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July 19, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

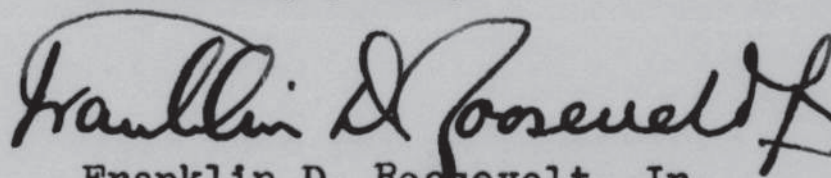
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your recent invitation to address the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary meeting of the Men's Club of your Temple in November.

I wish that it were possible for me to fit it into my already overcrowded schedule, but I find this to be impossible. I particularly regret my inability to accept your invitation as I would have welcomed this opportunity to discuss with you my recent and very exciting trip to Israel. However, I hope to have the opportunity of meeting you in the not too distant future.

Thank you again for your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

FDRJr:RC



Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year

**TMC**  
**THE TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB**  
**TMC**

EAST 105th AT ANSEL ROAD - CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

August 13, 1949

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

The matter of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Temple Men's Club, as you know, has been of deep concern, particularly in the selection of a main speaker.

At a recent meeting of the Anniversary Committee it was unanimously agreed that there is no one who knows our Men's Club as you do and therefore be able to bring us a message on this important occasion.

It is the wishes of the group that this affair be confined as much as possible to the Temple family.



We shall indeed be greatly  
honored if you will consent to be  
our guest of honor on Saturday  
November 19, 1949.

I am most anxious to have  
your acceptance by return mail, so  
that we will be able to proceed  
with our plans.

Please extend my best wishes to  
your dear wife and I do wish for  
both of you a most pleasant and  
enjoyable vacation

Sincerely,  
Jack Schachter

612 NBC Bldg.  
Cleveland 14 Ohio



September 6, 1949

Governor Frank J. Lausche  
Executive Mansion  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

The laymen's organization of my Temple, the Temple Men's Club, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a banquet at the Hotel Carter on November 19, 1949. This organization which numbers close onto 1500 laymen has had a commendable record of achievement during its existence in civic and cultural activities and in the quality of its programs which have frequently attracted men of national and international importance to its platform.

They are eager to make the 25th anniversary an outstanding event and they have requested me to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be the guest of honor at this occasion. It would give us all the greatest pleasure if you could accept this invitation. Should you be able to do so, I shall have the pleasure of sharing the program with you.

It is hoped that there will be over a thousand guests at the dinner, and arrangements will be made to have the program broadcast.

I trust that you are well, and I am looking forward to seeing you.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



SEPTEMBER 20, 1949

GOVERNOR FRANK J. LAUSCHE  
EXECUTIVE MANSION  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

ON SEPTEMBER SIXTH I EXTENDED TO YOU INVITATION TO ATTEND  
TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB. WOULD  
APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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October 2, 1949

Governor Frank J. Lausche  
Executive Mansion  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

I was delighted to receive your telegram informing me that you will be able to attend the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Temple Men's Club on November 19th. The dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Hotel Carter, but Mr. Schacter, the President of the Men's Club, tells me that he would like you to be there at 6:00 for a small get-together before the dinner.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing you,  
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



October 4, 1949

Governor Frank J. Lausche  
Executive Mansion  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

I was delighted to receive your telegram informing me that you will be able to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Temple Men's Club on November 19th. The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Carter Hotel.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

1949-50

October 19	Rossi
November 19	25th Anniversary
December 18	Chanukah Affair
January 22	Sports Day (afternoon affair)
February 23	Brotherhood Day
March 22	Economist's View on Business
April 12th	Show Night (Home talent)
May 4	Annual Meeting

*Saf. Eve. - Carter*





November 3, 1949

Mr. Jack Schachter  
NBC Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Jack:

In connection with the Men's Club Special Service on Sunday, November 20th, it has occurred to me that in order to insure a full attendance on the part of the Men's Club membership, and to make the occasion an impressive one, you ought to have a telephone committee contact your entire membership during the week prior to November 20th. Have you such a telephone committee in existence? If not, would the members of the Board and the members of the Membership Committee undertake to contact your people? Since this is your 25th anniversary, I believe that a special effort should be made in this direction.

