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20th anniversary at the Temple, Cleveland, 1937.

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~~I have been writing in retrospect. I am much more interested~~
~~in prospects.~~

Most men, watching this convulsive age, are fearful of the future. The last twenty years have seen Communism, Fascism and Nazism unleashed in the world. The deepest waters of our political and social life have been profoundly disturbed and roiled and much mud and slime have come to the surface. The last two decades have been almost continuously in a stage of crisis. Long cherished traditions of government and human liberties have been trampled under foot. Organized attempts have been made by governments to re-enslave the human mind, to undermine the integrity of thought by propaganda, to deprive the individual of all his rights heretofore regarded as inalienable, to fragmentize and provincialize peoples through nationalistic and racial chauvenisms and to restore the ancient worship of the heathen gods of war, blood and thunder.

Through all these years, I have tried to keep my faith in man and in his power ultimately to master his most difficult problems intact. I see no reason for abandoning that faith now. Short of some unpredictable universal calamity, some cosmic derangement, or man's own mad impulse to destroy himself, I can conceive of nothing that can permanently halt man's onward progress.

Man has come into possession of a key which will in the future unlock for him all the doors which can be unlocked - the key of Science. He has learned how to experiment deliberately and towards definite objectives in his physical, chemical and medical laboratories. And his victories in the past few generations have given man tremendous confidence both in his prowess and in his methods.

Where man has lagged has been in the field of the social sciences and in spiritual education, resulting in a dangerous want of balance which must be redressed. Those who have become apprehensive of man's technological progress and of the machines which his inventive genius has produced and are calling for a moratorium on scientific progress are timid romanticists. Man must learn not to destroy the labor-saving, wealth-producing and leisure-yielding machines which he has invented but to bring them into the service of his own increasing and advancing life.

And this work is well on its way. Man is turning to the fields of the social sciences and is bringing to them the same integrity, intelligence and courage that he brought to the physical sciences. The social struggles of today, with all their bitterness and agony, are proof that man has set about seriously to do this necessary job. From the chaos of our day new creation will emerge. Simple truths are slowly weaving themselves into the thought-pattern of our age. Thus, it is becoming increasingly clear that eighteenth century economics cannot function in a twentieth century world and that the unrestricted, competitive individualism of a pioneering, non-mechanized capitalistic society spells anarchy in an age of mechanization and mass industrialization.

Men are learning to distinguish between the individualism of self-expression and the individualism of exploitation and they are groping hard for ways to correlate personal freedom with group responsibility. The dictatorships of the hour are ^{attempts at} ~~the~~ "quickist" ways of achieving what only the slower processes of education and self-government can permanently establish.

Mankind has just begun to emerge from its economic dark ages and has set about banishing from its life poverty and insecurity. The first

steps have already been taken to provide men and women with protection against the economic disabilities of sickness, old age and unemployment and to shield children from industrial exploitation. This process will continue into the future. I believe that the standard^{of}/living of our people will rise progressively and reach far above the levels heretofore attained even in our most prosperous years. This is a land of abundant natural wealth, and human intellect and the machines which it creates will, in the future, give men such comforts as have not yet been known in the whole history of the human race. But they cannot give them peace and happiness. These must come from the deep wells of the human spirit, heretofore largely untapped by man.

In the future, men will work fewer hours and will enjoy more leisure time. They will have more time for the loveliness of living. But they will have to learn the creative usages of leisure and rediscover their heritage of dreams and visions. We shall also learn how to reduce delinquency and crime by surrounding children with an aptimal environment, by granting them wholesome recreational opportunities and by eradicating poverty from their homes.

We shall learn how to govern ourselves better. We have neglected government because it did not impinge seriously upon our economic life. In the future government will play an increasingly vital role in our national economy and we shall, in self-defense, have to become more vigilant of it. As citizens we shall become more alert to government, and we shall demand higher qualifications of competence and character from those who will control not only our political but our economic fortunes as well.

