



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series V: Writings, 1909-1963, undated.

Reel
180

Box
66

Folder
618

How to ration life, 1943.

- 1/ Rationing has become a Key word in our Western World.
~~People~~ ~~People~~ ~~their lives to Defeat & measureless Futility~~
 Actual People experienced a New fact which was necessarily
reorganization -
Idea of Abundance - Money will buy ^{Permit} Rich man -
~~But~~ ~~As a consequence~~ adaptations -
 ① Careful Budgeting of Points ② Proper Balance - ^{impresses} adequate
Instructions - Simple well-balanced Diet. Maintain
Health in spite of growing Scarcity ^{unstable value}
- 2/ Glad to do it - Know the Requirements of Total War.
a dozen battlefronts - Content to forgo - If we lose
For Victory we must discipline -
- 3/ Religion - raise our Sights - think of R. of Life
For all of us are involved in yet another war - ~~against~~
~~Failure~~ ~~missing our opportunities~~ - Focus within &
without - curb our development & progress - Keep us
enslaved to the least & the worst - most & best -
Deny us our dreams, frustrate our hopes - Defeat!
Life, too, is a Total War! and here, too, faced with serious
Scarcities -
Life's resources are not Unlimited - Years - Tabents -
Energies - and as we grow older - increasingly Scared
For Victory - Triumphant living and achievement - we
must ∴ Ration carefully & wisely -
No Authority - No Penalty - Waste - Asymmetry - Dissension
- 4/ Take the matter of Time! Just so many "Time-Points"
3 Score & Ten - when they are spent - no more!
No one is given another R. Book! "A" "B" "C" Cards
But even "C" - no Unlimited life - When Summoning Hours
- 5/ Point Values are ~~raised~~ reduced after a while - get less & less
At 20 one is Amphibious

6) Over & over again - admonished - Brevity - never - Abundance
 "As for Man, his days are as grass; as a Flower of the Field
 so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone"
 } Job - aware - "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the
 measure of my days what it is. Let me know how short lived I am"
 } Po. 90 - Brooding - Alas! - "To Ration our life"

2) How People know that they days are numberd - And yet
years inexhaustible - Time so abundant - squandered -
no need to husband - budget for his days & energies -
place point-values upon interests & activities
Select - discriminate - among available commodities -
In order to achieve a well-balanced life.

8) There is a way of defeating R-authorities - Hoard! Maunah!
"One" "He that gathereth much hath nothing over - and he
that gathereth little hath no lack."

9) How heavy the case - how can he obtain most for Congress?
Skilful R. - Wise Apportionment - Cannot have all things
Deciding - pay a High Price - Selecting Basic - Wholes
Phys. - Intell. - TVs. - Diet.
Rat. on Time - Affections - Loyalties - Substances.

19/ R. on Time bet. Work, Study, Play, Social Activities - Surv
Get out of Balance - Too many points spent
① Fetish - abused

(2) Study - ~~Caravan~~ "all study without work must in the end be Futile - may lead to Sin" - "Caravan"

(3) Play - lack any serious - contribution - "Performance"

(4) Social activities - Too social - Path. craving to be with
people - groups - Always at meetings - 100 Councils
a new, worthy cause every month -
not enough time to be alone - self - soul - just unable
see God in solitude - "Unlabeled"

Proper equations - landmark activities - Body, Mind, Soul
bet. one - self and others (Balance) wealth
enjoyment - 23101 1/2
"defiant and ityng, the
good day - no seeking
God's will I Daint
easy 23101 1/2
23101 1/2 in the
same

11) Offshoots - very thin - indiscernability - God's will
little charity - "using their next" 23101 1/2
Centers + peripheries - Printers - Son - Heigher
Suspicious of Jews - love humanity - poor claims
and needs, their own people -

12) Substance - Spending - Saving - Charity
Wise economy details balance - Charity an essential -
"Left-overs" - Part of Rationing - 1/10 -

13) Energies - for long Pull - Some never get started -
Burn up - Race - (My Friend) (Pathway) - warm -
Beautiful - black soil - weary - "Endure" - High in Heaven
must hasten his pace - far down in West - 10 miles away
legs began to fail him - Rest - Money - Sinking lower
Dumb - quiet - Threw away - Breath - lips - Heart
afraid deep dead - Starting Point -