Would you like us to have special instrumental music at that service? Will your treasury permit the expenditure of, say \$50 for such music - say, a violinist or cellist of the Cleveland Symphony?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year*

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EAST 105th AT ANSEL ROAD - CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

NOVEMBER 23, 1949

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
EAST 105TH STREET AND ANSEL ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR RABBI:

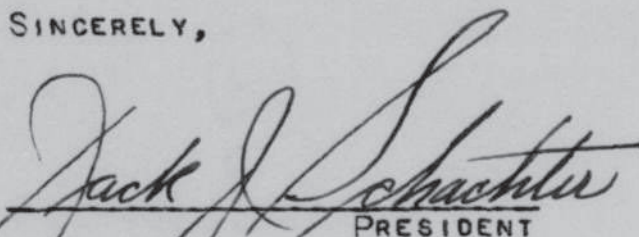
ON BEHALF OF THE TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB, PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST  
AND SINCERE THANKS TO YOU FOR BEING WITH US ON THE OCCASSION  
OF OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

YOUR PRESENCE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PARTY.

I TRUST YOU WILL BE WITH US ON FUTURE JOYOUS OCCASSIONS.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME YOUR AUTOGRAPHED  
PICTURE SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE THIS AS A FURTHER REMEMBRANCE  
OF THIS IMPORTANT YEAR.

SINCERELY,

  
PRESIDENT

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

JJS:JM



1786 Spence St.  
Berkeley 9, California

Nov. 29, 1949

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am coming East in January to  
preach at Sage Chapel in Cornell.

It occurred to me that you might  
want to know of this trip so that you might  
want to arrange for me to speak to some of your  
Temple groups. I would prefer to talk on the  
theme of my book: The Chuetas. I shall be  
grateful for any arrangements you may care  
to make.

God bless you in all good works,  
to you and Virginia and the boys. We hope



all of you are in the best of health.

Sincerely yours,  
Samuel Haimowitz.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland





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December 7, 1949

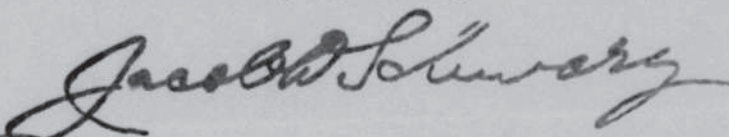
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Tifereth Israel Congregation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I want to thank you for your order for the Kiddush Cup. The cup is being inscribed in accordance with your instructions. It has already been sent to the engraver but owing to the time of year, meaning the Christmas rush, it may take longer than usual to get it back. However, as soon as it is ready it will be forwarded to the temple promptly.

Again with thanks and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Director of Synagogue Activities

JDS:jg



December 11, 1949

Dr. Baruch Braunstein  
1786 Spruce Street  
Berkeley 9, California

My dear Baruch:

I was very pleased to hear from you and that you are coming East in January. I wish you had written to me earlier in the season when the groups of The Temple make up their programs for the year. This year especially we started programming very early because this is our Centennial Year, and the monthly meetings of the Women's Association and the Men's Club were set many months ago. However, I shall look around again and see whether some meeting cannot be arranged during the month of January when you will be East. If it cannot be done this season, I shall keep it in mind for the next year.

I trust that you and Gladys are well, and I do hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you before long. With all good wishes in which Virginia joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER .

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# DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN



Baruch Braunstein has become a familiar figure on the American lecture platform. He possesses two qualities above all else that make him a captivating speaker: (1) he is authoritative in his fields of discussion and (2) he knows how to share his knowledge with his audience.

