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20th anniversary at the Temple, Cleveland, 1937.

20th anniversary 1937

1/ This has been - Feast of Eulogy - banqueted
we all ~~have~~ praise - accept
As a sober realist - But, on this
- and this little -

2) I have listened to your warm & generous
estimates -
I doubt whether they will stand
Were I, who know
I am older, visibly - These are facts -
Have I grown better, wiser

3/ Upon reflection, however, there are a few
increments -

There is V.

There is the host

There are rarest gifts

Like all other men - known all kinds of
weather

Many of them are here - out of town -

If it were not for fear of inadvertently
- associates - coworkers - officers -

Let me assure - perpetual benediction.

This liberal tradition reflects itself
press - pulpit - academic - civic life
Neither reaction nor radicalism - headway
- carried along - sound, confident

8. I found the clergy - a distinguished and
broad-minded -

One of the profound satisfactions -

Distinguished for the quality - quiet,
dignified sp. leadership -

Commendable absence of sensationalism,
clerical hysteria, no crusading -
acrobatic evangelism.

Unity - Christ - carved highway

Jewish - not dominated - doors open
pioneered

9. And so, the Prologue over, we get down
I face future with same confidence

I do not know how many more years

Time is really not of the essence of a career
I have never forgotten - Bar. (Jude)

4/ Nor am I unmindful - whose hands
- no longer here - those who in death
As we grow older
Then were men and women -
I miss them to-night - I invoke

5/ I have listened to many cherished words.

6/ The bard of Avon makes one - "What's past
is Prologue"

It is as a prologue that I view the first
span - in which - inadequacy

But you bore - you are a long-suffering

When I consider - marvel at your
collective restraint & tolerance

you were > patient. Respected integrity

you never attempted - influence, curb

Your Rabbis were not always right

But you preferred risk -

The success of your Corg -

7/ Cleveland - good city -

Its cosmopolitan character

Intolerance of every sort

So, talk and use thy work,
Amend what flaw may lurk
What strain of'th stuff, what
Warps past the aim.

My time be in thy hand!
Perfect the cup as planned!
Let age approve of youth, and
death complete the same!

OPENING PRAYER -- TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our God and God of our Fathers, unto Thee we lift our hearts in joyous thanksgiving. Boruch atto adonoi elohenu melech haolom, shehechianu, vekimanu vehigianu lazman hazeh. "Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast preserved us in life and enabled us to reach this day" -- that we may rejoice together with our beloved teacher and rabbi on this, the twentieth anniversary of his fruitful ministry in our midst.

We, the members of the first class to be confirmed by our illustrious teacher, into the faith of Israel, are ever mindful O Lord of thine everlasting favor. Ever grateful for the high privilege that is ours, we welcome this opportunity to renew our pledge of loyalty and devotion to the noble purposes to which our Temple is dedicated - to the ideals and the traditions of our people. Thy word upon the lips of our inspired teacher, O Guardian of Israel, has gone forth from our Temple and become as a light to the eyes, and a staff to the wearied in spirit, not only in our own community but wherever the scattered of our people congregate, throughout the world.

We rejoice in this 20th anniversary of a ministry that has brought strength and healing to all of Israel. May the inspiration of this moment remain with us, O Lord, that we may consecrate our lives to Thy teachings. Even as our fathers lived and died for the fulfilment of Thy law of Truth, ^{so} enable us so to conduct our lives that Thy holy name may be honored and Israel be blessed by all mankind.

AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER -- TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our Father in Heaven, as this service of gladness draws to a close, we render thanks unto Thee for the abundance of Thy goodness and mercy. All blessings are Thine and all gifts flow from Thee.

We, the members of the class most recently confirmed by our beloved teacher into the fellowship of Israel, are still freshly imbued with the inspiration that has been imparted to us within the sacred walls of this Temple.