My faith is strong that the twentieth century will do for war what the nineteenth century did for slavery. Wars cannot be tolerated in a world, so inter-related and inter-dependent, that they prove destructive to

victors and vanquished alike. "We have already begun to think differently about war. For countless ages in the ancient days, men sacrificed their children to the god Moloch, until the idea of Moloch was destroyed and then men ceased to sacrifice their children to it. For countless generations the human species has been sacrificing its children to War. The idea of war is now being destroyed in the minds of men, and soon men will cease to sacrifice their children upon its ensanguined altars. Desperate attempts are being made today to rekindle the war spirit in some lands but the idea is definitely bankrupt. The huge armaments which nations are piling up today should not discourage us. The Temples of the pagan world were never more numerous and resplendent than at the moment of the final collapse of paganism. The nations of the earth, through the drive of indefeasible economic forces, will be compelled to establish adequate machinery for the peaceful regulation of their international traffic and for the pacification of the world.

Thus, in suffering and in blood, mankind is building today a new civilization - one from which international anarchy, economic chaos and religious and racial intolerance will be banished. We are among the builders, even though our work is feeble, faulty and uncertain. But a famous Rabbi, long ago, declared: "Thine is not the duty to complete the task but neither art thou free to desist from it." ~~In this spirit I face the tasks of the oncoming years, grateful for what has been and for what remains.~~

~~Trumpets are sounding on new horizons. It is good to be alive and to hear their challenging call.~~

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honoring

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

on the occasion of

HIS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY

and

HIS THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR AS RABBI OF THE TEMPLE

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Pittsburgh, Penna.

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The flowers which will grace the altar are the gift of Mr. and Mrs.
Albert J. Goodman in honor of the 60th birthday of Rabbi Silver
and the 30th wedding anniversary of Rabbi and Mrs. Silver.

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THE TEMPLE

As President of The Temple, it is a privilege and an honor to extend to our Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the heartiest congratulations of the members of this congregation on the occasion of his 60th birthday and 35th year as our Rabbi.

Starting as spiritual leader of a modest-sized congregation, Rabbi Silver has built our institution into one of America's outstanding liberal Jewish congregations. Never satisfied with comparisons or partial achievement, he very early established the highest standards for The Temple. This has been reflected in our worship services, in our Religious School, in our men's and women's organizations, and in our young people's groups.

Rabbi Silver's place of eminence in the rabbinate is undisputed, and through his manifold achievements in the cause of Reform Judaism, in the establishment of the State of Israel, and in all humanitarian projects, he has brought honor to The Temple.

I know that the years ahead under the guidance of Rabbi Silver will mean for The Temple the same continued growth, development and role of leadership that have been evident heretofore.

A. M. LUNTZ, President

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

We dedicate this Bulletin to our Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and his thirty-fifth anniversary as spiritual leader of The Temple.

The tributes printed herein by the leaders of this congregation as well as those of the national and international figures with whom Rabbi Silver has worked, together with the reprinted comments and tributes of earlier years, give adequate testimony to the profound esteem and high regard in which he is held by his fellowmen. Countless words have already been written and spoken about him; hundreds more are yet to be read and heard. Through them all is the striking fact of Rabbi Silver's unswerving and uncompromising devotion to the high principles and lofty ideals which were manifest in him in the early days of his career.

His far-sighted vision, his clear-cut thinking, his championing of all humanitarian causes have always been reflected in his devotion to Judaism and to his congregation. Never has he lost sight of them, even in the face of major international problems and bitter criticism on all fronts. He has demonstrated time and again his belief in his conviction, stated in 1937: "Human happiness comes when you are doing what you want to do and what you feel you ought to do and you are doing it well. And if you are in a world which does not permit you and others to do what you feel is in you to do, then you must change that world."

Our heartiest congratulations to you, Rabbi Silver. May the future bring to you a replenishment of all the happiness and satisfaction which your record of achievement has already made possible.

THE MR. AND MRS. CLUB

The younger families of The Temple seek, more than anything else, comprehension of the affirmative values of Reform Judaism to transmit to their children. Therefore, they particularly appreciate Rabbi Silver's great gifts of eloquent explanation and inspiring instruction. Judaism becomes a vital faith when presented as ancient but timely theology by a Rabbi who knows it so fully and loves it so deeply. It becomes a faith which, with its traditions and rituals, provides young parents with a moral and historical text that is exciting to teach in the family circle.

Further, for those many young parents who sometimes despair at raising their youngsters to be both soundly American and securely Jewish, Rabbi and Mrs. Silver have demonstrated the possibility. Their sons are at ease with a Kiddush Cup or with a football; they can discuss Sholem Aleichem or Stephen Vincent Benet.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of The Temple and their children, then, pay tribute to a great teacher and to a notable example of an American Jewish family.