His authority derives both from knowledge and experience. He is a historian. His studies, training and writing give him the ability to interpret the present in the light of the past. His authority comes also from the experience of travel and of meeting with men everywhere. He spent much time in the countries of Europe, Africa and the Near East, and is intimately acquainted with the American continent. He knows the men who shape our world, and he has been close to the masses and knows their needs and dreams. Upon such knowledge he has accurately forecast much that has taken place these past ten eventful years.

Knowledge alone does not make the inspiring speaker. Dr. Braunstein possesses that unusual

quality enabling him to share his knowledge with his audience through the media of fine voice and diction, grace and platform manner, making him the warm and vibrating speaker that he is.

Dr. Braunstein, a native Pennsylvanian, is the Rabbi of Congregation Keneseth Israel in Allentown. He holds degrees from Ohio State University, Jewish Institute of Religion and Columbia University, on whose staff he served for over five years. He was special lecturer at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Syria, and lectured in hundreds of colleges in this country. He directed the "World Affairs Forum of the Air," and appeared as consultant and commentator in numerous broadcasts. His writings appeared in many newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Times*, *Saturday Review of Literature*, *Opinion Magazine*, *Fact Digest*, *Journal of Religion*, etc., etc. His book, "The Chuetas of Majorca", the story of the thousand families of Jewish stock converted to Catholicism on the Spanish Island of Majorca, received acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick described it as "able, competent and fascinating as well. I congratulate you upon your ability to put scholarly matters in a popularly enticing form."

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For additional information consult:

"Who's Who in America"  
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## Dr. Braunstein Speaks On

### Which Way America?

Influences Pushing Her to the Right, to the Left; Influences Maintaining Her in the "American Way"

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Can Their Fears be Mastered?

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### The Jews' Destiny In America

A Consideration of Forces that Would Destroy Them; Forces that Would Maintain Them as an Important Factor in America's Development

### Is Jewish Assimilation Possible— And Desirable?

Answers from History

### A Program For American Jewry

An Institute of Three Lectures \*

### Palestine: Survey And Promise

An Institute of Four Lectures \*

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# Audience Reactions

"Dr. Braunstein did a splendid job here. I received more compliments on his talk than I have ever gotten from any previous one during the three years I have been in Jacksonville. I recommend him for any type audience."

MR. WM. I. BOXERMAN, *Executive Director, Jewish Community Council, Jacksonville, Fla.*

"You left an indelible impression in Omaha."

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"I speak for the entire Jewish community when I say that we owe you a deep debt of gratitude. Your message is the topic of the day. Judge ——— was so pleased with your message and manner of presentation that he told me he and others will sponsor your reappearance in York to speak to the community at large."

DR. FRANK E. TAMARKIN, *Jewish Community Center, York, Pa.*

"I have never heard a more comprehensive or interesting presentation of the European situation than you gave . . . You have a profound understanding of Europe and your analysis is entertaining, brilliant and illuminating."

DR. L. M. BIRKHEAD, *National Director of the Friends of Democracy*

"Dr. Braunstein gave a series of lectures to the New York Chapter of Hadassah. Each audience was larger than the preceding one. The reason was clear. Dr. Braunstein's presentation was scintillating and forceful. His material, carefully selected with obvious discrimination, was informative and extremely interesting."

