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NATHAN LEIBSON, Executive Director

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Rabbi Julius Silberfeld's Twenty-fifth Anniversary

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PROGRAM OF EXERCISES

in celebration of the

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

of

RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

as Minister to

TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM

of Newark, N. J.

February 25th, 26th and 27th, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-seven

At the Temple and Social Center Auditorium

MY IDEAL

By RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

My ideal during the twenty-five years of my ministry in Temple B'nai Abraham has been to keep the Synagogue true to the glorious traditions of Israel while at the same time making it conform to the spirit of the times, to have its service so conducted as to make conservatism fashionable. The Synagogue was to give expression, even in modern times, to the lofty truths proclaimed by the prophets of old. Its pulpit was to give utterance to the same sublime sentiments which inspired those ancient seers of Israel to thunder forth their world-redeeming message of light and salvation.

I have taken Israel's mission of peace, reiterated again and again throughout the Jewish liturgy, very seriously. I have considered it no mere coincidence that all our prayers have as their dominant note the supplication for universal peace. And therefore I have always considered it my sacred duty to preach the gospel of peace in season and out of season.

It is easy enough to be an advocate of peace in times of peace. Such lip service is practiced by many so-called preachers of peace. But the true test of the apostle of peace comes when the passions of war are unleashed, when, through malicious and incendiary propaganda, the fury of the mob is aroused and the people become blind to reason and justice. It is then that the true preacher of peace displays his courage and heroism. And without indulging in self-praise I can safely state that in this respect I have tried to keep my pulpit true to its mission. I did not turn it into a bloody arena. To the very last moment I raised my voice warning against the danger of embroiling our country in war, that the scourge of war not only slays and maims its thousands and tens of thousands, but what is even worse, it leaves an aftermath of misery most detrimental to the spirit of liberty and democracy. I do not arrogate to myself a prophetic spirit; and yet, in the light of events subsequent to the recent world-conflagration, and the deplorable conditions prevailing among us now, I have almost the right to claim prophetic power.

Of course, when, despite these genuine efforts for peace on the part of all true lovers of peace, our country did plunge into the maelstrom of war, my patriotic loyalty to America made me devote every ounce of energy I possessed to help my country in its hour of stress and need. That is in harmony with genuine Jewish doctrine, which bids us to be ready to give up our lives, if need be, in defense of the land under whose banner we live and whose protection we enjoy.

But the ideal of peace must never be abdicated, it must remain the dominant note of the Synagogue, otherwise our whole liturgy becomes a sham and a farce. The very cornerstone of our Synagogue contains an inscription, which I selected from the great prophet Isaiah, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace," to remind everyone entering our portals that this Synagogue stands for the promulgation of peace among the children of men. To this ideal of peace I have dedicated the quarter of a century just now passed, and to this ideal of peace I consecrate myself for the years to come.



RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

Born March 5, 1876, in Oswiecim, a little town in Austria, now Poland, near the German boundary. Studied in European Hebrew and Rabbinical schools. Came to this country at the age of 12. Attended public schools of New York and the College of the City of New York. Pursued Rabbinical studies privately under the guidance of the late Rev. Dr. Adolph M. Radin. In 1897, at the age of 21, accepted first position as Rabbi of Congregation Tree of Life of Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1898 accepted call as Rabbi of Temple Beth El of Jersey City, N. J., and remained there three years. At the end of 1900 officiated temporarily at Temple B'nai Jeshurun of New York (Madison Avenue Synagogue) as immediate successor of Dr. Stephen S. Wise. In 1901 accepted a call as Associate to Rabbi Joseph Leucht of Temple B'nai Jeshurun of Newark, N. J., and on February 28, 1902, accepted present position as Rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham of Newark, N. J. Author of Prayer Book, "The Sabbath Service," for Friday evening and Saturday morning, which is being used in about 350 Congregations throughout the United States and Canada.

