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40th Anniversary - Commemorative Service, 1957.

by A. M. Luntz

I am very happy to address you again as President of the Temple at this occasion of the 40th year of the Rabbi's service with us. For 17 of these years I have had ample opportunity to observe the deep respect and admiration that you, as ~~MEMBERS~~ ~~congregates~~ and friends, have for our Rabbi \*\*\*\*\* many of you were confirmed as well as married by him and he has shared in the sorrows and joys that have come to all of us.

His 40 years as our spiritual leader were devoted not only to give<sup>w</sup> comfort, but to share<sup>w</sup> our civic responsibility. Leading us when the times demanded courageous leadership and always enriching us by his wisdom. No man in our times has been a greater force in the fight for good and justice. Few have had his foresight and shown his courage in speaking so clearly and ably for the establishment and continued economic development of the State of Israel.

His mind, spirit and great personality have gained him fame far beyond our Temple and city. His greatness is respected



throughout the world. but while the world may recognize him, we, the members of his congregation, can personally claim him. These are the feelings which everyone brings with him this morning. Under his nurturing we are a nationally known congregation, the largest in America, admired for our organization, our school and our standards. We, as partners, helped him build this house of beauty and worship; and again as partners, we are helping him to enlarge it in a manner which will measure up to the ideals originally manifested.

This physical structure creates a spirit of holiness but our inspirations have come from the teachings of ancient and modern thought and philosophy which were so understandingly expressed in the Rabbi's sermons throughout these many years.

As to my personal association with Rabbi Silver, this relationship has been one of the most beautiful and elevating I have ever had the good fortune to experience.



This great scholar - this man of social vision - this ardent supporter of our people, with his steadfast convictions and truth, has stirred me to greater accomplishments and, because of knowing and working with him, I am a better man.

We have been privileged to be so closely affiliated with the Rabbi. His 40 years at the Temple have benefited all of us. Because of him we have learned spiritual ideals and values. We have been truly blessed.

40 years of service to God and man is your reward, Rabbi. Our reward has been in having you.



HEAVENLY FATHER:

5-915 7ever(?)

AS WE CONCLUDE THIS UNFORGETTABLE  
SERVICE OF RETROSPECTION AND DEDICATED  
RENEWAL, WE THANK THEE FOR THE LIFE AND  
LABOR OF THY SON AND CONSECRATED SERVANT,  
ABBA HILLEL SILVER --- AND PRAISE THEE WITH  
ALL OUR HEARTS FOR THE PRICELESS GIFTS OF  
MIND AND SPIRIT AND VOICE WITH WHICH THOU  
HAST ENDOWED HIM AND ENABLED HIM SO INCOM-  
PARABLY TO LEAD AND TO TEACH THY PEOPLE TO  
BRING THEM OUT OF THE WILDERNESS OF SORROW  
AND DESPAIR TO THE SUNLIGHT OF FREEDOM AND  
DIGNITY, TO MINISTER AT THINE ALTAR WITH  
SUCH PRIESTLY DEVOTION AND TO SPEAK THY  
WORD WITH SUCH PROPHETIC ARDOR.

PROSPER THIS CONGREGATION AND THE MEN  
AND WOMEN WHOSE LOYALTY HAS UPHELD HIS HANDS



AND BLESS HIS DEAR ONES WHOSE LOVE HAS  
SUSTAINED HIS COURAGE IN DAYS OF TRIAL AND  
STRUGGLE.

LOOK WITH FAVOR AND GRACE UPON HIS  
LATTER YEARS THAT THEY MAY BE BLESSED WITH  
UNDIMINISHED VIGOR, THAT HE MAY CONTINUE  
FOR ADDED DECADES OF RICH ACHIEVEMENT TO  
LABOR IN THY NAME AND TO ADD LUSTER TO THE  
CROWN OF THY TORAH.









reputation for its ~~independence~~ <sup>Robbness</sup> and ~~the ability~~ <sup>very</sup> - ~~independence~~ <sup>independence</sup> and ~~independence~~ <sup>independence</sup>. In  
the last 53 yrs - The Temple has had only 3 senior Rabbis -  
Dr. Aaron Hahn - R. Moses J. Davis - and I am the 3rd!  
The Temple was either very fortunate in its choice of Rabbis -  
or it Rabbis were very difficult to get rid off -  
Personally, I prefer to believe that the former was the case.

3). The measure of success of a Rabbi depends not alone upon his <sup>own</sup> ~~personal~~  
abilities & talents but, <sup>also</sup> upon the congregation which he serves -  
the character, its membership - ~~the~~ the quality of its lay  
leadership - its traditions and standards. A good congregation  
helps to make a <sup>successful</sup> ~~good~~ Rabbi.