MARCELLA RUBEL, *Program Chairman, New York Chapter of Hadassah*

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**26 North 13th Street  
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**Can  
Jews  
Be  
Assimilated**



## CAN JEWS BE ASSIMILATED?

This is an old question—as old as the Jews themselves. Here is an answer. Over 500 years ago the Jews of the Spanish Island of Majorca were converted to Catholicism. Today, after pathetically repeated attempts to become part of the Christian world and forget their Jewish past, their descendants live in almost complete isolation. They are socially ostracized. They intermarry among themselves. These are the Chuetas (chew-et-uz), the "little Jews", of Majorca. Baruch Braunstein went to their Island and lived among them. He ferreted out their romantic-tragic history from dust-laden manuscripts untouched for hundreds of years. He discovered a lost part of the Jewish people. He wrote about them. His book is "The Chuetas of Majorca." This is an historical writing. No attempt is made to prove or disprove the futility of assimilation. The life and experience of this people just happen to provide the classical illustration of assimilation's futility for Jews. "**We** may forget we are Jews," the Chuetas told the author, "but **they** will always remind us of our origins. It is our inescapable fate, though we are deeply religious Catholics." "The Chuetas of Majorca" is an authoritative work. It has already been acclaimed a classic in its field. Baruch Braunstein, its author, is an historian and lecturer.

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This book may be obtained from the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa.  
\$2.50 per copy.



## Praise from Reviewers

"Your book is not only able and competent but fascinating as well. I congratulate you upon your ability to put scholarly matters in a popularly enticing form."

DR. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK,  
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"I congratulate you upon your book. It is nobly and impartially written."

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"A remarkably able, unprejudiced, documentary study of the Christian Jews living in Majorca. . . . Will be welcomed by Jews, Catholics and Protestants who really seek a fair-minded understanding of the background and of the contemporary implications of the Spanish Inquisition."

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MARVIN LOWENTHAL,  
*in The New York Post*

"This is a solid, conscientious and valuable piece of work. One may go even further and say that it is one of the very few fundamental contributions to Jewish scholarship which have thus far been produced by an American-trained and American-born scholar."

DR. CECIL ROTH,  
*in The London Jewish Chronicle,*  
*London*

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*The Call*  
*to WASHINGTON*  
*that helped*  
*to create*  
**THE**  
**STATE OF**  
**ISRAEL**





# Mayor O'DWYER writes a golden chapter into the History of ISRAEL



Mayor O'Dwyer Chief Speaker at monster mass demonstration on Israel, held at Madison Square Park.

Here is the hitherto unrevealed fragment of the record of William O'Dwyer's contribution to the cause of the Jewish people during the turbulent week which preceded Washington's historic declaration of official support for the UN partition plan for Palestine. Symbolically, his bit of history began on the eve of Yom Kippur just two years ago. The Mayor's great service to the cause of Israel and the Jewish people is portrayed in the following partial transcript of an address by MAXIMILLIAN MOSS, President of the New York Board of Education, and Chairman of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, before the annual meeting of the Jewish Teachers Association of the New York City public school system.

YOUR chairman, in advance of the meeting, warned me that a speech would be expected of me. And when I asked him what the theme of the meeting would be, he said, "Why, Israel of course."

For that reason, and because I knew of your large benefactions to Israel, I felt that it was but fitting that I take this occasion and select this group of teachers to tell a thrilling story, hitherto generally unknown, involving an important contribution to Israel by our Mayor.

I am confident that when I shall have finished, you will be thankful that when crisis after crisis arose, we were able to call upon a real humanitarian whose quiet but effective work in those dark days has now become part of a glorious history.

I must go back to the time *before* the U.N. had acted on the Palestine Resolution.

For some period prior to the final action by the United Nations in November, the United States position on partition had not been stated. It was expected, that of all the nations of the world, the United States could be counted upon, first and foremost, to aid in the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth.

But, as you all know too well, we found that no one in high official life in Washington would commit himself even to state the position which the United States intended to take before the United Nations.

Nevertheless, we were hopeful. We, as Americans and Jews, believing in justice and righteousness, had a right to be hopeful; and we believed that when the time for keeping silent by the United States ran out, and it became necessary to speak out, that the United States would

speak out in no uncertain terms, consistent with the wishes of the majority of the people in America.

But things did not move as they should have; and people were urged to aid with telegrams, and letters, and public advertisements.

However, this was not enough, and high quarters deemed it necessary that public support throughout the country of an extraordinary nature be sought. It was suggested that a conference of Mayors be held. All Mayors were to be called to New York, with expenses paid by local groups.