The Temple is our spiritual home. In the shelter of its halls and classrooms we found guidance and enlightenment amid the doubts and uncertainties that beset our path. In the shadow of its walls we have learned to seek comfort and soothing consolation in times of sorrow and distress. A fortress in time of trial, and a tower of strength to the heavy laden, we look to our Temple for courage and morale amid the stress and strain and tribulation of these troubled days.

Place Thy guiding hand, O Lord, upon our Temple. May all who guide its destinies be filled with Thy spirit of love and truth and consecrated devotion. May all who teach therein and all who are taught therein be taught of Thee. As Thou has been with us and with our fathers, O God, in days gone by, be Thou with us in the days to come.

Adonoi Oz L'amo yiten, Adonoi yevarech ess amo bashalom.

" O Lord give strength unto these Thy people, and bless them with Thy most bountiful gift of peace."

My friends:-

This has been a veritable feast of ^{eulogy and} commendation - and I have banqueted at it for a board with the zest of a gourmand. We all love praise, ^{we love it} so much that we accept in earnest what is ~~only~~ offered to us only in play. ^{was with the confidence} As a ^{sober} realist, I ^{should} know that you have arrayed me (to-night) in garments of undeserved praise. But 'oh this night, so diff. from all other nights, I claim the boon of feeling myself a little - And that little, I assure you, is like a chalice of refreshment, like a draught, new strength to me, as I find myself new than half way down the road (which lies between the dawn and sunset) of a ^{man's} ~~my~~ life.

I have listened to your warm and generous estimates of my work and ministry. I doubt whether they will stand the test of cold, impartial appraisal. Now I, who know myself most intimately, to attempt to appraise myself after ^{these} 20 years, I am afraid that I could, with assurance & conviction, say only a very few things about myself: I am older - wiser. I am stouter - definitely. I am freer - perceptibly. There are facts. All else is conjecture. Has I grown wiser or better than three years ago? only the

compassionate mercy & friendship as my most
 earnest wish to arrive ~~this~~ in the after-
 noon.

But upon reflection, there are a few other increments
 of these two decades of which I may justly ~~pride~~ ^{boast} enough.
 There is Virginia & D. T. R. who thought well of
 me to join me on my pilgrimage and ^{who have} made the
 way so full of song. There is the host of dear, beloved
 friends, who and ^{and} ~~understanding~~ ^{understanding} hearts -
 who ~~barred~~ ^{accompanied} us on the
 road to this day. And then, ~~my friends~~, are the
 richest gift, the rarest freedom ~~with~~ that the
 year can bring to ~~us~~ - like all other men, I have
 known all kinds of ~~weather~~ ^{weather} then, 20 years, the change
 of seasons, the ebb and flow of prospects and of hopes. But,
 never have I gone in want of friends, who were at
 all times a help and mainstay to me. Many of them are
 here to-night ^{Some have accompanied me by car from many other cities to this gathering.} But for the fear of inadvertently omitting
 the one, I could mention them all by name - associate
 and so with ^{my friends, the friends} lay and clerical - ~~the~~ friends, Jewish
 and non-Jewish, ^{young and old} let me assure you all, that
 your friendship ~~to me~~ ^{to me} is a perpetual benediction.
~~I am humbled by~~

Now am I unburied to-night, those whose hands
 uplifted me but who are no longer here - those who
 in death have not lost their lives among us. ~~who~~
 As we grow older we learn to see by the light of other
 days and, not infrequently, to dream beside the hearth
 of memory. There were men and women within the great
 fellowship of Mr Temple and outside it whose ~~about~~
 beautiful lives and valiant way of living and serving
 were a challenge and an aspiration to me - whom I
 miss to-night - and whose memory I invoke to-night -
 for it is fitting that comrades ^{- living or dead -} be ~~remembered~~ ^{recalled} on such
 an occasion. — 'I have before me to many cherished words
 - your recorded in words to me by the subject of the hundred and
 The word of Iron makes me of her character in the temple
 say - 'What part is yours? - It is as a part of me, I regard
 this part of my ministry - a part in which the
 inadequacy of my craftsmanship was lamentably described.
 But you bore with me patiently and helpfully. You are indeed
 a large suffering congregation. When I consider ~~how~~
~~what rapidly & frequently~~ ^{and what what, just} ^{so many} ~~most~~ ^{other} ~~things~~ ^{things} - Jewish people - I
 change their numbers - and that Cong. T. I. has had in
 the last 63 yrs. only 3 Rabbis and I am the third - I marvel
 at your collective restraint and tolerance. - You were more
 than patient. You respected the integrity of your great ^{religious} traditions
 by respecting the independence of your pulpit. You never
 attempted to influence, curb or moderate the utterances
 of your Rabbis even when many of you were