PROGRAM OF EXERCISES
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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
of
RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25TH
Seven-thirty o'clock, at The Temple

MR. MICHAEL A. STAVITSKY, Presiding

SABBATH EVE SERVICE—Prayer Book, Pages 6-44
CANTOR MOSES SALTZ AND CHOIR
BORIS BROMBERG, Leader

ANTHEM—"Fear Ye Not, O Israel".....*Spicker*
MR. FRANK FREUND, MISS ALMA BAUM AND CHOIR

Behold, there shall be a day when the watchman upon the mountain-top shall cry aloud: "Arise ye, arise ye! Get ye up unto Mount Zion, unto the Lord, your God."

For thus saith the Lord: Fear ye not, O Israel, neither be thou still dismayed. Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for I, the Lord, am with thee, and will save thee; I have loved thee with everlasting love, and have redeemed thee.

Why criest thou in thine affliction? Why mournest thou in thy nightly watches? I have redeemed thee.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord: Sing ye aloud with gladness! Thy mourning is turned into joy! I, even I, have redeemed thee. Be glad! Be glad and rejoice! Thy sorrows now are ended, and great shall be thy peace. Rejoice! Be glad and rejoice!

Then fear ye not, O Israel! neither be thou still dismayed, I have redeemed thee! (Jeremiah xxxi, 6, 16.)

ADDRESS by the Chairman

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....MR. ALBERT HOLLANDER
President Temple B'nai Abraham

ADDRESS.....MR. LOUIS BENATAR
President Temple B'nai Abraham in 1902

ADDRESS.....HIS EXCELLENCY A. HARRY MOORE
Governor of New Jersey

ADDRESS.....HON. JOHN HOWE
Acting Mayor of Newark

ADDRESS.....R. W. HOWARD R. CRUSE
Deputy Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey

FRIDAY EVENING—*Continued*

TENOR SOLO—"O Lord, My God, to Thee I Pray".....*Donizetti*
 PROF. LEON CORTILLI

O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray For knowledge and for light, That from Thy path I may not stray, If darkness veils my sight. For Thee I yearn, I fondly yearn, Be Thou my guide at ev'ry turn.	O, shed Thy light into my soul, That I may understand, To reach salvation's happy goal, Directed by Thy hand. Each duty be my fond delight, My courage true, to do the right; In weal and woe, in joy and pain, Let hope and faith my heart sustain. Amen.
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ADDRESS—"Ministering at the High Altars"
 RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

DUET—"My Song Shall Be Thy Mercy".....*Mendelssohn*

MARGARET MARX AND JONAS MARX
 My song shall be alway Thy mercy,
 Singing Thy praise, Thou, only God;
 My Tongue ever speaks Thy goodness
 Thou hast done unto me.

I wander in night and foulest darkness,
 And mine enemies stand threatening around,
 Yet called I upon the name of the Lord,
 And He redeemed me with watchful goodness.
 My song shall be alway Thy mercy,
 Singing Thy praise, Thou, only God.

RESPONSE.....RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

SERVICE CONCLUDED—Prayer Book, Pages 58-64

CLOSING ANTHEM—"Hallelujah".....*Handel*

CHOIR

Hallelujah, for the Lord Omnipotent reigneth,
 The Lord our God is One and His name is One.
 And He shall reign forever and ever,
 King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah.

BENEDICTION.....RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD
Reception after the service in the Social Center Auditorium

Temple B'nai Abraham Women's Auxiliary Reception Committee

Mrs. Max Danzis, Chairman

Mrs. Jennie A. Schwartz Mrs. Philip J. Schotland Mrs. Charles Emmerglick Mrs. Nathan Berger Mrs. H. Dornbusch Mrs. Simon Gans Mrs. H. Ginsberg Mrs. Alexander Harris Mrs. Louis Gross	Mrs. John Huberman Mrs. Samuel Litwin Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg Mrs. Philip Rosenthal Mrs. Louis C. Schwartz Mrs. H. Steiner Mrs. Rose Speiser Mrs. B. Taylor Mrs. A. Wosnitzer Mrs. Samuel Granet	Mrs. B. H. Greenfield Mrs. Joseph J. Perwin Mrs. Leopold Rich Mrs. M. Rosenbloom Mrs. Albert Hollander Mrs. Louis V. Aronson Mrs. Abraham Henig Mrs. Max Mermelstein Mrs. M. J. Fine
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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26th

