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Twenty-fifth anniversary service, 1943.

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1) You have ^{been} told a flattering tale abt a certain ~~person~~ ^{man} ~~with~~ whom
I am sometimes mistaken - and I am vain enough and ~~human~~ ^{foolish} enough
to believe a part of it.

- Please pardon this all-too human frailty - whether you or I will talk
- I assure you that I will not make me heady - rather humble and
cautious - A great teacher once cautioned his disciples: "Was unto you
when all men speak well of you"

4) Deeply grateful for high honors bestowed upon me this morning.
For the message of guiding lost by the beloved + energetic Mayor, our City -
where broad vision and humanity have born a new dignity to our Civic life.
For the words of comradeship lost by R. Cohen, sp. leader, the J. Anti, words
whose courageous leadership that fire in his heart has thrust & by whose
teaching & eloquence our community has been enriched -
For the heartening message of good-will & brotherliness ^{lost by one} ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted} ~~thrust~~
the noblest spirits in our community - Dr. Kind - ~~whose~~ ~~thrust~~
His integrity and uprightness of soul, and devotion to highest human
ideals have been an inspiration not only to the fellowship, the great
Church which he leads, and his own community - but to all
Jews and non-Jews alike -

Robert Julius Silberfeld - E. E. Kan Vonsanger - School - ^{soe when - finally my brother} ^{+ frequent}
3) And I tell you how deeply appreciative I am of the ^{rare} honor which
the ~~frequent~~ ^{frequent} ~~honored~~ ^{honored} board, and for a - Dr. W. ^{has} ^{paid} ^{me} ⁱⁿ ^{making}
a special trip, under difficult circumstances, to come here and
~~cross~~ ^{cross} this anniversary occasion for me and mine. I shall
~~cherish~~ ^{cherish} the remembrance, it thru all the overmany years. I
have, on other occasions, paid my tribute to this great man, for
this great scientist; ~~this great~~ "Where passes a great man's steps,
there lies the Road". A whole generation has followed the Road
where his steps passed - and I among them.

4) To you - my friends of The Temple - To you - friends & well-wishers
the community who have honored us by your presence - to
the many, many friends who have in their thoughtfulness & kindness
sent me message, greetings and so many tokens of appreciation.

To my numerous Christian friends - united churches - Presb.
Catholic and - who have used the occasion for expressions not only of
personal regard, but of the spontaneous solidarity of all men of good will -
and for the public tributes in our newspaper - my heartfelt thanks.

It is good to live in a community, where people hate you
even after they get to know you.

5/ That you members, the Temple have put up with me for 25 years -
is a tribute to your ^{care} patience and long-suffering. But then you
~~are~~ an amazing corporation! You had the temerity to 25 yrs ago to
invite to this desecrated pulpit, grace for many years, by the celebrated
Walter D. W. of New - a caliber youth of 24. *He might have ruined
you! You might have ruined him! But as the Bible says - will
God punish - The Lord looks after the forlorn! And here we are -
25 yrs later - not too much the worse for the wear & tear, the years -
and you have still the goodness of heart to declare in public that
you ~~are~~ are not disappointed. (It keeps my fingers).

6/ There are many who are not here to-day - who were with us then
the generation of middle-aged men who were in their prime -
who worked with me - have passed on. I am thinking of you
them this morning with a prayer in my heart - for the help they
gave me & the memories which they left me.
There are hundreds of young men - sons, Mr Temple has whom
I taught & reformed - who are not here - serve of
their country - I am thinking of them this morning with

7/ I am happy that the 3 presidents who presided over the
affairs of this People - during these 25 yrs - are here - as the
pulpit - Benj. Lantieri - who helped you into hugging the hug
Eugene F. Hall - who for years gave deserving lay back
help, by his present aid - S.W. devoted untiring service to Temple & J. G.
Staff of the Temple Brethren - ready cooperators

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

The honour of your presence is requested at the
Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service
in tribute to

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
upon the completion of twenty-five years as
Rabbi of The Temple
on Sunday morning, January twenty-fourth
Nineteen hundred and forty-three
at ten o'clock

