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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, Jan. 22d, 1929.

Human life can not be measured by time. They who live longest do not always live best. Nor can it be measured in terms of possessions. The man who has accumulated most has not always lived most. The wise man does not under-estimate the importance of material things. But he does not confuse that which is necessary with that which is important. He sees in things only aides in removing some of the obstacles in the way of life's advancement. Man does not require much to be happy. It is in his passionate striving after the excessive that the root of all his unhappiness lies.

Nor can life be measured by happiness, if by happiness we mean contentment, ease of mind and a sense of general satisfaction with one's self and one's life. When we think of the great men of the earth, Moses, Jeremiah, Jesus, Michaelangelo, Dante, Spinoza, Shelley, Lincoln - do we think of them as happy? There is no visible relationship between magnificent living and happiness. In the field of life the tares and wheat, the joys and sorrows are strangely intermingled. Hapiness is not always within our ordering. Nor is it ever continuous. Nor can it summarize the profoundest meaning of life.

Nor is achievement a true measure of life. Men of lowliest ambitions are more likely to realize them than the man whose ambitions are high, who pat aside the petty gains near at hand for the distant goal. There are men who are great in the arena of thought and

character and helpless in the arena of action.

How then shall we measure life - our life? Not by time, not by things, not by happiness, not by success, by what? - Why, by growth! Growth! Mind and soul growth! How much have we grown since yesterday, since yester-month, since yester-year? By how much have we bettered our yesterday's best? Man's true life does not take place in time or space but in the secret processes of growth. All life is growth. The splendour and miracle of the universe are growth, unfoldment, becoming....

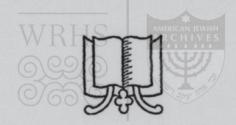
To live is to feel continuously the teem and thrust of expanding life within one's soul, the thrill of new ideas, the throb of new purposes, the stir of revelation and new insight. Some plants live longer than others, some are hardier than others, some are more colorful and fragrant than others, some bear fruit while others do not - but there is one ineffable glory which they all share - they grow... they fulfill their destiny...Some men live longer than others, are richer, happier, more successful. That is interesting but not important - not the crucial test. The ultimate criterion is growth. Do they grow? Are they fulfilling their heroic destiny of endless sprittual and mental inflorescence?

If then you have made of your life a developing romance, a legend of budding and blossoms, if you have made your past fruitful and your present a seed-bed for future growth - if you are striving ever upward and sun-ward through labor and pain and struggle, if every year you feel that an added measure of mind and soul ripening has come to you - keener perceptions, finer discriminations, sounder judgments, deeper loyalties.... - then you are alive my friend, and the greatness and the glory of life are yours - and you are to be called the blessed among the children of men.

Glenville High School

Cleveland

FIFTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT



MASONIC AUDITORIUM

Tuesday Evening, January Twenty-second Nineteen Hundred Twenty-nine Eight o'clock

PROGRAM

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1	Festal March in C
2	Music—The Builder
3	Piano Solo—Prelude
4	Valedictorian Cup.
5	Male Quartette—When the Hues of Daylight Fade. Emerson Henry Rubinfeld, 1st Tenor Vladimir Messer, 1st Bass Rubin Kaplan, 2nd Tenor Isidor Terman, 2nd Bass
6	Choral Club (Senior Girls) (a) Gently Falls the Shadow
7	Address
8	Music—Der Freischutz
9	Presentation of ClassPrincipal H. H. Cully
10	Presentation of Diplomas
11	Benediction.

⁴ Valedictorian Cup Ceremony Pres. - Sidney Vincent Valedictorian- Paul Zamecnik

CLASS ROLL

Aaron, Leo Abraham, Abel Abramson, Jerome B. Alter, Sam A. Axelrod, Abe Axelrod, Leah Ruth Babbitt, Dorothy French Bailus, Eleanore Estyre Barkan, Isadore Bayles, Seymour H. Berchin, Esther Berger, Henrietta R. Binyart, Sara I. Biskind, Ruth Elizabeth Boodman, Mitchell Bookatz, Abe Brockman, Jerome E. Bruggert, Wilson G. Burger, Ruth Virginia Burkley, Verna P. Burns, James Camin, David P. Caplin, Reuben Phillip Cohen, Lester Cooper, Esther H. Decker, Marie Eleanor Dennis, Willman F. Deubel, F. Clyde Donaldson, Lois E. Ellerin, Florence J. Eudovich, Simon Evans, Eleanor Ruth Exl, Ruth Frankel, Leonard Freeh, Gordon Gateman, Emanuel Geffen, David Geiger, Carl A. Ginsberg, Ruth Lilyan Gloger, Alice E. Golden, Henrietta Goldman, Milton Gordon, Esther Gordon, Sara Gramlich, Eleanore Greenwald, Louis Grider, Emma Lois Griffin, Francis Oliver Grossman, Maurice Hamlin, Norma Charlotte Hausman, Irving Hecht, Gertruth Jeanette Heller, Sanford Hepner, Ruth Elizabeth Hirsch, Mary Ann Horn, Sidney