## O'Dwyer Leads the Fight

The Zionist Emergency Council, officially in charge of the fight, wanted New York City's Mayor to call the conference. This conference would have caused the Palestine Question to be publicized in every city of every state, for everything a Mayor said in New York would instantly be reported back to his own local newspaper. The thought was to arouse grass roots support everywhere.

I called on the Mayor with this request, and upon being apprised of the situation, he stated that he considered it a great privilege to be asked to do this. He thought, however, that it would be better for the United States Conference of Mayors to call the meeting. He picked up the telephone and for two solid hours called the various mayoralty officials throughout the country, making the suggestion. He did not receive their support however on the ground that the organization should not concern itself with international matters.

When the efforts failed, the Mayor said that he him-





**Mayor O'Dwyer presents Symbol of Liberty to New State of Israel to former Governor Herbert H. Lehman.**

self would call the conference at such time as we may wish him to do so. (This was not a light decision for New York City was the host city to U.N., and the New York Mayor was the host Mayor.)

### **The Situation Improves**

We reported this decision to the Zionist Emergency Council, but as the situation had improved in the meanwhile, we thanked the Mayor but informed him that the Conference would not be necessary.

Shortly thereafter however, Mr. Harry Shapiro, Executive Director of the Zionist Emergency Council, telephoned me at the instance of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, stating that Dr. Silver would like to seek the assistance of Mayor O'Dwyer in an effort to learn what Washington's position would be on partition. *No one knew*, although many throughout the country had seen the President.

Because of its emergency nature, an immediate appointment was made with the Mayor, and within a half hour after Dr. Silver's message, the Mayor agreed to communicate at once with Washington and try to obtain the information which Dr. Silver wanted.

This occurred the morning before Yom Kippur. By evening the Mayor had received his message from Washington to the effect that Washington officially would vote for partition, and that we had nothing to worry about.

The Mayor felt so good about that news that he telephoned me at Temple Ahavath Sholom, *Kol Nidre* night, and I was called out from *Kol Nidre* services to receive the information, which I related immediately to the interested parties.

The Mayor further stated that he had asked this Washington official to make sure that the State Department had the same views, and accordingly a conference was arranged for the following day (which was Yom Kippur) with the then Under Secretary of State Lovett.

Under Secretary of State Lovett on Yom Kippur confirmed the fact that the official Washington view would



**Zionist leaders expressing their appreciation to Mayor O'Dwyer.**

be to support the majority plan. This was duly reported to Dr. Silver.

On the day following Yom Kippur, Mayor O'Dwyer on his own initiative advised us that he was very distressed; that he had received information from the highest, unimpeachable source (you would know the name of the man or woman if I stated his or her name to you) that things looked very bad and that the majority plan would be either openly opposed or sabotaged. The Mayor wanted me to convey this information *at once* to Dr. Silver.

The matter was of such grave concern that Dr. Silver decided to come to New York at once, and Dr. Silver asked that the Mayor on the following day, Saturday, again use his influence with Washington to change the situation.

An immediate appointment was made with the Mayor, who stated that he would come down to City Hall especially for this purpose on Saturday, to meet a Committee on the subject, and we were to meet him there at 11:00 A.M.

At the appointed hour, the Committee, Mr. Edward S. Silver, Mr. Nathaniel Kaplan and I met the Mayor at City Hall.

Now mark you, this was Saturday. Edward Silver does not ride on Saturday, and I want you to know that Mr.

**Mayor O'Dwyer at Zionist Madison Square Garden Rally in behalf of Jewish State.**





Silver walked from his home in Flatbush to City Hall because of the tremendous importance of the occasion.