14) Ration on energies - ambitions - 112151 3/8 - 9.18
forth fruit -
Scientifically - If done - essential ingredients
- large measure of harmony & happiness



Fairmount Church

Fairmount, Coventry, Scarborough

Cleveland Heights, Ohio



June 18, 1944

PRELUDE—Impressions: Clair de lune	<i>Karg-Elert</i>
INTROIT—O Thou Who Hearest	<i>Morecambe</i>
HYMN 77 (the people standing)	<i>St. Anne</i>
INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER	<i>Choir Amen</i>
RESPONSES (the people standing)	<i>Sursum Corda</i>
Minister: Lift up your hearts.	
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.	
Minister: O Lord, open thou our eyes	
People: That we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.	
Minister: O Lord, open thou our ears	
People: That hearkening to thy voice we may obey thy will.	
Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips	
People: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.	
Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us	
People: And grant us thy salvation.	
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us	
People: And take not thy holy spirit from us.	
GLORIA PATRI (the people standing)	
SCRIPTURE—The Ninetieth Psalm	
ANTHEM—King of Glory, King of Peace	<i>Friedell</i>
PRAYER—Twofold Amen	<i>Greek Liturgy</i>
OFFERTORY—The Lord Is My Light	<i>Speaks</i>
DOXOLOGY (the people standing)	<i>Old Hundredth</i>
HYMN 420 (the people standing)	<i>Russian Hymn</i>
SERMON BY RABBI SILVER: How to Ration Life	
BENEDICTION	<i>Dresden Amen</i>
POSTLUDE—Andante con moto	<i>Bonnet</i>

The altar flowers are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine R. Ayers
in memory of their parents

Intimations

DR. FERRIS will preach next Sunday and July 2. Dr. Ralph C. McAfee of the Church of the Covenant, Erie, will preach on July 9.

A CLASS FOR CHILDREN under eight will be held during the church hour every Sunday in the nursery room. The Misses Betty Hughes, Barbara Mayers and Helen Spencer are in charge today.

UNITED WAR RELIEF sewing groups meet every Tuesday from ten to four in the Guild Room. Please bring your own lunch.

FAIRMOUNTERS' PICNIC AND THEATRE PARTY on June 29 at 6.15 in Cain Park. Bring your own supper. Tickets covering theatre, coffee and dessert are sixty-five cents. Make reservations at the church office, YE 7590. In case of rain, the party will be held the next evening.

FAIRMOUNT CHURCH PICNIC at Hawken School on July 29. For the whole family. Save the date.

COUPON BOOKS FOR SUMMER POP CONCERT of the Cleveland Orchestra are available at the church office.

"HEIRS TOGETHER of the grace of life": on June 16 in St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, Lt. Elmer Teare Browne and Miss Joyce Thompson.

OUR CRADLE ROLL: on June 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Swenson a son, Richard Eric.

BAPTIZED in the church on June 11, Barbara Bosworth, child of Dr. and Mrs. David Kirk Spitler.

IN MEMORIAM: on June 12, Mrs. Clarence Garfield Bull, a member of Fairmount since 1926. The Reverend Sidney C. Vernon and Dr. Ferris conducted the service on June 15. Lt. Harry Rudolph Albright, a member of Fairmount since 1934, was killed in Italy on May 12.

USHERS TODAY: deacons Baumgardner, Breithaupt, Moak, Simmelink, Vanderhoof, Andrews, Armington.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR HER SON IN THE SERVICE

With humble heart I come before Thee, O God, to thank Thee for the promise that 'underneath are the everlasting arms' waiting to sustain and comfort those who call upon Thee. May my boy always feel Thy nearness, be strengthened by Thy spirit and go forward bravely wherever duty sends him. May he be gay when there is time for laughter, patient when suffering must be his lot, gentle when an understanding heart is needed, and loyal always to what he thinks is right. Help him so to act that he may never have regrets for what he will remember. May he not throw away his soul in bitterness and hate because of the anguish he may witness or the pain he may be called upon to inflict. Help him to see that this war is a man-made conflagration which he must help put out and that brotherhood is Thy true will for men. Speak to him in the quiet of some beauteous spot or in some deed of courage or of love, and be to him as a star toward which he may confidently steer his craft through all the darkness of the battlefield. Prepare him, O God, to face death nobly, to 'greet the unseen with a cheer', and to know that if he should be killed we shall be proud of him despite our sorrow. And in Thine own way wilt Thou answer the prayer our hearts cannot help but make, that he may come back to us again, strong in the strength which only Thou canst give. Amen.