Nine-thirty o'clock, at The Temple

This Service conducted entirely by the Junior Congregation

SABBATH MORNING SERVICE—Prayer Book, Pages 68-120

BERTRAM KLAUSNER

NISHMATH—Prayer Book, Page 121

MORTON SILBERFELD

SERVICE CONTINUED—Prayer Book, Pages 124-176

COLMAN ZWITMAN AND JUNIOR CONGREGATION

READING OF THE TORAH

BENJAMIN EPSTEIN

HAFTORAH

LESTER SCHACHTER

SERVICE CONTINUED—Prayer Book, Pages 185-197

HYMN—"God Is in His Holy Temple"

JUNIOR CONGREGATION AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

God is in His holy temple;
Earthly thoughts be silent now,
While with reverence we assemble,
And before His presence bow.
He is with us now and ever,
When we call upon His name,
Aiding every good endeavor,
Guiding every upward aim.

God is in His holy temple—
In the pure and holy mind,
In the reverent heart and simple,
In the soul from sense refined.
Then let every low emotion
Banished far and silent be.
And our souls in pure devotion,
Lord, be temples worthy Thee.

SERMON—"The Symbols of the Tabernacle"

MORTON SILBERFELD

ADDRESS.....HYMAN SCHER

President of the Junior Congregation

RESPONSE.....RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

SERVICE CONCLUDED—Prayer Book, Pages 196-230

COLMAN ZWITMAN AND JUNIOR CONGREGATION

BENEDICTION.....MORTON SILBERFELD

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27th

Ten o'clock, at the Social Center Auditorium

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Mr. PHILIP J. SCHOTLAND, Presiding

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.....SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE

O, say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O, say, does the Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....Mr. HENRY GROSS
Vice-President of Temple B'nai Abraham and Chairman of School Committee

PIANO SELECTION.....PAUL GERHARD

HYMN—"Praise Ye the Lord".....SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE

Praise ye the Lord, our King!
Let all the nations sing,
In one accord,
His glorious might and fame,
His great and holy name,
Unto the world proclaim—
Praise ye the Lord!

What tongue is formed so well,
Of all Thy power to tell—
The fathomless.
Yet Thou art ever near,
Kindly to bend Thine ear,
Thy children's prayers to hear,
To hear and bless.

THE SEVENFOLD FUNCTION OF THE RABBI

THE RABBI.....	MURIEL RUBINFELD
THE PREACHER.....	SYLVIA GOLDBERG
THE SCHOLAR.....	LUCILLE RUTKIN
THE TEACHER.....	RUTH KRIEGER
THE COMFORTER.....	THELMA KURTZ
THE COMMUNAL WORKER.....	HARRIET BERKOWITZ
THE ADVISER.....	ADELE SUSSKIND

HEBREW HYMN.....RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

ADDRESS.....Mr. CHARLES EHRENKRANTZ
Principal Religious School

ADDRESS IN HEBREW.....Mr. PINKUS SHUB
Representing the Faculty

HYMN—"The Still, Small Voice".....SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE
Led by BERT SCHWARTZ

The still, small voice that speaks within,
I hear it when at play;
I speak the loud and angry word,
That drives my friend away.

CHORUS

If selfishness would bid me keep
What I should gladly share,
I hear again the inner voice,
And then with shame forbear.

CHORUS

If falsehood whispers to my heart
To tell a coward lie,
To hide some careless thing I've done,
I hear the sad voice nigh.