by conviction, opposed to their views and violently
displeased with them: Your Rabbis were not always in
the right, and ^{you} ~~the~~ laymen were not always in the
wrong. But you preferred the risks of fallibility of judgment
in your Rabbis to the conditions that there was in their
heart ~~utter~~ sincerity and in their minds ~~the~~ earnest
out-reaching for the truth to the patent dangers of an
unscrupulous and time-serving minority which
~~regularly~~ ~~corrupts~~ by flattery and complaisance, and ~~degrades~~ ^{corrupts} sp.
leadership into sycophancy and camp-following.

~~Shabbat~~ Their prodigious ~~very~~ minority was accompanied by only
~~thousands~~ and ~~agitation~~. ~~They~~ ~~ministry~~ ~~had~~ ~~begun~~ in 1907 -
the very year ~~an~~ ~~election~~ ~~under~~ ~~the~~ ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~celebrating~~
20th ~~anniversary~~ - with ~~what~~ ~~amount~~ ~~to~~ ~~a~~ ~~memorial~~ ~~and~~ ~~war~~
rally in Paris - and all this these 20 yrs - what
earthquake ~~shook~~ the world, what ~~human~~ ~~is~~ ~~about~~
the pop. in Rem. ~~up~~ - (elaborate - Comm. - Antisem -)
I ~~forced~~ ~~to~~ ~~hold~~ ~~fast~~ ~~desperately~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~few~~ ~~positions~~ -
(and ~~proper~~ ~~them~~ ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~people~~ -)

Cl. has been a good city to work in. Character - conservative liberal.
and spontaneous. Intel. & very sort. finds it difficult to talk from
root here. There is a strong liberal. And in this case. which reflects
very in from highest - academic circles & and life generally.

her then reaction was sad. he made much however with
city & turned along to a small, compact & strong group. Also.
- young. Jewish - etc - ^{city club}

I found the clergy & C. doing very good - a strong &
broad-minded group - On the proposed note - has been
done & some fundamental & church work which I have
enjoyed. But with - Cl. Ministry doing for the
quality of great, deep - running. Sp. leadership - but I found
her a most pat. above & great, clerical system,
very - curiously & acrobatic. Every - then other in character
upon a full - hunting scene - but some a bit

unity & solidarity - Cl. Chest - attended to first.
civil advancement & local reg. - Primary effort
exper - in the extreme - succeeded - could a highway for
community - ideas in future. through nation

good city. In Jew. work - Phila - Temple - Com. org.
led -

And so the prologues ended we set ^{relaxing the} go with the play -
I for future with same faith in God & man as extended in his life.
the ~~rest~~ I do not know how many years will be able to
to me in this sense or in a related ^{field} ~~branch~~, this sense -
~~they have to do in the future~~ Time is really up, the
essence of a career - I have never forgotten the
hard work which burning put into the death, the
Med. J. Rabbi Isaac Egon - whose mind & spirit I have always
so profoundly admired. - (Jude)