THREE STEPS

Three steps there are our human life must climb.

The first is Force.

The savage struggled to it from the slime
And still it is our last, ashamed recourse.

Above that jagged stretch of red-veined stone
Is marble Law,

Carven with long endeavor, monotone
Of patient hammers, not yet free from flaw.

Three steps there are our human life must climb.

The last is Love,

Wrought from such starry element sublime
As touches the White Rose and Mystic Dove.

—Katharine Lee Bates

Our Kind - Thou hast fashioned - continued
Holy - (Help us) - worthy I am Holy Justly

See thou Thy light -

All wise - In the midst - never - failing

In these days, great disquiet + ordeal
for courage to face dangers - carry burdens
- Guard + protect our Fighting men -

- For the wounded in battle -

For those who fall - Thy Power + the Eternal

"When the night shineth"

- For the bereaved - strength to bear - to rise
from conflict

- May this dread visitation

- May Thy Redemption come speedily
from An + Shuf

May the day of Thy Lord Plague come
down - when freedom - proclaimed
unfused - exiles - shield

- not Hast

- 7721 -

1) Rationing has become a Key Word. War time Vocab.
For some time now - Am. people express
new fact - necessitated reorg. customary Hab.
Idea of abundance - scarcity.
Money will buy - permit - certain guarantee
Rich man -

2) As a consequence - certain new adaptations
Careful appraisals of our needs - disposal with
Careful husbanding of our purchasing power
Careful balancing in our Diet, to insure
adequate nutritive value.
Careful replacement by substitutes for
things accustomed to, no longer available

3) Americans are glad to submit - rationing
Requirement of Total War.
Supply a dozen battles - fronts
Lend-Lease to a dozen allies.
We realize that if we lose - continuous
scarcity - continuous slavery.
For Victory - we must discipline -
forego much, appropriate & allocate
wisely -

4/ All this is elementary, readily grasped (2)
Everyone understands importance of R. in war.
But if we would raise our sights a bit -
realize need of R. in another area - Life itself
For there, too, we are engaged in a war - a total war
Forces within and without - check on development
curb our progress - Enslave us to best
and worst -
Deny us our dreams, Frustrate our Hopes -
Beat us down into defeat.
Whatever we hope to achieve of worth,
honor, beauty, integrity - Conflict + Struggle.

5/ And in this Total War - we are faced, too
with serious scarcities
The resources of our life are not unlimited
Our years, our talents, our energies have
definite limitations.
And as we grow older they become increasingly
rare.
For Victory in life, ∴ For Triumphant Living
we must Ration carefully + wisely -

6). There is no external authority to enforce.
No penalty is imposed by society upon
those who fail to ration their lives

The penalty is self-inflicted - and is reflected
in the waste of our years, the dissipation of our
lives, in lack of symmetry and harmony in
our souls.

7) Talk the matter of Time, in relation to R. for life.
We all know that our days are numbered.
We are given just so many Time-points.
When they are spent, there are no more.
Some get "A" Time-cards, some "B", some "C"
But even the holders of "C" cards - are not
entitled to much beyond - 35 or 40 years
And there is a diminishing return to the
a reduction in point values - on our
Life-Card - as we move on with the advancing
years.

At 20 - we are vital - At 30 - strong - At
40 we gain sense - At 50 - wisdom
At 60 we get Delish - At 70 we are old -
At 80 we are that alone - At 90 we are
hardly alone - At 100 we are just as
if we were dead!

8) Over and over again - admonished - brevity. (4)

"As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth; For the wind passeth over it and it is gone."

