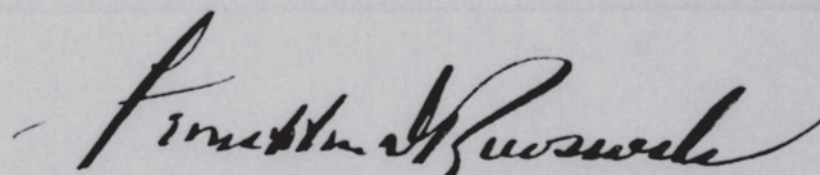
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1937

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to join with those who are planning to honor you in connection with the observance of the twentieth anniversary of your work in The Temple in Cleveland. Yours has been a distinguished leadership, characterized by urbanity, charity and the spirit of good citizenship. I trust that you may long be spared in health and strength to continue the devoted labors which you have carried on so unremittingly and with such singular devotion to the well-being of your fellowmen. I send you my hearty congratulations and warmest personal greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Franklin D. Roosevelt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'F'.

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

April 12, 1937

Mr. Benjamin Lowenstein,
210 Bahia Vista,
Sarasota, Florida:

My dear Friend:

I need not tell you that I shall miss you greatly next Sunday. I know of no one that I would rather have with me on that occasion. You were responsible for bringing me to Cleveland, and the most exciting years of my two decades at The Temple were spent under your presidency. It was under your administration that our magnificent Temple was built. But apart from our Temple associations, you and Mrs. Lowenstein have been among our dearest and closest friends. I shall most certainly be thinking of you next Sunday.

I hope that you are both having a delightful time in Florida. Spring has come to Cleveland and the days have been very beautiful here. We are looking forward with pleasure to your return. Virginia joins me in sending our love to you.

Most cordially,

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Cleveland, Ohio.

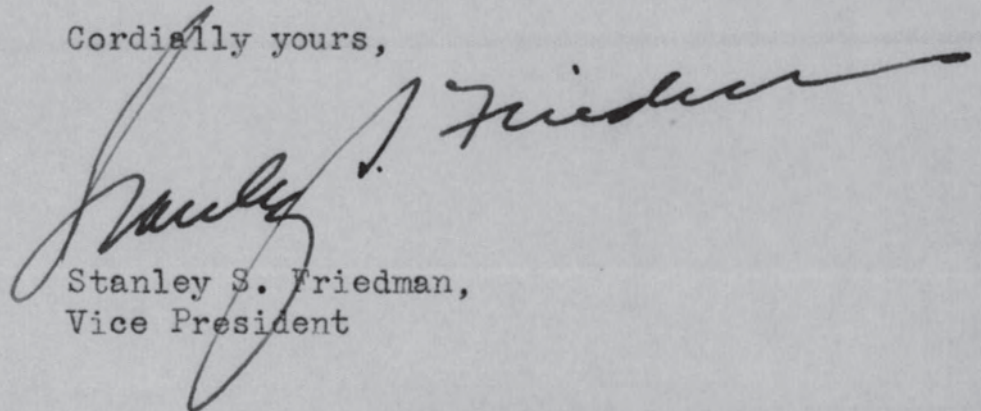
My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this opportunity of joining with your many friends in extending to you my own heartiest congratulations and sincere appreciation on the occasion of your twentieth anniversary of service to Cleveland and the Temple.

I should also like to take this opportunity of again expressing my appreciation of your fine friendship over these many years.

With best personal regards,

Cordially yours,


Stanley S. Friedman,
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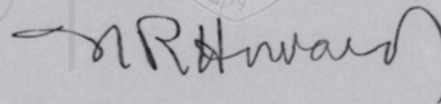
EDITORIAL ROOMS

April 12, 1937.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad you liked our editorial about you. Unlike a great many editorials, this one was written from the heart. While I do not know you very well, I think you would be a little surprised how closely I have followed your activities. That is to say, I had the advantage of 20 years in Cleveland which coincides with your 20 years.

Sincerely,



Editor.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105 and Ansel rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 13, 1937

Dr. Arthur J. Tronstein,
603-604 Newark Trust Building,
Newark, Ohio.

My dear Arthur:

I was delighted to receive your note of greetings. It was very thoughtful of you to write to me.

I do hope that you and your lady are enjoying your new home. Sometime when you are in town, drop in and see me.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
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Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find a notice in our paper
about the celebration of your Twenty Years of Activity
in our community.

Permit me, on this occasion, to congratulate
you personally for your wonderful achievements. I wish
you many more scores of years of the same prestige and
admiration that the Cleveland progressive population
holds for you in general and the Jewish population in
particular.

Respectfully yours,

M. Weintraub

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RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD,

Int. Rptm

April 17, 1937

Mr. Max S. Hayes,
2829 Coventry Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

It was a pleasure to have had you and
Mrs. Hayes at my anniversary celebration last evening
and I am profoundly grateful for the lovely words of
tribute which you spoke.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 17, 1937

The Honorable Harold H. Burton,
City Hall,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mayor Burton:

Permit me to thank you for honoring
me last evening by your presence at my anniversary
celebration and for the beautiful tribute which
you paid me. I am profoundly grateful.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 17, 1937

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
Rodef Shalom Temple,
120 Ruskin Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sol:

Need I tell you how deeply I appreciated your attendance at my anniversary party and how much your presence and that of Lillian contributed to my happiness? What you said at the meeting moved me deeply. Thank you.