Card of admission enclosed

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The TEMPLE BULLETIN



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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Musical Program for Sunday

Organ Prelude

Hebrew Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Gaul
Meditation in the Synagog.....Langdon

Opening Psalm

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings..Brahms

Instrumental Interlude

Dr. Jerome Gross, violinist
Leonard Rose, cellist
Valerie Vitale, harpist

Olelu.....Goldstein
Adon Olam.....Dunkley

Organ Postlude

Marche Sollenelle.....Borowski

School Notes

- The Temple High School will hold its second social event of the year on Sunday, January 31st. The affair will be a Forum-Supper-Dance, which will begin at 5:00 o'clock. Mr. David Dietz, science editor of the *Cleveland Press*, will be the guest speaker. The affair will be open to all Temple confirmants of the past three years.
- Mr. Emanuel Berlatsky, field director of the Jewish Welfare Board, addressed the students of the Temple High School last Sunday morning on the work of the Army and Navy Committee.
- Mr. James Marshall, president of the Board of Education of the New York Public Schools, was guest and speaker at the Sabbath Morning Services last Saturday.
- A Sermonette Contest has been planned for students of the Junior High School, and will begin on January 30th.

Children's Anniversary Service—Saturday Morning, January 23rd

The Temple Religious School will pay tribute to Rabbi Silver at a special Children's Anniversary Service on Saturday morning, January 23rd, at 10:30 o'clock. The outstanding events in Rabbi Silver's career will be depicted in a pageant directed by Mrs. Zora Rose Mendelsohn. The address of the morning will be delivered by Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo, who, for eight years, was associated with The Temple. Parents who desire to accompany their children are cordially invited to attend this special service.

The children of the Elementary School will report to their classrooms and the children of the Junior High School will report to Mahler Hall at 10:00 o'clock. There will be no sessions of the Religious School on Sunday morning.

Democracy Institute Delights Large Audience

An intellectual treat was enjoyed by the large group of Temple women who attended the Institute on "The Contributions of the Jew to the Cause of Human Freedom," sponsored by the Temple Women's Association last week. Each of the three speakers on the program contributed to a well-rounded presentation of the subject. Rabbi Silver spoke on, "The Bible and Democracy," Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago, on "Jewish Champions of Political and Economic Democracy," and Mr. Lawrence E. Broh-Kahn on "Judaism and the American Tradition." Many non-Jewish representatives of the Federation of Women's Clubs were in attendance.

A delightful luncheon, served by the Commissary Committee of the Tuesday Sewing group, under the supervision of Mrs. Morton Bialosky, added to the enjoyment of the day's program. The Institute was planned by the Study Group Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Leonard Labowitch and Mrs. Frank Klein.

A SERVICE OF TRIBUTE

Sunday Morning, January 24th, 10:00 o'clock

The Temple will pay tribute to the distinguished ministry of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, this Sunday morning, January 24th, at a special Anniversary Service in The Temple. Rabbi Silver was installed in the congregation on September 9th, 1917, at the early age of twenty-four. During his ministry the congregation has more than doubled its membership, and it is now the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States. The Temple is proud of the achievements and gifted leadership of its rabbi, who has been identified with every progressive movement.

The occasion will be graced by the presence of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, and personal friend of Rabbi Silver. Participating in the program will be: Mayor Frank J. Lausche, who will speak for the community; Dr. Philip Smead Bird of the Church of the Covenant, who will speak for the Christian clergy; Rabbi Armond E. Cohen of the Jewish Center, who will speak for the Jewish ministry; Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, President of The Temple, who will speak for the congregation; and Dr. Maxwell Silver, brother of Rabbi Silver, who will deliver the benediction.

A special musical service will be rendered by the Temple Choir, augmented by additional voices and by instrumentalists. The instrumental interlude will be played by Dr. Jerome Gross, violinist; Leonard Rose, cellist; and Valerie Vitale, harpist.

The Service will begin at 10:00 o'clock promptly, one-half hour earlier than the usual commencement time. The doors of The Temple will open at 9:30 o'clock. Admission will be by card only. No seats will be reserved.