Eighty-Seventh
Annual Meeting and Dinner
of The Temple
and
Testimonial to



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

In Recognition of His Twenty Years of Ministry

At The Temple

Hotel Statler

April Eighteenth

Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Seven

PROGRAM

Invocation - - - Rabbi Melbourne Harris

Dinner

Report of Nominating Committee

Message of the President - - Eugene E. Wolf

GREETINGS

Temple Women's Association Mrs. Victor L. Wise

Temple Men's Club - - J. Albert Lowell

The City of Cleveland - Mayor Harold H. Burton

From Labor - - - Max S. Hayes

Music - - - Mario Chamlee, Tenor

GREETINGS

From the Christian Ministry

Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard

From the Jewish Ministry Dr. Solomon B. Freehof

Response - - - Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

MUSICAL PROGRAM

MARIO CHAMLEE—*Tenor*
Metropolitan Opera Company

I

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|----|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 1. | Invocazione | - | - | - | - | - | Peri |
| 2. | Aus Meinen Grossen Schmerzen | - | - | - | - | - | Franz |
| 3. | Madchen Mit Dem Roten Mundchen | - | - | - | - | - | Franz |
| 4. | O Liebliche Wangen | - | - | - | - | - | Brahms |



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|----|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| 1. | Nell | - | - | - | - | - | Faure |
| 2. | Pannyre Aux Talons D'Or | - | - | - | - | - | Poldowski |
| 3. | La Danza | - | - | - | - | - | Rossini |

III

- | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| 1. | Cancion | - | - | - | - | - | DeFalla |
| 2. | Sequidilla | - | - | - | - | - | DeFalla |
| 3. | O Paradiso (from La Africana) | - | - | - | - | - | Meyerbeer |

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

cordially invites you to attend the

Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting and Dinner

Sunday evening, April eighteenth

Nineteen hundred and thirty-seven

at six-thirty o'clock

Hotel Statler

The meeting will mark the twentieth anniversary of

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

as Rabbi of The Temple

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MELBOURNE HARRIS
Assistant-Rabbi

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 O'CLOCK

RABBI SILVER WILL SPEAK

A Special Invitation Has Been Extended to All Rabbi Silver's
Confirmants.

The Silverberg Quartet Will Play During the Service.

Friday Evening Services
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning Services
11:20 to 12:00

MISS EDNA GOLDSMITH,
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Anniversary Service

The service this coming Sunday morning will be dedicated to Rabbi Silver's twentieth anniversary with the congregation. It will be a service of tribute and reconsecration. A special invitation has been extended to the 2074 Confirmants whom Rabbi Silver has confirmed at The Temple. A reserved section will be set aside for Confirmants.

The service will not be limited to Confirmants only. It will be a regular worship service, which all members of the congregation may attend. Special music will be sung for the occasion. The Silverberg quartet will play.

"Jewish March of Time"

An excellent "Jewish March of Time" broadcast was presented before the High School assembly last Sunday morning. The major part of the script was written by Myron Marks. A large cast of students from the High School Department participated.

Capacity Attendance at Testimonial Banquet

All present indications point to a capacity attendance at the Testimonial Banquet in honor of Rabbi Silver's twentieth anniversary on Sunday evening, April 18th. The ballroom of the Statler Hotel will not be able to accommodate all the friends of Rabbi Silver who will want to attend. Many out-of-town guests, close friends of Rabbi Silver's, have signified their desire to be present at this occasion.

The banquet will be a memorable occasion in the life of the congregation. An unusual program has been arranged for the evening. In addition to the addresses of tribute, by outstanding personalities in the community and from out-of-town, a splendid operatic concert will be presented by Mario Chamlee, gifted Metropolitan tenor. Chamlee is hailed today as one of the great tenors of all times.

The Testimonial Dinner will be held in conjunction with the 87th Annual Meeting of The Temple. Mr. Eugene E. Wolf, President, will deliver his Annual Report, and will preside as toastmaster.

Those members who find it impossible to come to the Dinner may attend the meeting after the Dinner. The meeting will begin about 8:15 o'clock.

