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Temple Men's Club, Cleveland, 1942.

I am happy to use this column to send a word of greeting to the members of The Temple Men's Club.

As you begin your new year of activities may I express the confident hope that the coming season will be even more successful and fruitful than the last one -- which was indeed outstanding in every way. The program of meetings and speakers which your committee, under the very able leadership of Mr. Clarence Fishel has already announced, is a fascinating and challenging one. Your opening meeting with Cecil Brown, the world-famous correspondent and news commentator, should start off your year with a tremendous impetus.

As the Men's Club has been growing in size, influence and prestige in the life of The Temple, I have come to lean upon it more and more for the effective services which our great institution is called upon to perform in the life of our community. We have for many years had a great women's organization in our Temple which has to its credit many notable achievements in the field of religion, education and philanthropy. The Temple Men's Club is now matching it with a strong and devoted organization of men, and its area of service and influence is steadily widening. These two organizations, along with the organization of our youth in the Alumni Association, are the three strong pillars in our Temple structure.

Behind the world struggle today is the firm resolve of free men everywhere to preserve the great religious and ethical principles which alone give meaning and dignity to human life and which Judaism was the first to proclaim to mankind. Laymen who devote themselves today whole-heartedly to the spread and the perpetuation of Judaism are vitally serving those ideals for which men are fighting and dying today.

I receive many letters from our boys who are in the armed services of our country. I am greatly heartened to read in their letters so many expressions of gratitude for the spiritual guidance and inspiration which The Temple had given to them. It is in the critical and decisive hours of our lives that we discover the significance of our historic faith and its glorious traditions.

I greet you, Men of The Temple, on the eve of the new year, and I invoke God's blessings upon you.

Abba Hillel Silver

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