Temple Men Hear Washington Aviation Expert

Despite inclement weather, a splendid group of men turned out last Tuesday evening to hear Lt. Col. Don A. Starry, War Department aviation expert discuss "Aviation In A Total War." Col. Starry presented a vivid picture of the role of the airplane in the global war of our day, and of its potentialities in the post-war period. Among the guests of honor at the meeting were Major John Berry, Commission of Airports; Lt. Col. A. F. Witte, Chief of General Office Division of the Cleveland Ordnance District; Major George L. Becker, Area Supervisor for Army Air Forces, and Maurice J. Quinn, Engineer for U. S. Army in charge of the construc-

tion of the Army Bomber Assembly Plant at the Cleveland Airport.

Musical entertainment was provided by Dr. Samuel Klein of the Temple Men's Club Orchestra. A social hour with refreshments followed.

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FATHER-SON—MOTHER-
DAUGHTER BANQUETS
Sunday, February 14
Statler Hotel

A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE

A declaration of principles adopted by the American Institute on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace, held recently in Cincinnati, Ohio, and sponsored by the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

(Continued from last week)

THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE

In the world that has grown up in the last two centuries, a world of international trade, of large-scale industrialism and mass production, no proposals for peace that do not rest firmly upon economic grounds, that do not grapple with the problems of labor and capital and their relation to the freedom and happiness of myriads, can be either realistic or successful.

As in the case of political programs and principles, we affirm our conviction that the very context of justice and of brotherhood in the modern world is to be found in the conflicts and issues of economic life. Like our spiritual forebears, the great Hebrew prophets, we know that until there is fair dealing between man and man, until nations learn to bring equality of opportunity to all, there can be no complete worship or service of God. Therefore, with due consideration of their importance for the time to come, we enunciate the following principles:

1. By virtue of our scientific knowledge and technical equipment, we of the modern world already possess the economic resources for a wide and equitable distribution of income. All we need is the courage and the wisdom to create and maintain it. Essential to the achievement of the abundant life for all are the right to work, and the right to equality of economic opportunity without regard to race, religion or nationality. There must be no room in the post-war world for exploitation of serfdom.

2. In consonance with the dignity of the human personality, the standard of living in every country and on every continent should provide not only proper shelter, sufficient food and adequate clothing, but all other services now recognized as a part of civilized life, such as medical care, opportunities for culture and education and facilities for recreation. Such a wide distribution of income will involve heavy taxation and will impose sacrifices upon certain individuals and groups. They should be as selfless in the behalf of a peaceful world based on righteousness as in the cause of military victory.

3. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Man is but the steward over the natural resources which God created. In order that all men may be assured of economic justice our natural resources should be treated as the endowment of society alone, to be controlled democratically for social use.

4. Widespread unemployment was one of the causes of that general social despair which drove men to the desperate recourse of totalitarianism. The problem of unemployment must not be allowed to develop in the post-war world, as it did after the last war.

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A program toward this end should include: (a) Limitation of the hour of labor in accordance with the welfare of the workers and economic needs, (b) rationalization of production, (c) the elimination of child labor, (d) the expansion of social services such as

health, education and recreation, (e) a program of reconstruction of the areas devastated by the war, (f) a housing program to eliminate slums; and such other construction projects as are socially desirable but which may not enlist private enterprise.

5. In a democratic society the workers in agriculture, industry, commerce and the professions, must possess the right to organize in order to advance their own welfare. This implies their right to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to negotiate with employers the terms of contracts covering wages and salaries, hours and conditions of work, vacations and severance compensation, and the machinery through which grievances are to be adjusted. These rights of labor should be incorporated in the social legislation of every country.

6. The rights of workers imply responsibilities for the welfare of the industry in which they are engaged. The relationship of workers and employers should not be of conflict but of cooperation. Economic democracy requires that workers participate with employers in the management of industry.

7. A general sense of insecurity was another of the causes which drove men to surrender their freedom to dictators who falsely promised to give them security in exchange for liberty. We believe that social security is a function of democracy and freedom. Our social program should include the following: Unemployment insurance, accident insurance, training of the handicapped, health insurance, old age annuities, maternity and child care.