ELI and ELAINE GOLDSTON, President

TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The students of your Religious School wish to pay homage to you. It is an honor to represent the boys and girls, but writing a tribute to so famous a man is not an easy assignment. We extend our greetings and say thank you for your interest, your kindness and the fine example you have set for us. Your interest in our progress and your fine choice of teachers is bound to keep us proud that we are Jews. We have learned the importance of a Jewish education and regular attendance to The Temple and Sabbath School. May you and your family be blessed for many years to come and may we play a small part in adding pleasure and happiness to your life.

JAMES BIALOSKY, President
Student Council

TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL

The members of The Temple High School wish to express their thankfulness for your inspiring guidance. We gratefully recall your wise instruction during our entire Jewish education, your guidance during our Confirmation year, and your personal inspiration during our high school years. We feel privileged to have been your pupils and to have been confirmed by you. The High School joins with the congregation in sincerely wishing you continued health and happiness throughout the coming years.

RUTH BASSICHIS, Vice-President
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JOHN FOSTER DULLES SECRETARY OF STATE

I am proud to join in the tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. It is my fervent hope that we shall all have the benefit of his wise leadership for many years to come. His heroic efforts in behalf of the establishment of the State of Israel belong to history.

Now as never in this country, we have need for a spiritual rebirth, a re-awakening of the Judeo-Christian faith on which our great republic was founded. For over a quarter of a century, Dr. Silver has given us that kind of inspirational guidance. His broad and sympathetic understanding, his ardent patriotism and devotion to the spiritual enrichment of America rank him with this nation's outstanding churchmen. I warmly wish him continued success and happiness.

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY

With all my heart I join the worshippers at The Temple and all the people of Cleveland in warmest congratulations to that distinguished scholar, inspired teacher and devoted patriot, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. May his 60th birthday and 35th anniversary as Rabbi of the famous Temple inaugurate a new period of successful activity in his life of piety and dedication to a sacred cause.

Dr. Silver belongs not only to his own congregation and city. He belongs to the Jewry of all countries and climates. He is, actually, one of the outstanding citizens of the world. He has reason to be happy on his Diamond Jubilee. Over and above the respect and affection of his people, he has the privilege of contemplating, across the seas, the consummation toward which he labored so hard and sacrificed so much in the establishment of the free republic of Israel.

In all civilization there has been no more effective champion of the rights and dignity of the individual than Abba Hillel Silver. He has not only preached but exemplified in all his activities the supreme truth that freedom is the gift of God himself and that we are all members of Divine Brotherhood.

May he be spared for many years to come to uplift his congregation and inspire us all.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

It is an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and thirty-fifth anniversary in The Temple.

I not only extend to him my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations but also wish to express deep appreciation of the cultural, spiritual and humanitarian leadership which he has contributed to our country and the entire world.

AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to convey warm greetings to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the happy occasion of his sixtieth birthday. I note that this coincides with the thirty-fifth year of his ministry as Rabbi of the Cleveland Temple and extend to his Congregation my congratulations on this distinguished anniversary.

Dr. Silver's outstanding service to the Zionist cause is too well-known to need recapitulation. It is written into the immortal records of our people's struggle for national independence. At the crucial period of that struggle, it was he who stood at the helm of the great Jewry of the United States and in its behalf played a vital role in the events which led up to the historic recognition by the community of nations of Israel's right to independent, sovereign statehood. That part is one of which American Jewry and Dr. Silver may always be justly proud.

Long before that lofty peak in the political struggle of Zionism, Dr. Silver's leadership had been applied to the practical endeavors that provided the means for building up the Jewish National Home and thus, for laying the groundwork of the political achievements.

May Dr. Silver be blessed for many years with the strength and vision to pursue his devoted efforts for the advancement of the Jewish people and the welfare of Israel.

RABBI SILVER, CIVIC LEADER

Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 20, 1937

A man who in these trying times stands up for the fundamental rights of the individual, who carried on the fight for free inquiry and for the basic principles which point the way of human progress, deserves commendation by his fellows. Such a man is Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of The Temple, who for twenty years has said the things that needed to be said and in causes of spiritual, civic and community welfare has been in the vanguard. His congregation and leaders of the community paid tribute to his leadership Sunday on the anniversary of his coming to Cleveland.

An international leader of the Zionist cause, Rabbi Silver has in no way been a sectarian. While championing his faith, as every honest man must, he has blazed the way for that give and take which is the medium of American life. Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, have seen in Rabbi Silver a stalwart exponent of that tolerance which men of every race and creed hold as their most cherished possession.