On that Saturday there were repeated telephone conversations between City Hall and Washington which brought confirmation of our worst fears. I can tell you that from 11 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon, without any lunch, the Mayor talked with many people in Washington. Finally he reached Senator McGrath, now the Attorney General of the United States, to whom the Mayor outlined vividly the extreme urgency of the crisis. Much impressed, Senator McGrath stated he would relay the information at once directly to President Truman.

### **O'Dwyer Meets Dr. Silver**

In the meanwhile, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was waiting at the Hotel Commodore for word from us.

We had to get to the Commodore; it was Saturday and Edward Silver doesn't ride on Saturday. Well, if Mr. Silver would not ride, neither would we.

So Nat Kaplan, Edward Silver and I walked to the Hotel Commodore from City Hall and there personally conferred with Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver considered the event so important that he decided to wait in New York over the week-end for our further report from Washington.

The importance of the Mayor's words reaching President Truman was great, as was equally important the necessity of receiving word from President Truman. Theretofore no one had been able to report the President's position.

### **The Mayor Gets the President's Word**

On Monday of the following week, the Mayor received the position of President Truman and it was immediately reported to Dr. Silver whom I saw at the Jewish Agency at 16 East 66th Street.

The United States took the position it had promised! However, sabotage was still rampant.

Saturday morning, prior to the week of the United Nations vote, Harry Shapiro, Zionist Emergency Council's Executive Director, telephoned me stating that the necessary two-thirds vote had not been obtained.

**Mayor O'Dwyer receives a group of Polish Rabbis he helped to rescue.**



**Mayor O'Dwyer and Comptroller Joseph signing the ZOA "Book of Remembrance".**

That the American delegation was not energetic and aggressive; and that Latin-American countries were non-plussed at our attitude.

A high United Nations General Assembly Officer whose name had been given me, had reported that "Washington had not put the steam on."

Mr. Shapiro said he would like Mayor O'Dwyer again to urge Washington to take immediate energetic action; for if Washington wanted the plan to go through, it would.

### **AMERICAN JEWISH Inspires Full U.S. Support of Partition in UN**

The Mayor was located at a dinner in Brooklyn that night. He was told of the critical situation. That very night certain steps were taken by the Mayor and in order that Dr. Silver might have his answer, the Mayor arranged a meeting at Gracie Mansion the following morning at 10:00 A.M.

The conference at Gracie Mansion took place, at which time the Mayor assured us that his information at that moment (Monday morning, November 24th) was that the United States would fight vigorously for the Majority Partition Plan. We reported this to Harry Shapiro.

In the afternoon the favorable news was confirmed to us by Harry Shapiro, who stated that we should communicate with the Mayor and tell him to let up. For the first time, we were home.

*Today we accept as a fact the establishment of the Israeli Commonwealth, but when we look back at the conditions at the time of the United Nations debates on the subject with the intrigue and machinations, who knows but that without the prestige, influence, and power of the Mayor in his demands on Washington, the result might have been different.*







Mr. Mayor, we know that this is but an example of your readiness to serve all deserving causes, regardless of creed or color, and I am certain that I express the views of all here today when I say, "We, your contemporaries, and history in the future, will record you as a great man." The world can give no greater honor. God bless you.

**VOTE DEMOCRATIC ★ VOTE ROW B**

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Hotel Commodore, New York, N. Y.





April 11, 1950

Mrs. B. J. Krohngold, President  
Temple Women's Association  
13600 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Friend;

About this time of the year the various organizations of The Temple plan their new Boards of Trustees and officers for the coming year. It has occurred to me that this would be an excellent time for the Nominating Committees who are inviting new people on the Boards to draw the attention of these prospective new Board members that one of the primary obligations and contributions which a Board member can make to his organization and to The Temple which his organization serves is to undertake, as an example to others, to be regular and faithful in attendance at public worship. Whatever other services a Board member can render his respective organization in The Temple, none is as important in the last analysis as the stimulating example which he or she will set by attending Sunday Morning Services regularly. Everywhere responsible leaders of Jewish religious life in this country are speaking about the necessity of a religious revival. I know of no better way than to set it in motion by the designated officers and Board members of congregations setting the example for the entire membership in the matter of Temple attendance. Failure on their part to do so is not only a personal failure, but because of the position which they occupy, creates a negative attitude towards the obligation of Temple attendance on the part of the membership at large.

