



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series IV: Sermons, 1914-1963, undated.

Reel
169

Box
62

Folder
1175

Yom Kippur, memorial, 1940.

1. Speculate on death; broodless. Know no little^{YK-40}
And yet D. evoked the profoundest truths - the deepest emotions -
the noblest ~~literary~~ art, music & poetry.

This volume has opened to our dear dead - and to the contemplation
of death. How often - (1) The Brevity of life

"As for man, his days are as grass;

"As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

"For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;

"And the place thereof knoweth it no more."

(2) The certainty of death - "What man is he that liveth and
shall not see death, that shall deliver his soul from
the power of the grave?" (A Persian Anecdote). pretext

2. There is much somber reflection in our sacred liter. on
D. - but to frighten or harrow or depress and defeat
into the contrary. Admonished against excessive mourning
- pre-occupation with those who have gone on.

Object - to make life more precious in our sight - to
use our allotted days more wisely. - ~~to~~

3. "The part of life which we really live is short". (Seneca)
Deduct hours spent in sleep, in routine ^{unmeaning} in different acts.
and you discover, to your amazement, that the part of life
which you really live ^{vibrantly, actively, meaningfully} is starkly short!

Hence - Crowd each passing hour - על כל שעה ^(Yoma 71a) על כל שעה ^{על כל שעה}

4) the wisest admonitions - Not to be Too Late!

Not to be too late for life - too late for death!

We had the dramatic illustration in recent months & years of nations who suddenly realized that they were too late - too late to arm Ees - too late to set their houses in order - too late to curb their disruptive and treasonable elements - too late to make probable alliances - too late to save their next, sovereignty. They did not employ the time which they had wisely to prepare Ees against what they knew to be inevitable. They lived and acted as if the menace did not exist.

Similarly men turn on live and act - as if death were not momentarily present - and inevitable; They, too, delay to do that which they know they should do, and death frequently overtakes them or their dear ones, before they can around to do it. They are too late!

I have known

5.) Fathers - too busy - to sit companionable with their children - to help fashion their characters and their lives - some day when they will have time - but time is never had - it is always spent! Years roll by swiftly - Children are grown! Don't understand me! Don't affront me! I did every thing I could for them! I saw them every thing. Yes, you seek them every thing but time - your time - that is a part of your life - and your life; never quite hooked itself up with theirs. And now you are too late for the planning

6). And so with "Time-life" gifts which we should wait - ^{husband and wife} ~~parents~~
we mean to make them, of course - we, somewhere, never get
And so our dear ones grow old - gone - Ache - accuse
Why did we not show - kindled pride - light, lilt & song.

"My name is night-bane - here.

"I am also called ho-hum, Too late, Far well.

7/. Some are impressed with that that they will be too late - wrong
sense - Too late for Binyamin! Tracking - Race on wings
avarice - afflictions - cupidity

When they finally wash - a check-up - mind - ~~st~~
Side show - Never really too late - never old enough
to be born

8/ ①, ד'ניאל די גאנץ וועלט : ②

Vapid - tastless from age. - Stale.

Fallen then with the generous impulse.

Do it now - before the candle guttered ^{has been} - & its light dies out -
and it is dark.

Do it now - before it is Too late!