Rabbi Silver came to Cleveland from Wheeling, W. Va., where he had previously filled a pulpit. But a man of Dr. Silver's caliber would have made his voice heard no matter where the field of his labors. Not only is he a "great leader in the household of Israel", as those who honored him put it, but a leader of the whole community. It is necessary only to recall that Rabbi Silver has constantly fought for free speech and free assembly, the furtherance of educational opportunities, the wise use of leisure and unemployment insurance to gauge the man. These things he has done not because he was the head of Ohio's largest Jewish congregation, but for the reason that the causes were dear to his heart. The community has profited as well as his own people.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

To catalogue the gifts and qualities which have enabled you to be of such distinguished service, one would have to include a great soul, a first-rate mind, a powerful speaking competency, a compassion for suffering people, a patience with erring people, and penetrating truthfulness with regard to all peoples. These traits make those of us in the National Conference of Christians and Jews very proud and grateful of your relationship to the total work for World Brotherhood.

EVERETT R. CLINCHY, President

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

I rejoice to send this message of greetings and congratulations to my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

He is a distinguished and universally esteemed member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. As a former President, he served our Conference with rare ability, vision, and courage. There are few men in our world who possess the clarity of mind, lucidity of expression, wealth of erudition and understanding of the manifold problems of our world and society. In the great prophetic tradition of our faith, Dr. Silver has time and time again lashed out with trenchant criticism of inept government and unjust conditions be they political, economic or social, Jewish or non-Jewish. The role he has made peculiarly his own has been that of a great leader of his own people in the time of their greatest need. He is a man of the deepest and strongest faith, a faith rooted in learning and manifesting itself in courageous devotion to Judaism in a great variety of expressions. He is a Mosaic figure in the modern synagogue and his leadership extends itself on a national and international scale.

I particularly congratulate the members of his Congregation upon whom he bestowed the gift of his presence during these many years. You have been blessed with the leadership of one who is an ancient sage in modern form. Gifted with the resources of a scholar, your Rabbi is a great modern preacher. I pray that God may grant him long life and health to continue his matchless service to Judaism.

On behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, I greet him on this, his Sixtieth Birthday and on his thirty-five years as spiritual leader of your Congregation. May he continue his great work "ad meah shanah".

JOSEPH L. FINK, President

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations takes pleasure in saluting your illustrious Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of a two-fold celebration: his Sixtieth Birthday and the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of his Cleveland ministry.

Dr. Silver's name is a household word in American Israel as it is in America. Indeed, his unparalleled achievements have made him one of the leading personalities in the world today. We rejoice that his labors as statesman and as a tribune for social righteousness have ever been matched by unceasing dedication to the advancement of liberal Judaism.

As a distinguished and eloquent voice of Judaism, Dr. Silver has conferred lustre not only upon himself and his Congregation, but upon the entire Reform movement. He has lifted millions of his fellow-Americans to renewed appreciation of the need for religious faith. He has been the inspiration to a host of men who have chosen the rabbinate as a calling in emulation of his divinely-influenced career.

We pray that God may continue to shower the blessings of vigor and stamina upon your gifted spiritual leader, and that both Congregation and Rabbi may be permitted to enjoy unnumbered milestones in a spirit of mutual loyalty and unwavering consecration to our Father, our faith, and our fellow-men.

MAURICE N. EISENDRATH, President

SAMUEL S. HOLLANDER, Chairman, Executive Board

EDITORIAL

Cleveland News, April 5, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver came to The Temple 20 years ago . . . and the fact that it is 20 years is one of those startling little reminders of how time flies.

No more youthful leader ever addressed a metropolitan congregation than on that day 20 years ago. Within a short time, his oratory, his liberal creed and his intellect had the whole city talking of the new young rabbi, and he became nationally known.

After 20 years, Dr. Silver remains in the minds of his fellows as the "young" leader. He is not so young as he was, but the impression of youth remains fixed because his mind will always have the courage and the daring of youth.

He is far in front of united public opinion today as he was 20 years ago, when he was preaching to a congregation made up partly of capitalists, about the sanctity of the rights of the world's underdogs. He stays in front by a quality of clarity of thought which, as we observe it, refuses to hedge the ideal with the despairing "practical" note which is human nature's great shortcoming.