CHORUS

I thank Thee, Father, for this friend,
Whom I would always heed;
O may I hear the slightest tone
In every time of need.

CHORUS

CHORUS

The voice within, the voice within,
O, may I have a care;
It speaks to warn from every sin,
And God has placed it there.

SUNDAY MORNING—*Continued*

ADDRESS.....LILLIAN TZESES
 RESPONSE.....RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD
 HATIKVAH.....SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE

Kol od b'levov p'nimo
 Nefesh Yehudi homiyoh,
 U'Ifa'aseh mizroch kodimoh
 Ayin l'ziyon zofiyoh.
 Od lo ovdo tikvosaynoo—
 Hatikvoh hanoshonoh,
 Loshuv l'eretz avosaynoo,
 L'ir boh dovid chonoh.

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27th

Six o'clock, at the Social Center Auditorium

BANQUET AND RECEPTION

Mr. MICHAEL HOLLANDER, Toastmaster

INTRODUCTION.....Mr. SAMUEL GRAY
 Chairman Anniversary Committee

INVOCATION.....RABBI SOLOMON FOSTER
 Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

GRACE.....RABBI HYMAN BRODSKY
 Congregation Anshe Russia

ADDRESS BY THE TOASTMASTER.....Mr. MICHAEL HOLLANDER

ADDRESS.....Hon. CHARLES P. GILLEN
 Commissioner of Parks and Public Property

ADDRESS.....RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN A. DUFFY
 Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark

PIANO SOLO—

Phantasie—Impromptu*Chopin*

La Campanella.....*Paganini-Liszt*

MISS MURIEL SILBERFELD

ADDRESS.....RABBI CHARLES I. HOFFMAN
 Congregation Oheb Shalom

ADDRESS.....Mr. SAMUEL NADEL
 Past President Temple B'nai Abraham

ADDRESS.....Mr. PHILIP J. SCHOTLAND
 Past President Temple B'nai Abraham

VOCAL SOLO.....Mrs. LEOPOLD RICH
 Mrs. BESSIE SILBERFELD-PITZELE at the Piano

ADDRESS.....RT. REV. WILSON R. STEARLY
 Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

ADDRESS.....Mr. LOUIS V. ARONSON

ADDRESS.....RABBI ELIAS L. SOLOMON
 Honorary President United Synagogue of America

VOCAL SOLO—

"O Paradise"*Meyerbeer*

"The Girl of the Golden West".....*Puccini*

Prof. LEON CORTILLI

SUNDAY EVENING—*Continued*

ADDRESS.....COMMISSIONER LOUIS C. SCHWARTZ
Chairman Banquet Committee

ADDRESS.....MRS. ISADORE K. SCHWARTZ
President Women's Auxiliary, Temple B'nai Abraham

ADDRESS.....MR. GEORGE FURST
President of the Social Center

ADDRESS.....MR. ALEXANDER HARRIS
President Men's Club of Temple B'nai Abraham

ADDRESS.....MASTER SEYMOUR KLEINBERG

ADDRESS.....MR. WILLIAM S. RICH
President Emeritus Temple B'nai Abraham

RESPONSE.....RABBI JULIUS SILBERFELD

AMERICA

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

THE MISSION OF THE MODERN RABBI

By RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER of Cleveland

The mission of the modern Rabbi differs not at all from the mission of all ancient or modern religious leaders of mankind. It is to teach man the reality of the spiritual order of the universe. It is to preach God and God's moral law. It is to inculcate reverence for the basic sanctities of human life. The modern Rabbi has an additional mission of preserving and transmitting the great cultural values of his race and of laboring for the perpetuation of Israel as a historic community whose chief role has been and may continue to be that of the frontiersman of Jehovah.