I am looking forward with pleasure to spending a few days "at ease" with you at Columbus.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 19, 1937

Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard,
Euclid Congregational Church,
E. 96th and Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Blanchard:

I need not tell you that I am
profoundly grateful to you for your presence
at my anniversary celebration last evening and for
the beautiful tribute which you paid me. I shall
long treasure it. I am asked my associate, Rabbi
Harris, to procure a copy of the beautiful poem
which you wrote.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 20th, 1937.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, we wish to thank you for the grand cake made in honor of your 20th anniversary at the Temple, and wish to assure you of our gratitude and appreciation of your kind thoughtfulness in remembering the Old Folks of Montefiore Home on this happy occasion.

The fruit cake was simply delicious and the residents of the Home enjoyed it fully.

With congratulations and every good wish for you and your dear ones, we are,

Yours very sincerely

The Montefiore Home

By

Armin Berger
Superintendent

April 20, 1937

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman,
Temple Israel,
Kingshighway and Washington St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Ferd:

I have just come upon an editorial in the Modern View of St. Louis which you wrote in comment upon my twentieth anniversary. I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in writing the editorial and all the lovely though undeserved things which you say about me.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Conference in Columbus. With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 20, 1937

Earle W. Brailey, President,
Kiwanis Club of Cleveland,
Hotel Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brailey:

May I extend to you and through
you to the members of the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland
my profoundest appreciation for your thoughtfulness
in remembering me on the occasion of my twentieth
anniversary. It was an act of friendship which
warmed my heart.

With all good wishes, permit me
to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 20, 1937

A. G. Knebel, General Secretary,
Young Men's Christian Association,
2200 Prospect Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Knebel:

May I extend to you and through
you to the members of the Young Men's Christian
Association of Cleveland my profoundest appreciation
for your thoughtfulness in remembering me on the
occasion of my twentieth anniversary. It was an act
of friendship which warmed my heart.

With all good wishes, permit me to
remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 20, 1937

Dr. C. Jeffares McCombe, President,
Cleveland Church Federation,
1010 Hippodrome Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. McCombe:

May I express to you and through you to the members of the Cleveland Church Federation my profound appreciation for your thoughtfulness in remembering me on the occasion of my twentieth anniversary and in sending me your brotherly greetings. It was a source of deepest satisfaction to me as well as to all the members of The Temple. It was a beautiful symbol of that Brotherhood and Good Will which your great religion teaches. One of the keenest satisfactions of my ministry in Cleveland has been the association which I have enjoyed with many of your fellowship and the common tasks in which we shared.

With kindest personal regards, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 21, 1937

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President,
The Jewish Welfare Federation,
Public Square Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Berne:

Permit me to thank you and through you the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation for the beautiful telegram which you sent me on the occasion of my twentieth anniversary. I appreciated it profoundly. It has been a great pleasure to me to work through the years with the splendid men and women who have been members of the Board of the Federation and it is very pleasant to be remembered by them on a happy occasion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 21, 1937

Dr. Arnold Peskind,
2409 East 55th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Peskind:

Need I tell you that I profoundly appreciated your beautiful note sent to me on the occasion of my twentieth anniversary. I don't know of any communication which I received in the last few weeks that pleased me more.

I trust that you are well and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future. With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 21, 1937

Frederico Santi, Maitre de Hotel,
Hotel Statler,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Santi:

I should like to tell you how delighted I was with the way you managed my Testimonial Dinner last Sunday evening. I have heard nothing but the highest praise for the arrangements, the service, the food and everything that goes to make a gala occasion. There was the hand of the true artist in it all and I want you to know that I am deeply grateful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 23, 1937

Mr. Paul Bellamy, Editor,
The Cleveland Plain Dealer,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bellamy:

May I tell you how deeply I appreciated the very friendly and generous and I am afraid undeserved way in which you treated my twentieth anniversary with The Temple. Your complimentary editorial which I shall long cherish, the reports of the celebration which appeared in your columns and the publication of my three articles which your associate, Mr. Moore, requested fill me with great gratitude. I shall now try to come down to earth again and get to work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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PAUL BELLAMY, EDITOR

Apr. 24, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On my return from ten days in the East
I find your gracious note of Apr. 23rd. My dear sir, we
understated, if anything, the measure of the contribution
which you have made to Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

PB-A

Paul Bellamy

April 26, 1937

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor,
The American Hebrew,
48 West 48th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

I have just read the very lovely editorial which you wrote about me in connection with the celebration of my twentieth anniversary as Rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland. I am profoundly grateful for your thoughtfulness in taking editorial notice of this. Your praise, I am afraid, is altogether undeserved. It is good, however, to know that a few major interests and attitudes of one's life are not entirely overlooked by friends whose opinion one values.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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