Public thought has come forward quite far in the 20 years. It would be ridiculous to say Rabbi Silver has led it single-handed in that time, but it is interesting to note the changes in the community's feeling toward the rights of

man, the rights of thought and speech, the sanctity of the individual, intelligent freeman and mutual respect—for all of which he spoke when the speaking was not too easy.

A preacher less intellectually honest than Dr. Silver might have had some sad moments in these 20 years; years of restlessness, disillusionment, extravagance, greed, humility and candor all mixed up. By being intellectually honest, we mean he has never retreated even when compromise must have been easy, and he has never been so vainglorious as to say "I told you so."

He has never preached one thing and seemed to do another, and he has never been ashamed of the theory that intellect is man's greatest and richest possession.

The other day he told a *News* reporter this was his conviction: "Human happiness comes when you are doing what you want to do and what you feel you ought to do and you are doing it well. And if you are in a world which does not permit you and others to do what you feel is in you to do, then you must change that world."

So we congratulate The Temple for having made Abba Hillel Silver a Cleveland. To take the "epitaph" curse off these words, may we also say to him that his career here is off to a splendid start!

TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Upon the occasion of this joyous triple celebration, The Temple Women's Association reviews with you in retrospect the accomplishments of our Temple and of our Sisterhood in these 35 years, and gratefully acknowledge our appreciation for the wisdom of your leadership and the inspiration of your guidance.

Throughout these 35 years, you have enveloped us with the warmth of your friendship and shared with us your rare understanding and sensitive heart. As our great religious leader, you have never failed us, but have rejoiced with us in days of happiness and, in days of sorrow, you have been our rock of strength.

And because we are the women of your congregation, we also look to the distaff side, and join with you in gratitude to God for the blessing of your home, your wife and your sons. It has been our great privilege to work with and to love Virginia, your wife and companion, who for thirty years has, with her quiet strength and confidence, shared the road with you. We watch your sons as we do our own, and take great pride in their aspirations and their attainments.

But while it is good to reminisce upon such an occasion as this, it is even better to look forward—and this we do with humble heart and earnest prayer—to many more years of continued health and fulfillment in your work for our Temple, for American Jewry and for the whole household of Israel.

VERA P. GALVIN, President

TEMPLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Double congratulations to you, Rabbi Silver on your 60th birthday and 35th anniversary with The Temple.

Through the years that we have known you, The Temple Alumni Association has always had for you great admiration and respect for the inspiration and guidance which you have given us of the younger generation. We have always watched in wonderment your facility to turn from engrossing world problems to those of a single questioning youth, never losing your perspective, always ready to serve. Because of your warm personality and your able leadership, you have drawn us all closer to The Temple.

We join with all of the members and affiliates of The Temple in looking forward to many more years of your inspired leadership as Rabbi of The Temple.

MARCUS FEDER III, President

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

It is not given to many to know in person the great men who live and work with us. Generally, we speak of such persons with knowledge obtained as if through a veil. Fortunate indeed, therefore, are those who have had the privilege of knowing, living and working with a truly great man. The Temple fellowship has this privilege and by working to fulfill his endeavors, we share with Rabbi Silver in the making of the living history of our people and the spiritual and cultural life of western civilization.

In the immortal saga of the Jewish people, the name, Abba Hillel Silver, cannot be uttered with an inaudible murmur. For it was he who spoke to the nations of the entire world and said to them that after almost 2,000 years, the time had come to resolve the schism in their souls and to give concrete manifestation of their solemn declarations of friendship and understanding for the Jewish people. With his God-given gifts, he was able to penetrate their hearts and their minds and stir them to deed.

With all the acclaim and renown he has merited and received from men throughout the world, he has yet remained in the truest sense of the word the Rabbi of The Temple. Of him on this occasion of his 35th year with us and on his 60th birthday we of The Temple can well say with the poet:

The proud he tam'd, the penitent he cheer'd,
Nor to rebuke the rich offender fear'd.
His preaching much, but more his practice wrought;
A living sermon of the truths he taught.

It is our fervent prayer that God preserve him for many years to come.

CHARLES AUERBACH, President

STATE OF OHIO

Please convey to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver my warm regards and felicitations on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and thirty-fifth anniversary as Rabbi of The Temple. I have had many occasions to express my admiration for Dr. Silver. He is a servant of the Lord in the truest sense of the word. He is regarded as a great leader not only among his own co-religionists, but is held in the highest esteem by persons in all walks of life who have become familiar with his work on behalf of mankind in general.