COMING EVENTS

- April 18 — Twentieth Anniversary Service.
- April 18 — Testimonial Dinner and 87th Annual Meeting.
- April 26 — Meeting of Parents of 1937 Confirmants.
- May 9 — Alumni Annual Meeting.
- May 16 — Confirmation.
- May 23 — High School Graduation.
- May 23 — High School Night.
- May 26 — Women's Association Annual Meeting.
- June 1 — Tuesday Sewing Rally.
- June 6 — Rally Day.
- June 22 — Temple Picnic.

AN EDITORIAL ON RABBI SILVER

The Cleveland News, April 5th, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver came to The Temple 20 years ago April 18, 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 as 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 freedom 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!

The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions:

To the Library Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Meisel, in memory of Joseph Davis.

Mrs. S. Lieber and granddaughter, Marilyn B. Kalina, in memory of Dr. Arnold Cohen, whose yahrzeit was April 8th.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Weidenthal, in memory of father, Charles Tilles.

To the Scholarship Fund:

Mrs. Anna Felsenheld, in memory of Mrs. Fannie Shlesinger.

Mesdames B. Auerbach, L. D. Goldhamer, Saul Maurice, M. Schwartz, Lewis Kline, and Stella Lazarus, in memory of Mrs. Lottie Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Rich, in memory of David Hyman, Sol Guggenheim, Mrs. Mary Weis, and Mrs. Sig Shlesinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Klein, in memory of Mrs. Anna Arnstein, David Hyman, and May Rose Hartman.

Mrs. Nathan Weisenberg, in memory of David Hyman.

Mrs. Berthold Auerbach, in memory of sisters, Fannie Eisenman, and Cecelia Katzenstein.

Mrs. Herman Fleishman, in memory of Mrs. Lizette Myers.

Miss Edna Goldsmith, in tribute to Rabbi A. H. Silver.

To the Prayer Book Fund:

Mrs. Manuel Marchand, in memory of mother, Mrs. Pauline Adelson.

To the Flower Fund:

Mrs. Henry Steuer, in memory of Mrs. Mary Weis.

Mrs. Wm. B. Cohen, in memory of Mrs. Mary Weis.

Mrs. Fannie Lowell, in memory of Mrs. Anna Arnstein and Mr. David Hyman.

Mrs. Rose Baum, in memory of Mrs. Marie Pollock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Einstein, in memory of Fannie Shlesinger.

The Temple Memorial Book

Mrs. Isaac Nussbaum has inscribed the name of her husband

ISAAC NUSSBAUM

in The Temple Memorial Book.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Weiskopf have inscribed the name of their son

**EDWARD ALEXANDER
WEISKOPF**

in The Temple Memorial Book.

In Memoriam

The Temple records with deep sorrow the passing of

JOSEPH H. LICHTIG

and extends its condolences to the bereaved families.

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

10:30 O'CLOCK

DR. HENRY M. BUSCH

will speak on

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

**"THE PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN
PEACE"**

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The Guest Speaker

The Temple is most happy to welcome to its pulpit again this Sunday morning an old friend, Dr. Henry M. Busch. Whenever Dr. Busch has occupied the Temple pulpit, he has brought a message of stimulation and enlightenment. Dr. Busch is one of the best known leaders in the civic and cultural life of our community. Few people could discuss with more knowledge and deeper insight a subject such as he has chosen for next Sunday morning: "The Prospects for European Peace."

Dr. Silver will be in Chicago next Sunday morning speaking at the Chapel of the University of Chicago.

Trustees Elected at Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation held Sunday evening the following trustees were elected for a term of three years: Alfred A. Benesch, Dr. Samuel S. Berger, Saul Feigenbaum, Eugene L. Geismer, Herbert Goulder, Jay Iglauer, Max E. Meisel, Herman Moss and Samuel D. Wise. Representing the Temple Women's Association: Mrs. Helen E. Bing, Mrs. Henry Auerbach, Mrs. Joseph H. Gross, Miss Flora Rohreimer, Mrs. Henry Steuer, and Mrs. Victor L. Wise. Representing the Temple Men's Club: J. Albert Lowell, George J. Koller and Isador R. Morris.