If we are to minister at the high altars of God in faithfulness and in sincerity, we must speak to our people the word of God as it comes to us, kindly but firmly, with sympathy and understanding, but also with candor and force. Above all we dare not seek to pamper or to please them, lest we betray them in the direst needs of their lives. Nor must we allow ourselves to be pampered by them or crave their constant adulation. This has proved the tragedy of more than one minister; for in all such adulation first comes the shimmering foam and then the bitter lees and dregs.

We must find the deepest import of our ministry not in popular acclaim, which at best is fickle, and which can be had only at the cost of truckling to popular idols. We never hear of popular prophets; though we do hear all too often of popular preachers. Leadership is a crown, to be sure, but a crown of thorns. We must walk the road of the unpopular causes, the hard road of frustration and defeat, if we wish to arrive at the only victory which matters, the victory of the spirit. A great number of cheap and easy victories may be won by a talented minister in the manifold skirmishes of his profession, but the real victories of the Kingdom can be won only at the cost of many sacrifices, heart-aches and disillusionments.

The deepest satisfaction which the years of our ministry will bring will be the treasured recollections of blessed hours, when having been tried, we were not found wanting; when defeated, we were not deterred, and when praised, we were not beguiled.

These Expressions of Good Will Have Been Voiced by the Many
Friends and Colleagues of Rabbi Silberfeld



WILLIAM S. ("DADDY") RICH
President Emeritus of Temple B'nai Abraham

I have a number of hobbies—such as orphan asylums, charities, hospitals, and in fact all public institutions—but of my entire lot there is one hobby which towers above all—that is Congregation B'nai Abraham. For this institution I have given nearly sixty years of the very best efforts at my command, went through all difficulties of creating a place of worship that would be the old form, but acceptable to our young element, where order and decorum would be such that you would know and feel that you are in the presence of God—something that you would not get in the very ultra-Orthodox Congregation. We accomplished this in such a way that even national publications have taken notice of our service with great comment; but the greatest success was achieved when we were fortunate enough to secure the services of our beloved Rabbi Silberfeld.

When he took charge of our Congregation it rose to a great height. People flocked to hear him in his double capacity as Preacher and Cantor. His beautiful tenor voice enchanted the worshippers—his lectures impressed the people, not in a sensational or spectacular way, but with dignity and solemnity. The greatest evidence of his ability as a leader was proven in the fact that in twenty-three years of his leadership we had outgrown our capacity and were compelled to look for larger quarters. The beautiful edifice which we now occupy is greatly to his credit, and now when he celebrates his twenty-fifth anniversary with us we hope and pray that God will give him health and strength, that in this new environment, where his field is larger, he may be able to administer to us for many, many years—where the young and the old will get the benefit of his teachings.

WILLIAM S. RICH.

It has been my privilege and honor to have known him for many years, and to have had the benefit of his friendship during times of joy and sorrow. To me he has always represented the ideal of what a Jewish spiritual leader should be—human in every sense of the term. His eloquent sermons, richly interspersed with quotations drawn from a full knowledge of Hebrew lore, have been a source of interest and inspiration, and it has always been a source of pleasure and intellectual profit for me to listen to him on any subject on which he speaks. I can well recall many outstanding orations delivered by him which have made me very proud to know that Rabbi Julius Silberfeld was "our own."

I feel that at a time like this no words can be expressive enough to show him, even in a small way, the sense of appreciation which we feel.

We must not forget his dear helpmate, Mrs. Silberfeld, who has proven so worthy a consort to him. It is my own earnest hope, as I know it must be that of every member of our Congregation, that they will be spared for many years to continue their good work in increasing measure—work so nobly done not only on behalf of our own Temple, but which has made itself felt for good in every sphere of Jewish life.

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER HARRIS.