Hughes, Robert M. Jacobs, Herbert M. Jenkins, Doris Marion Joseph, Florence M. Kanter, Lenore Ceceil Kaplan, Abraham Kensley, Lois Cynthia Kent, Maxine E. Kessel, Stanley Klein, Anna A. Kline, Albert Klineman, Erwin L. Klinger, Ruth Arlyne Koontz, Ada Leina Kraus, William J. Kraus, Zelda H. Krenitz, Samuel S. Lake, Evelyn Lucille Lamden, Rhoda Landesman, Ida Landesman, Lester Landskroner, Henry C. Lanzer, Margaret Henrietta Laufman, Evelyn Ruth Lavine, Sylvia May Lazarus, Rose Lee, George A. Lepon, Arthur Levine, Celia S. Levine, Helen G. Levy, Charles L. Lipman, Marjorie Lipp, Sylvia Lowe, Eleanor Marie MacKenzie, Marie Alberta Maccoby, Judith Naomi Mang, Norbert W. Markowitz, Lillian Marshall, Belle E. Miller, Max Menges, Howard A. Messer, Vladimir John Miller, Emma Morris, Kenneth Alton Narosny, Eleanor Helen Neer, Samuel Oster, Ben David Parker, James L. Parmertor, Durward C. Polster, Jerome I. Polster, Ruth Priesand, Sidney Prince, Cecilia Ranin, Philip

Raskind, Samuel A.

Rosen, Gussy E.

Rosenberg, Fred B. Rosenberg, Hilda B. Rosenfield, Esther Rubin, Bernard Ernest Rubel, Dorothy Rubinfeld, Henry A. Sack, Al Sadugor, Marvin J. Schade, Fred J. Scher, Sanford Schaerges, Dolores Claretta Schwartz, Fred E. Schwartzenfeld, Julia G. Setnik, Minnie Shapiro, Frances Muriel Sharer, Roland Purdue Shenker, Edward W. Sherman, Sanford N. Shifrin, Shirley Shively, Dorothy Ellen Silverstein, Milton Simon, Sylvia Singer, Carol P. Singer, Jerome Singerman, Molly Smith, Enid Currier Solomon, Helene Elsa Sommers, Margaret Elizabeth Spira, Charlotte St. John, Kenneth Stein, Marcelle L. Steinicke, David George Stevens, Marion Alice Strauss, David J. Sustin, Hilda A. Swain, Marie Terman, Izidor Tomarkin, Rebecca Tresch, Jeanne Marie Turner, Oscar Vincent, Sidney Z. Vinocur, Lena Zelda Waldman, Mollie Ruth Weingarten, Leona Esther Weingarten, Lillian Adele Weiss, Manuel A. Wien, Arthur A. Wilson, Mildred Lucille Wonnacott, Florence M. Zaas, Tillie Marian Zabner, David J. Zamecnik, Paul C. Zeefe, Genevy Zieve, Sanford Laurence Zurovsky, Gertrude S.

ORCHESTRA

First Violin

Berger, Saul

Cooper, Nathan

Early, John

Friedman, Edward

Kaine, Arthur

Kalnitzky, George

Margolin, Abe

Mishkind, Leonard

Rosenberg, Fred

Silverman, Louis

Turman, Sanford

Cello

Reiner, Sam

Weinzimmer, Flora

Drums

Lauster, Fred

Westover, Howard

Horn

Frankel, Jerome

Frisch, Isadore

Weinberg, Herman

White, Bob

Second Violin

Adler, Milton

Avellone, Guido

Harold, Ezri

Fisher, Richard

Gottlieb, Jerome

Kaplan, Leah

Katowitz, David

Klein, Sidney

Kreinberg, Jerome

Kounin, Jacob

Landskroner, Henry

Rein, Bernard

Viola

Apple, Marjorie

Cohen, Milton

Selcer, Ben

Flute

Steinhauer, Blanche

Oboe

Cohen, Sollie

Piano.

Ellsworth, Isabel

Ralph E. Rush, Director

Griffith J. Jones, Director of Music

en

Trumpet

Milinsky, Jake

Moore, Ralph

Severance, Philip

Clarinet

Cohen, Ralph

Cooper, Sophie

Mauring, William

Polster, Jerome

Trombone

Frank, Harold

Goldberg, LeRoy

Tuba

Moskowitz, Wilbur

Bassoon

Mandel, Stanley

Zell, Marvin

String Bass

Englert, Herman

Margulis, George

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils have maintained an average of 90 per cent or above for the four years of their high school course:

Ruth Lilyan Ginsberg Sidney Z. Vincent

Maxine E. Kent

Paul C. Zamecnik

Ida Landesman

Lois E. Donaldson

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