Tribute and Praise

The Testimonial Banquet in honor of Rabbi Silver's twentieth anniversary, held last Sunday at the Statler Hotel, was an evening rich in praise and tribute. Close on to one thousand members of the congregation and close friends were moved by the touching words of greeting brought by representatives of The Temple and the community.

Mr. Eugene E. Wolf spoke effectively in behalf of the congregation; Mrs. Victor L. Wise, for the Temple Women's Association; Mr. J. Albert Lowell, for the Temple Men's Club. Mayor Harold H. Burton extolled Rabbi Silver's contributions to the cultural and civic life of Cleveland. Mr. Max S. Hayes brought a message in behalf of labor. A magnificent tribute in verse was recited by Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, representing the Christian clergy of Cleveland. Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Rabbi of Congregation Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh, a classmate and intimate friend of Rabbi Silver's for the past quarter century brought an unusual message of praise.

An enjoyable musical program was rendered by Mario Chamlee, noted Metropolitan tenor. The evening concluded with an inspiring response by Rabbi Silver. The evening was one of rare significance in the life of the congregation, and will be long remembered for its beauty and spirit.

Literally hundreds of telegrams and letters of greeting were received from all parts of the country.

The Morning Service

The Anniversary Service held last Sunday morning was thronged with Rabbi Silver's Confirmants who came to honor their teacher and spiritual guide. Inspired by this silent tribute, Rabbi Silver recalled with emotion the profound lessons of their Confirmation days. Impressive indeed was their reconsecration, when they arose to recite in unison their Confirmation Confession of Faith.

GREETINGS TO RABBI SILVER

FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

April 10, 1937.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to join with those who are planning to honor you in connection with the observance of the twentieth anniversary of your work in The Temple in Cleveland. Yours has been a distinguished leadership, characterized by urbanity, charity and the spirit of good citizenship. I trust that you may long be spared in health and strength to continue the devoted labors which you have carried on so unremittingly and with such singular devotion to the well-being of your fellowmen. I send you my hearty congratulations and warmest personal greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

FROM DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

Cable from London, England.

April 15, 1937.

Heartiest congratulations on the happy occasion of your twentieth anniversary in Cleveland. I wish I could be with you to join in the celebration, but since that is impossible I would ask you to accept my sincerest good wishes for many more years of happy fruitful work. Mazeltov.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

President of the World Zionist Organization

Numerous tributes of greeting were received from The Cleveland Federation of Churches, Bishop Joseph Schrembs, from all local Temples, synagogues and rabbis, from Jewish organizations of every shade of religious and cultural thought, from Social agencies, and National organizations, from labor organizations, from out-of-town rabbis and colleagues, from Confirmants out of the city or at school, from numerous friends in and out of the city who were unable to attend.

Tribute by Dr. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard

To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

on the occasion of his Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

The hour is full tonight; replete with grace;
What word of mine should make a claim for space?
And yet your favor grant, for I would fain
Present my tribute in dear friendship's name.

Who is the Preacher? One whose clever phrase
Plays round small trifles voiced in various ways,
Tickling the fancy of an idle mood,
Seeking sensation, missing public good;
Losing, while snatching for a quick applause,
All that might teach of God's eternal laws?
Not so speaks he who for the years two score
Strengthens the faith that grows from less to more;
Makes plain the public weal, the public ill;
Speaks ringing challenge to the faltering will;
By wisdom sound which none will dare deny
Shows what is truth and what is but a lie.

Who is the citizen? He who seeks for self
The spoils from office, politician's pelf;
Pandering the knavish fool, the foolish knave,
In every crisis his own skin to save;
Whose goal is safety and his single aim
To peddle honor for financial gain?
'Gainst such as these stands he we greet tonight,
Seeking no conflict but of none in fright,
Framing his message with Demosthean grace,
But adamant when duty points his place.