I would have had the very greatest pleasure in coming to your twenty-fifth anniversary celebration and in testifying to my own appreciation of the fine service you have rendered in your community during the twenty-five years. I know how faithfully and loyally you have stood for the best things in Jewish ideals and their translation into the practices of our community and of all American life, and you have done this in a brotherly way with good will to all, with malice toward none. Yours is the true liberalism, the liberalism of a man who stands firmly for his own faith with fine and gracious understanding of those who differ from him. I am glad to think that the Jewish community of Newark has your leadership, in order that you may illustrate the things that are best and finest in our Jewish tradition.

With every good wish to you and to your people, and hoping that after another twenty-five years you may celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of your high service to your people, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

STEPHEN S. WISE,

Rabbi, Free Synagogue, New York City.

On the occasion of the celebration of Rabbi Silberfeld's Twenty-fifth Anniversary in the pulpit of Temple B'nai Abraham, I congratulate both the Rabbi and the Congregation. The twenty-five years' association of the two high contracting parties speaks well for both. It testifies to the earnestness, zeal and devotion to duty of the spiritual leader. But it is also evidence of the loyalty, sympathy and willingness to co-operate on the part of the Congregation. This accounts for the success which has been the portion of B'nai Abraham. That it may long continue to be thus in your midst is the wish of your friend,

ELIAS L. SOLOMON.

I deem it a privilege to have the pleasure of expressing my great affection, regard, and respect for Rabbi Julius Silberfeld through the printed word.

I have had many opportunities to observe Rabbi Silberfeld at close range in his work as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Abraham as well as in his manifold undertakings for the community at large, and I have ever been impressed with his zeal, his energy, and his even tempered relations with people.

Rabbi Silberfeld has given 25 of the most productive years of his life to Congre-

gation B'nai Abraham, to the Jewish community of Newark, and to the city at large. Well does he deserve the reward which is his of heading one of the largest congregations in the country, and of having the affection and the esteem of the entire community.

MICHAEL HOLLANDER.

I join with the friends of Rabbi Julius Silberfeld in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his advent into the Rabbinate, which takes place on Friday evening, February 25th.

I regret exceedingly that it is impossible for me personally to attend the celebration and to give expression to my high regard for Rabbi Silberfeld.

Rabbi Silberfeld has been a consistent friend of the Zionist cause for many years. He has worked with a personal devotion unparalleled in the community in which he dwells. He has given not only personal service, but his intelligent co-operation, to every movement arising out of Zionism, and he deserves, at the hands of Zionists, appreciation and honor.

The number of veterans in the Zionist cause grows, from year to year, smaller and smaller. Their deeds act as an incentive to the younger generation. The deeds of Rabbi Silberfeld will be remembered by the community in which he has dwelt, and all his works will rise up to bless him.

In the name of the Zionist Organization of America, I tender my felicitations to Rabbi Silberfeld, and our official recognition of his high standing in our movement.

Very cordially yours,

LOUIS LIPSKY,

President, Zionist Organization of America.

As a trustee in the Congregation B'nai Abraham for twenty-five years, I have naturally been in close and constant contact with our beloved Rabbi. Knowing him as I do, I think I am qualified to speak of him from the standpoint of intimate knowledge.

Never have I known a leader in public life with a purpose more pure, a mind more clear or a heart more warm for humanity. Every good cause has been the stronger for his support, and every good man has been the better for his advice and companionship.

Race or creed to him have meant nothing except an opportunity for service. Religion to him is a practical thing, as much of a fact in this life as in the hereafter.

From the pulpit he has not only been inspiring but instructive. His knowledge of current events and of the general affairs and history of the world has been to those who have listened to him a liberal education. He has studied much in order that he may instruct properly.

On the occasion of this silver jubilee the officers and members of the Congregation B'nai Abraham may well congratulate themselves on having had such a leader for so long a time and may still farther, and still more, congratulate themselves on having him with us in the full bloom of hale and hearty manhood, to continue his good work and to ripen our friendship for him for many, many years to come.

LOUIS V. ARONSON.