8. International cooperation must be economic as well as political. Even as individuals cannot live by them-

selves alone and be unconcerned about other men, so no nation can plan only in terms of its own prosperity. Economic isolationism, expressing itself through tariff barriers, and other obstacles which impede the flow and exchange of food, materials, and products, at best brings only temporary gains and creates the bitterness, the friction and the poverty which eventually lead to war. Nations, like individuals, have common responsibilities to establish economic justice for all.

THE RACIAL BASIS OF A JUST AND ENDURING PEACE

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this section is omitted.)*

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JEWISH POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

Among the peoples who have been victims of the Axis tyranny and aggression that have been directed at the destruction of the life and liberty of men, none has suffered more than Israel. An overwhelming majority of European Jews have already been uprooted and dispossessed. Large masses of Jews have been and are being massacred in pursuance of the publicly proclaimed Nazi policy to exterminate all Jews. This unparalleled tragedy summons all freedom-loving men to forthright action.

Any adequate program of post-war reconstruction must do complete justice to the urgent needs of Jews as individuals and as a group.

The assistance of the United Nations is imperative in order to achieve this reconstruction, since the task is on a scale beyond the capacity of the surviving Jewish communities.

1. Homes must be made available for the millions of homeless Jews. They must be granted the opportunity either to resettle in their former homes, remain wherever they are, or

find new homes where they may be free.

2. Together will all other men, Jews must be guaranteed political equality, full economic opportunity, and a chance for complete spiritual self-realization.

Because of the global nature and complexity of Jewish life there can be no single solution for the problems of the Jews as a group.

1. Meeting these needs requires the recognition of the right of Jewish groups everywhere to the fullest enjoyment and fostering of their religious and cultural heritage in accordance with their specific needs and conditions in their respective countries.

2. All Jews are bound by spiritual and historic ties to the Holy Land.

Since the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, a tremendous impetus has been given to successful Jewish settlement in Palestine. Since the advent of the Nazi regime, there have been some years in which immigration increased to such a degree as to prove the extraordinary absorptive capacity of Palestine.

After the war, conditions must be created to permit as large a Jewish immigration to Palestine as possible, in accordance with obligations assumed under the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate. Now more than ever the nations of the world must give fullest recognition to the right of Jews to a homeland in Palestine, and they must help facilitate in every way the work of rebuilding that land.

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In memory of Joseph Lehman, by the Cleveland Collectors' Club; by Dr. and Mrs. Jos. N. Schneider.

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The Temple Memorial Book

The names of

**MR. AND MRS.
SIEGFRIED H. EINSTEIN**

have been inscribed by their family in The Temple Memorial Book.

In Memoriam

The Temple records with deep sorrow the passing of

**GISSELLA SONIA HALPER
MRS. ROSA HIRSCHMEIER
SIGMUND HERZOG**

and extends its condolences to the bereaved families.

The Temple

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Service

IN TRIBUTE TO

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver



SUNDAY, JANUARY TWENTY-FOURTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE

TEN O'CLOCK A. M.



Abba Hibel Selmer

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Organ Prelude Mr. A. R. Willard
Hebrew Prayer of Thanksgiving Gaul
Meditation in the Synagog Langdon

Opening Psalm: How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Brahms
Morning Service Rabbi Melbourne Harris
Union Prayer Book. Pp. 314-331

Hymn No. 47 Congregation

Scriptural Reading—Psalm 115

Anniversary Greetings

For the Congregation
For the City of Cleveland
For the Jewish Ministry
For the Christian Ministry



Mr. Sidney N. Weitz
President, The Temple

Hon. Frank J. Lausche
Mayor, City of Cleveland

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen
The Jewish Center

Dr. Philip Smead Bird
Church of the Covenant

Instrumental Interlude Dr. Jerome Gross, violinist
Leonard Rose, cellist
Valerie Vitale, harpist

Address Dr. Chaim Weizmann

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Closing Hymn: Adon Olam Dunkley

Benediction Dr. Maxwell Silver

Organ Postlude: Marche Sollenelle Borowski

THE TEMPLE CHOIR

A. R. Willard, *Director and Organist*

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Marie S. Kraft, *Contralto*

Walter Born, *Tenor*

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