Temples and synagogues, it need not be stressed, are religious institutions whose primary functions are public worship and religious education. Organizations which serve temples and synagogues must have these primary objectives constantly in mind or the whole purpose is defeated.

I believe that a tactful but firm emphasis on Temple attendance, especially at a time when new people are being drawn into positions of leadership in the congregation and its affiliated organizations, would go a long way to improve a condition which, though better by far than that which exists in most other congregations, can nevertheless stand considerable improvement.



Mrs. B. J. Krohngold

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April 11, 1950

This is a good time to start. We are beginning a new century in the history of our congregation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

cc: President Men's Club  
President Alumni Assn.  
President Mr. and Mrs. Club





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The Board of Trustees, the Officers and the Rabbis of

CONGREGATION TIFEREH ISRAEL

in regular meeting assembled, this ninth day of May, 1960, hereby  
extend greetings to

- - - WILLIAM B. COHEN - - -

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Chairman of the House Committee of The  
Temple, William B. Cohen has brought to his work an unprecedented  
degree of vision, devotion, faithfulness and ingenuity in preserving,  
enhancing and beautifying the buildings and grounds of The Temple, and

WHEREAS, he has been lavish and unstinting in giving of his special  
talents, time and energy to tasks often difficult and tedious,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby record our approbation, affection and  
deep appreciation to William B. Cohen for outstanding service for  
the glory of our God, our beloved Temple and our Community,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the  
permanent records of The Temple, and that an engrossed copy thereof  
be prepared and presented to William B. Cohen as a memento of this  
auspicious occasion.

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President

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Secretary

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Chairman of Resolutions



L. W. N E U M A R K

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CLEVELAND 3, OHIO

May 15, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi:

I attended, by invitation, this noon the opening campaign meeting for the rebuilding of St. James A.M.E. Church recently destroyed by fire.

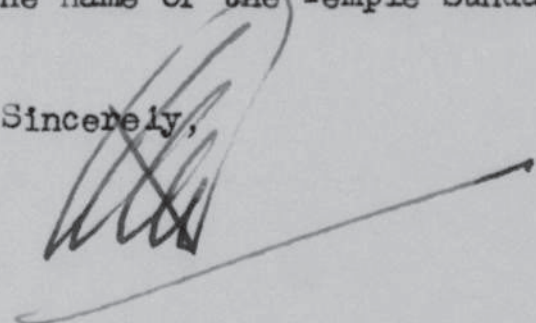
The meeting was attended by Gov. Lausche and Mayor Burke, and many church people - a very large representative group - both white and colored.

A number of individual church organizations made pledges up to \$1,000, including The Temple on the Heights, which announced their pledge for the Sunday School Children.

I was the only representative there from our Temple. I felt, in view of the size of the gathering, as well as the worthiness of the cause and the public relations aspect involved, that The Temple should be represented. I therefore pledged for the Sunday School Sunshine Fund \$100.00 towards the rebuilding of this Church, which was announced by Louis Seitzer - chairman of the meeting - in connection with similar pledges. In connection with our gift, Mr. Seitzer made some flattering remarks regarding you and Centennial Anniversary of The Temple.

I do not know the mechanics of the Sunshine Fund - that is, who has the authority to make distribution. If I have overstepped on this, I will of course underwrite this and subscribe this amount myself in the name of the Temple Sunday School Sunshine Fund.

Sincerely,



LWN:HB



May 16, 1950

Mr. Leo W. Neumark  
1974 East 61st Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

My dear Leo:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th. I am glad that you made the contribution to the St. James A.M.E. Church for the Religious School Sunshine Fund. The Fund will, of course, be very happy to pay it. I shall make my own contribution to the Church a little later on. I am a member of the committee that is sponsoring this campaign. I am sorry that because of pressure of work here, I was unable to attend the opening meeting.