I join with all of Dr. Silver's friends in the wish that God will endow him with many more years of health, strength and happiness in the continued service of his fellowmen.

FRANK J. LAUSCHE, Governor

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE— JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

All of us of the Hebrew Union College would like to take advantage of this occasion to give expression to our very high regard and deep affection for one of our noblest and most inspiring sons. He has reflected great credit upon his beloved Alma Mater, the Hebrew Union College, which he now serves also in the capacity of a member of its Board of Governors. He has always been a tower of strength to American Reform Judaism and to America itself. The miracle of the renaissance of the State of Israel owes much to his great heart and his herculean efforts.

Wise and learned and capable beyond measure, dedicated and devoted, he has brought great lustre to the American Reform rabbinate and his Alma Mater glories in him.

His love for Judaism has been further testified by the fact that one of his sons followed in his footsteps and has recently been graduated as a Rabbi from the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Silver exemplifies in his person and in his career the teachings and the inspiration of our faith and of our history. As a great Rabbi and as a great American and as a wonderful human being, we rejoice in him.

May God's blessing continue to rest upon Rabbi Silver and upon The Temple which he has led so long, and grant him many more years of fruitful endeavor and accomplishment in the name of God.

NELSON GLUECK, President

CITY OF CLEVELAND

The commemoration of thirty-five years of outstanding service as spiritual head of The Temple and the celebration of the sixtieth birthday of a life well lived, provide the occasion for expression to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the devotion, respect and admiration of the entire community. I know him as a warm friend and an inspiring personality. His influence is without limit. We honor him as a great leader who has shaped world history in the restoration of the Jewish State and as a man of great exaltation who brings comfort and understanding to troubled souls. In each, he serves God's purpose as he serves mankind. No work is too big or too small for his spirit. May his years be long in a world of peace.

THOMAS A. BURKE, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION OF CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
IN TRIBUTE TO RABBI SILVER**

April 1937

The City Council of Cleveland, on Monday, April 19, 1937, passed a unanimous resolution "paying tribute of honor and respect to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on the anniversary of his twenty years as spiritual leader of The Temple Congregation."

WHEREAS, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has just completed twenty years of active service as spiritual leader of The Temple Congregation, a religious institution of eighty-seven years of life in this community; and

WHEREAS, his fine character, great ability, high ideals, acknowledged integrity, liberalism and tolerance have established him, not only an outstanding leader in Cleveland, but nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Silver has been identified with every civic, patriotic and humanitarian cause in this city over the period of these many years; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency in that the same provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CLEVELAND:**

That we join with members of his congregation and with all of the people of Cleveland in paying tribute of honor and respect to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a great religious, civic, patriotic and humanitarian citizen and leader on the anniversary of his twenty years of sincere and devoted service.

EDITORIAL
(Cleveland Press 1925)

Ten years of constant service to a great congregation, to the ancient faith of a wonderful people and to the city in which Abba Hillel Silver lives have given him experience, riper wisdom, richer scholarship and deeper eloquence than he brought to Cleveland a decade ago.

Then Rabbi Silver was a flaming voice of youth, a man who crowded the passion of burning convictions and ardent longings for the welfare of his fellow-creatures into sonorous sentences and built perfect periods with the wealth of an opulent vocabulary and a fine sensitiveness to the most fitting word, the most flawless selection from among the synonyms of a language surcharged, it sometimes seems, with such material.

All that equipment for the work of a leader and teacher of men and women, the honored and much loved head of The Temple retains. To it he has added a more comprehensive realization of the other side, the colder, less stirring facts of life which stand in the way of the swift realization of the dreams and longings of impatient youth. His fancy still soars. His spirit still flies on shining wings, but he does not make his hearers wonder, as he sometimes did, eight or ten years ago, whether he loses consciousness, now and then, of the hard, heavy earth to which he must come back from his most daring explorations in the realm of prophesy.

This growth, this rounding-out, this truer, surer balance, this more perfect preparation for all of the demands which life makes upon strong and gifted men, striving to do and give their best to their times and their communities, their countries and the world, have made Rabbi Silver the entirely fit center of the outpouring of admiration, affection and good will that made memorable the tenth anniversary dinner in his honor. It will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear and see that evidence of his conquest of hearts and minds alike.