Your health, my friend, our heart goes with our hand.
Wealth buys but baubles, fame is writ in sand,
Esteem and honor live when all else dies,
They fix thy name secure in friendship's skies.

Preacher of God and servant of these days
Voice of the prophets set to modern ways,
Long may this city claim thy ample power
And its thanksgiving be your yearly dower.

Ferdinand Q. Blanchard

DR. EINSTEIN ANSWERS DR. LANDSTEINER

A Character Study of Two Jewish Nobel Prize Winners

(From the complaint filed by Dr. Karl Landsteiner, Jewish-born Nobel Prize winner in medicine, for an injunction to restrain the publisher of "Who's Who in American Jewry" from including his biography in the new edition).

"It will be detrimental to me to emphasize publicly the religion of my ancestors; first, as a matter of convenience; and, secondly, I want nothing that may in the slightest degree cause any mental anguish, pain or suffering to any members of my family, because any suffering on their part would be my suffering.

"My son is now 19 years of age and he has no suspicion that any of his ancestors were Jewish. I know as a positive fact that if my son were to see the book that is about to be published it would be a shock to him and might subject him to humiliation.

"Since I have migrated to this country I have adapted myself to the customs and ideas of the American people. I want to avoid any publicity which might segregate me from my American friends and place me in a category which I do not desire."

(From a letter by Dr. Albert Einstein, Nobel Prize winner in Physics, to Joseph Brainin, editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate).

"Dr. Landsteiner's attitude unquestionably is deplorable — indeed, pitiable. It proves that technical ability is by no means always associated with character and dignity.

"For us Jews, however, such occurrences are, in a way, somewhat edifying. The external pressure that has weighed on our community for many centuries has brought about, from time to time, the self-exclusion of weak-charactered individuals from our group.

"As such spiritual traits usually are hereditary, our community has come to represent a group selected in the Darwinian sense, a group selected for inner strength and stability. This thought has always gladdened and reassured me."

—From "The Detroit Jewish Chronicle"

A BOOK REVIEW

"THY NEIGHBOUR" by Lord Melchett

This book is a clear and detailed presentation of the Zionist movement by one of its strongest and most active advocates. And it is not only well written and interesting in its specific consideration of that subject, but informative in its connotations as well: in what it has to tell us of anti-Semitism past and present, historic parallels of Jewish migration, the relation of the Jews to agriculture,

and, of course, the present Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine.

For centuries past, Lord Melchett points out, Jews have been busy and successful everywhere except on the land. In many countries they have not been allowed to own land. In almost all countries, in the past, as well as in some countries at present, they have gone in such fear of exile or persecution that they have been

afraid to invest their money in any but movable property, or their energy in the soil. And that has been, of course, as this Jewish leader emphatically reminds us, unnatural and deplorable. Now, in the National Home in Palestine, Lord Melchett finds the sum of benefits in the fact that the Jew may live as an ordinary man. He may go back to the land if he chooses, strike his roots deep. And as this author compares the miasmic desolation of the Valley of Jezreel under Arab neglect with its fruitful prosperity after only a short period of Jewish cultivation, he illustrates his principles in very practical terms.

In Palestine, he is quick to declare that the influence of the Jewish settlements has been greatly to the advantage of the poorer and more

backward among the Arab population. But in suggesting a four-point treatment of the present problem he is equally quick to urge the safeguarding of general Arab rights. His four points are: the acceptance of the principle of political parity, coupled with the acceptance of the National Home; the reservation, preservation and development of land for the Arabs; the establishment of a Jewish Defence Force; and the creation of a new harbor; "with a general policy of advance and development, both in Palestine and Transjordan." Lord Melchett writes forcefully and with a certain poetic vigor, and his book is to be recommended as a study of its important problem from the Zionist point of view.

—From N. Y. Times

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The Temple records with deep sorrow the passing of

JOSEPH WEIZENHOF

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and extends its condolences to the bereaved families.