Whatever ~~success~~ <sup>Robbness</sup> success has been mine during these years  
has been due to ~~a large measure~~ <sup>in large measure</sup> to the ~~constant~~ <sup>constant</sup> ~~at~~  
support <sup>and encouragement</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>received</sup> from them the years ~~from~~  
the ~~founder~~ <sup>from</sup> the ~~men and women~~ <sup>men and women</sup>, the Temple -  
and the ~~spirit~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~confident~~ <sup>its</sup> ~~leadership~~ <sup>leadership</sup> placed in me.  
→ a) Free Pulpit for Time for Antisemitism  
Our congregation has, by the way, ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~and prospered~~ <sup>prospered</sup> -  
but what has been achieved has not been the result of one  
man. Dedicated men and women, ~~by~~ <sup>in</sup> large numbers  
than their services as officers, the Temple members, its  
various boards, chairman and members, a numerous  
Committees and auxiliary organizations, teachers, assistant  
Rabbis, ~~teachers~~ <sup>librarians</sup> ~~choir and organist~~ <sup>choir and organist</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~curatorial staff~~ <sup>curatorial staff</sup> - all ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup>  
by ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~contributions~~ <sup>contributions</sup> of time, thought, or material support, have  
built this Temple through the years - and advanced it to the  
position which it now occupies. ~~on this anniversary morning~~  
It would be a distinct pleasure for me, ~~to name many~~ <sup>to name many</sup>  
these invaluable co-workers to whom I am so deeply







4/ I think <sup>this morning</sup> many friends, helpers and friends <sup>some, then long past friends to the</sup> this morning (4)  
and I wish I could tell each of them <sup>and I wish I could tell each of them</sup> how  
grateful I am. But I think they know! - and words

are really not ~~needed~~ necessary  
→ Cleveland - Providence - Goswold - Weymouth - liberal clergy  
← many with memories, which crowd the hour then  
are also hopes - present hopes - for this fine fellowship  
under God - The Temple!

I hope that the coming years will be even <sup>than the past years</sup>  
that the depth and range of spiritual services <sup>to our people and our country</sup> will be  
even <sup>more abundant</sup> ~~more~~ extensive ~~that it is~~

It is not an increase in numbers that we need  
to reach ~~any~~ any larger. We have reached and passed the  
point of what should be a satisfactory workable organization  
unit. It is towards greater improvement that we should  
direct ourselves - intelligently and culturally and  
educational activities - the religious message which a  
people exists <sup>through</sup> the application of Judaism by our people to  
their personal lives.

→ Our age needs religion more than any preceding age -  
Our people need religion - our children ~~and~~ and adults  
need religion. There is a hunger in the land for a leader  
~~and they want~~ the bread of the life - in the midst  
the sorrows, bafflements and insecurity of your lives,  
Religion can satisfy that hunger <sup>Today</sup> ~~and~~ it is people  
direction, faith and confidence as they reach out for  
the better life - and the good society.

The Temple, within the sphere, it influences, can serve  
that need - if enough, it men and women dedicate  
to that purpose - seriously and deliberately - if they







only a change / pace on my part:

6) Am I as hopeful as hopeful at 64 as I am at 24  
when I first came to the Temple - about the future, the  
world - about human progress - about the future of the  
Jews and Judaism.

I should like to answer categorically in the affirmative.  
- I came to Cleveland in ~~the month of~~ <sup>the dark days</sup> First World War -  
- a ghostly, bloody human tragedy which dropped on us  
of sudden years. It was not a time for <sup>idealism</sup> ~~idealism~~  
or idealism.

- My years, minority witnessed also a 2nd world war -  
more devastating than the first.

- And the slaughter of B.M. 7 and fellow Jews. Greatest Lede  
neg. in  
history

- We witnessed a Revolution, the Russian (Fascist-Nazi) the 1917  
Revolution  
and a Communist Revolution - + the collapse of  
empire and of trad. ways of life. The sweep of historical  
movements.

The years were <sup>certainly</sup> ~~not~~ placed faces - some, then risen and  
savage years - enough to shake one's faith in  
humanity - and in man's capacity to save himself - Guns

7) And yet - thus the darker ~~now~~ <sup>dimly</sup> can <sup>the 1917  
Revolution</sup> see <sup>of old's purpose</sup>  
unfolding - The definite trends of our society, despite  
age are in the right direction - abolition, war -  
eradication of poverty - elimination of racial inequalities  
- There is being done in our day for the improvement  
of the conditions the common man than in any 5



generation in the past - never were more determined efforts  
made to bring about a fairer sharing of the wealth that is pro-  
duced and a better way of life for all. - Imperialism and colo-  
nialism are in their death-throes, backward peoples are pressing  
forward into the light, a new day. - a new effort - U.N.

What we are witnessing in our day is not social disintegration  
but a radical new reintegration of humanity. A profound change in  
the social structure, a change not free of some grave  
dangers - there is no proper without danger.

I find hope in all this - hope and a challenge - especially  
for the new generation - They are entering a great new age!!  
I find hope, too, in the fact that upon the ruins (Europe, Jewry)  
- there arises almost miraculously and spontaneously the  
new State of Israel - where in truth, all handicaps and  
misleading messages - a marvellously exciting new life  
is developing for an important part of our people - rich  
in promise - and already remarkable in performance.

2/50 At 64 - I am an unrepentant optimist - believing  
as my faith teaches <sup>all</sup> men to believe in progress - <sup>demonstrably</sup> never to  
despair, the future was <sup>by man's</sup> own strength, and man -  
himself is inexhaustible spiritual resources - no, / no cooperation  
between long and hard is the way - but there is a way -  
and there is a goal which, by seeking and striving,  
can be reached.