With all good wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:er



# TMC THE TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB TMC

EAST 105th AT ANSEL ROAD - CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

May 17, 1950

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
1855 Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

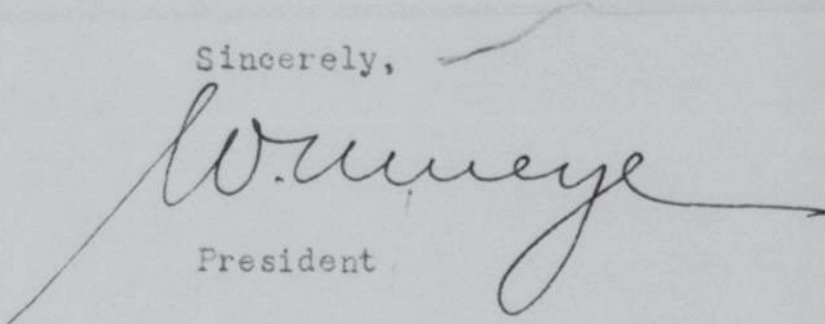
Dear Rabbi:

A dinner meeting of the board of The Temple Men's Club will be held on Thursday evening, May 25th, at 6:00 PM in the Hickory Grill Club Rooms. Since this will be the first and only meeting of the entire board before the summer adjournment, it is imperative that you be present and help the new administration get started.

Committee appointments will be announced and program policy for the coming year will be discussed.

Please make every effort to attend.

Sincerely,

  
President

WMN:sg



May 19, 1950

Mr. William Neye, President  
The Temple Men's Club  
3653 Lynnfield  
Cleveland 22, Ohio

My dear Mr. Neye:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to the Board meeting of The Temple Men's Club which is to be held on Thursday evening, May 25th. I regret that I shall not be able to attend this meeting inasmuch as I have a long-standing engagement with a joint committee of the reform temples of Cleveland, who are to meet with representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations who are coming here to plan the Biennial Convention of the Union which is to be held in Cleveland. This date was made some time ago.

Early last year I requested Mr. Schachter, the president of the Men's Club, to consult me before setting the dates of meetings of the Men's Club Board if my attendance is desired. This request unfortunately was ignored. I should very much have wished to attend the meeting of the Board before the summer adjournment and to have joined with the members in discussing the program policy for the coming year.

I should now like to make the same request of you, coupled with the additional request that no program policy for the coming year be finally adopted without first discussing the matter with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



THE THORMAN ESTATE CO.

2595 NORFOLK RD.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

May 20, 1950

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

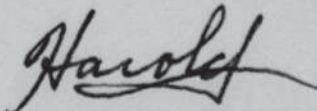
Dear Rabbi,

The grand-children and the great  
grand-children of Simpson Thorman would like  
to donate \$200.00 to perpetuate the memory of  
his name, being the first Jew to settle in  
Cleveland.

We were thinking that some place in  
the museum would be most logical.

Will you kindly let me hear from you  
in regard to same.

Very truly yours,



H. M. Thorman

hmt;rs



May 23, 1950

Mr. Harold M. Thorman  
2595 Norfolk Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Harold:

It was a lovely thought of the descendants of Simpson Thorman to wish to perpetuate his memory as the first Jewish settler in Cleveland by making a donation to The Temple Museum. We shall be delighted to receive this donation.

I should like to have some time to look around in the East in order to find some appropriate museum piece to acquire for the Museum which would carry the name of Simpson Thorman. I am in constant touch with the Curators of the Jewish Museum both in New York and in Cincinnati, as well as in London, and I am sure that some appropriate item will turn up. I shall then get in touch with you about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. The Banquet the other night is receiving universal praise. It was really an outstanding event. I want to thank you again for the large contribution which you made to its success.