Temple B'nai Abraham of Newark, N. J., rightly celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministry of Rabbi Julius Silberfeld. Rabbi Silberfeld has shown loyalty to Traditional Judaism, devotion to his Congregation and its members and a fine public spirit which reached beyond his own Congregation into the community of Newark and to many other institutions throughout the country. You who know him best no doubt have a more intimate acquaintance with his good qualities, but throughout the country he is held in high esteem and there are many who would be anxious to join in felicitations had they the opportunity.

I trust that he will be spared to celebrate his fiftieth anniversary in good health and vigor.

CYRUS ADLER,

President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Dropsie College

It is with great pleasure that I join with my many Newark friends of Temple B'nai Abraham in felicitating their esteemed Rabbi and leader, and my own friend and co-worker, Rabbi Julius Silberfeld, on the occasion marking his twenty-fifth year of service to their congregation.

I extend my congratulations to him and to them on this anniversary, which is fitly and event of mutual rejoicing for Rabbi Silberfeld, in that he may look back with a sense of work well performed upon a quarter-century of sustained and fruitful service for his congregation and his community, for his religion and his personal ideals; for the congregation of B'nai Abraham, in that under Rabbi Silberfeld's leadership they have grown into a foremost synagogue community of their city, holding a leading and forceful place in Jewish religious and communal affairs, and have achieved expression of their devotion to aim and faith in their beautiful new Temple B'nai Abraham, a splendid embodiment of the dignity and progressive tradition of Judaism before the community, and in particular making practical and idealistic contribution, in its fine social center equipment, to the cause of education of Jewish youth, which is especially near to my heart.

I have known Rabbi Silberfeld most closely in connection with work for relief of the suffering of our kinsmen in the stricken lands overseas; he has associated himself from the beginning as a loyal worker and steadfast spokesman and supporter.

May Rabbi Silberfeld's continuing work be crowned with increasing success and happiness to himself and his fellows, and may he continue long to serve in his present beneficent role as scholar and teacher, and as a loyal constructive force in the manifold tasks and aspirations of American Judaism.

Sincerely,

DAVID A. BROWN,
International Jewish Social Worker and Philanthropist.

Permit me to congratulate your Congregation on the privilege of having enjoyed for so long a period of time the ministrations of so able, sincere, and scholarly a man as Rabbi Silberfeld, and also to felicitate him on having been blessed with so worthy a Congregation. In all these years your community has had in him a loyal leader, and its individual members, I am sure, a devoted friend.

During the last quarter of a century, which was a period of transition in American Judaism, when many wavered in their principles and some fell by the wayside, Rabbi Silberfeld has consistently and courageously held up the torch of Traditional Judaism; and today he is in the front rank of its exponents and supporters.

May the renewal of the covenant of love and loyalty between Rabbi and Congregation redound to the mutual benefit of both, and also to the greater glory of the larger House of Israel.

With my own personal greetings, and those of your sister Congregations in the United Synagogue of America, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

H. ABRAMOWITZ,
President, United Synagogue of America.

Very unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Rabbinate of my good friend and esteemed brother, Rabbi Julius Silberfeld. I have known him these many years and have found him a serious thinker of a very progressive type of mind, a true orator with a commanding flow of language and a magnetic presence, a real patriot always alive to the things that make for a clean and wholesome city life, and a clear, profound and inspiring seer, able as are few men of my acquaintance in elucidating the deep things of God.

He has accomplished an extraordinary work in Newark, and Temple B'nai Abraham will always stand as a monument to his wisdom as well as his consecration. It is a great light on a great hill in a great city! And Rabbi Julius Silberfeld is the torch bearer before God and man.

He is eternally young, so that twenty-five years to him are as yesterday when it is past. I, and we all, want him to live on and on and on, beloved by his exceptional congregation of broad-minded and consecrated men and women and appreciated by this mighty city of Newark, in whose development for all that is highest and best he has had such a glorious part.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY R. ROSE,
Minister, Church of the Redeemer,
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

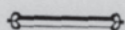
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