John - pleads - "Lord, make us to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is. Let us know how short lived I am" ^{So that he might feel the impact of the message}

Ps. 90 - Brooding ^{- sorrow - vanity} Teach us to number our days - ^{Bequeath} to Ration our life.

9) How ^{we} ~~people~~ know all this - and yet - we years inexhaustible - So abundant that they can be squandered. No need to husband our fugitive days and hours No care to budget our energies - To place point-values upon our interests in life and our activities To select discriminatively among the available commodities upon the Counter of life In order to achieve a vigorous and victorious life.

10) We cannot Hoard life. We cannot increase or replenish it

They hope "to die in the harness" - Just ¹⁶
why human beings must die - horses
They are not wise - ⇒ 27777 to 1/1 - "too
much absorbed -

~~For~~

(2) Study too much - intellect. devel. without
relation to demands of life, and society.
"All study without work - must in the end
be futile and may lead to sin"

(3) There are those who play too much - who play at
lack any serious purpose in life and
any serious career
who conceive of life - unbroken series
of entertainments and excitements

(4) There are those who are too much in the
world and of the world Too much with
the world and yet not enough with themselves.
Too sociable - pathetic craving to be
with people and in groups.

Always at meetings and on endless
committees

Must have a new Cause every
month. so often

They never have time to be alone

with themselves and their souls.

6

No time for meditation

No time to seek God in solitude and
quietness.

12) The wise man and woman finds proper equilibrium
but. all these leg. to make - but. Body,
Mind and Soul - Between oneself and
others.

13) Some do not know how to ration their
affections.

They spread them very thin or indiscrimin-
inately.

Some are habitual good-fellows - but
always away from home

They forget that fellowship, like charity,
begins at home.

Chivalrous and courteous and friendly
when out in society - at home -
wring their necks.

There are "Priorities" in loyalties & affections

First we must be the good son -

First love your neighbor & then Humanity
So many people lose Humanity and Hate
their neighbors -

4/ Some do not know how to R. their Substance ⁽⁸⁾
- afford it but. Spending, Saving, Charity
There is a wise balance bet. Spending & Saving
The extremes make one either a spend thrift
or a wise

Most sensible people will readily acknowledge this
But most people will not acknowledge
that Charity ^{too} helps to preserve
rationality

Charity not an essential - "Left-overs"

Religion - part of proper rationality
- 3738 -

15/ Some do not know how - Energies
Do not plan for long pull,
Burn up their Energies - Race - Pattern

Of the Wise
16/ 12/11 3/8 - "G. B. Smith's fruit in Old Age"
- Can not rational Scientifically - reasonably
well.

See that our lives have all their requirements
in gradients
Large measure of Harmony & Happiness
and Victory.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



WARHIS
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.



43-1

NEXT SUNDAY IN FAIRMOUNT CHURCH

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

will preach on

HOW TO RATION LIFE

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES



June 1944

Dr. Ferris will conduct the service.

MEMBERS!!

ATTEND THIS MEETING

We Will Care For Your Child

Members with young children can now attend our meetings. Bring your child with you. A kindergarten teacher will be in charge to take care of your child during the meeting.

ATTENTION

**FATHERS, THEIR SONS AND
DAUGHTERS**

Temple Sholom Men's Club

Invites you
to its

Sons and Daughters Nite

Wednesday, April 14th

Eight O'clock P. M.

An Excellent Program Is In Store For You

P R O G R A M

Opening Prayer Mrs. Alfred Stern

Business Session Mrs. Erwin Mautner, President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

BY

MRS. LOUIS BINSTOCK

GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT

"How to Ration Life"

SOCIAL HOUR AND REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. A. James Riffkind
Program Chairman

Mrs. Erwin Mautner
President

Mrs. Charles Cohns
Hospitality Chairman

43-1

THE DATE

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1943

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Bring Your Friends



TEMPLE SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Is Honored in Presenting

ABBA HILLEL SILVER D.D.

RABBI OF "THE TEMPLE"

Cleveland, Ohio

At Its

APRIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1943

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.
TEMPLE SHOLOM CENTER
FRANKENSTEIN MEMORIAL
3480 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Chicago