\$ Happy - \$ Rededications -





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver deeply appreciates  
your gracious message on the occasion  
of his Fortieth Anniversary  
as Rabbi of the Temple,  
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THE TEMPLE

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Cordially invites you to attend

A Special Service of Thanksgiving

On Sunday morning, March Twenty-Fourth

Nineteen hundred and fifty-seven

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Honoring

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On The Completion of

Forty Years Service as

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Metropolitan Opera Company

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The Service did not record  
on the tape.



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## Sunday Morning Service

10:30 o'clock

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## Service of Thanksgiving

HONORING

**RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER**

on the completion of  
40 years service as  
Rabbi of The Temple

**Guest Soloist, Mr. Richard Tucker**

Friday Evening Services  
5:30 to 6:10

Saturday Morning Services  
11:15 to 12:00



# *The Temple Bulletin*

## **The Temple**

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The flowers which will grace the altar on Sunday morning March 24th, are presented by the Mr. and Mrs. Club in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's 40th anniversary at The Temple.

## **MUSIC FOR SUNDAY**



The Temple is very proud and happy to welcome the famous Tenor of The Metropolitan Opera Company, Mr. Richard Tucker, a friend of many years of Rabbi Silver, who will sing during the Service this Sunday morning.

For the Choral music of this tribute to Dr. Silver, we have again drawn upon another fine modern service, the "Sacred Service", by Isadore Freed.

Mr. Freed not only is one of the outstanding figures in Jewish Music of this day, but in the current renaissance of Jewish Sacred music he is also one of the leaders. He was for 14 years organist and music director at Temple Keneseth in Philadelphia, and for the past 9 years has held a similar post at Temple Israel in Lawrence, Long Island.

The Cantorial work in this Service will be sung by Mr. Melvin Hakola, Baritone of The Temple Choir.

The following members will comprise the Choir for this Service:

Sopranos: Joan Wischmeyer, soloist; Margaret Crays, Kathreen Britton, Gladys Fine, Kay Curtis\*, Margaret Mazzolini\*.

Altos: Ilona Strasser, soloist; Janet Koch, Gertrude Kaufman, Charlotte Bossinger\*, Betty Kaufman\*.

Tenors: Jon Humphrey, soloist; John Wrable, Clifton Williams, Charles Cammock\*, Robert M. Bossinger\*.

Basses: Melvin Hakola, soloist; David Berger, Willard DeLara, Sidney Kaufman, Edward Hilberg\*.

\* Assisting

### **SPECIAL SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR MARCH 24th**

Because of the large attendance which is anticipated for Sunday morning, March 24th, and in order to take care, in the most expeditious manner, of our members who will attend the Service, no seats can be reserved for pew owners or renters. Those who wish to occupy their own seats that morning should come *before 10:15* and the ushers will make an effort to seat them in their own pews.

Admission cards, which have been mailed to all Temple members, should be presented at the door.

Arrangements have been made to take care of non-members who may wish to attend the Service, in Mahler Hall where the Service will be carried through our public address system.



# SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

## THE TEMPLE

Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, March 24, 1957, 10:30 A. M.

Prelude—Cello Solo. . . . . Mr. Ernst Silberstein  
First Cellist, Cleveland Symphony Orchestra

Praeludium Henry Eccles  
Prayer E. Bloch  
Lied Ohne Worte Mendelssohn

Opening Prayer. . . . . Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
Park Synagogue, Cleveland, Ohio

Ritual Service. . . . . Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Union Prayer Book, Pages 312-322

Solo. . . . . Mr. Richard Tucker  
Elohai Ad Shelo Notzarti Rosenblatt Tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company

Service, Hymn and Reading of Scriptures. . . . . Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Pages 324-326

Solo. . . . . Mr. Richard Tucker  
If With All Your Hearts Mendelssohn  
From "Elijah"

Address. . . . . Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Solo. . . . . Mr. Richard Tucker  
Elu D'Vorim Jacob Rappaport

Adoration and Kaddish. . . . . Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver

Benediction. . . . . Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
Temple Shomer Emunim, Toledo, Ohio

The musical setting for the Service is by Isadore Freed, eminent Jewish Composer, and is directed by Mr. A. R. Willard, Organist and Choir Director of The Temple

Mr. Tucker is accompanied by his regular accompanist, Mr. Erwin Jospe, Organist of Temple Anshe Emeth, Chicago, Illinois.



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### Temple Memorial Book

The name of  
ISAAC EVANS

has been lovingly inscribed in The  
Temple Memorial Book by his  
wife, Lillian, and his children,  
William, Robert, Charles, Martin  
and Donald.

### In Memoriam

The Temple notes with deep sorrow  
the passing of

LOUIS FELDMAN  
S. S. WEBER

and extends heartfelt sympathies to  
the members of their bereaved families.

### Second Annual

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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Wednesday, March 27—6:30 P.M.

The Fairmount Temple  
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featuring

Alfred A. Benesch

Henny Youngman

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Meeting open to  
members of both Men's Clubs