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Phi Epsilon Pi award, 1948.

1) I am overwhelmed - ~~and~~ I am very considerably embarrassed. ⁶
I am reminded, the man who was taxed and bothered
and carried out, torn on a nail. A man in the
crowd asked him how he liked it. His reply was
that if it were not for the honor, the thing - he would
much rather walk -

2/. You must realize, I am sure, that you have been
extraordinarily generous in your praise. Kucelis was
fond of referring to an old fisherman who had a
reputation for ~~speaking~~ ^{speaking} the truth. To convince all
natives, he got a pair of scales + inserted on
everything and brought them before witnesses.
One day a doctor borrowed the scale to weigh
a new baby. The baby weighed 47 pounds!

I say not that you investigate the scales
in which you have been weighing me to - weight.

3) Believe me, you have made me feel very grateful,
and very humble. No man works in a vacuum
or achieves anything important solely by his own
efforts. I have been fortunate to live in ~~a good~~
~~and~~ ^a progressive community where many fine men
and women in ^{all walks of life} ~~the press, pulpit, in labor traveling, in~~

we were not created about, and ~~came through~~ ^{he always been} "the" (4)
master; my / other had the Captain / my 2nd V.S. —

7/1 by - dear friends:

The noted ^{Am.} historian - Geo. Bancroft - wrote: "The history
of the colonization, Amer. is the history, the crimes
of Europe." It was the ignorance & persistent practices
of the people, Europe that sent ~~waves upon waves~~
~~immigrants~~ ^{from every / chamber} there shore to found colonies
and estab. these ~~united~~ United States. They is
also true; PalWRHS The  the ^{colonization of} Israel
is the history, the ~~crimes~~ ^{crimes} - beg. with the
crimes of Roman conquest & expulsion ^{visibly} 2000 yrs
ago & culminating in the ~~crimes~~ ^{crimes} crimes
Nazi slaughter & ~~extermination~~ ^{extermination} which 9 billion
Jews in 2nd world war. — The accumulated passions
& fury of 20 centuries of unremitted persecutions &
degradation finally forced the fate P - drove a
powerful surfer from its shores and reestablished
the 3rd of Commonwealth - the ^{modern} State, Israel. —

The on many point, directly bel. the greatest
republic on earth, and the least, the U.S., which sig.

[illegible]

1/ there is a two in P. today it is known to
 the Arab armies have been defeated - & the last
 power which had ~~started~~ ^{been} its ¹⁰⁰⁰ East policy
 on the destruction of the new state of Israel - realized
 that it ~~will~~ ^{will} not stand up to the ^{armies} ~~army~~
 the Arab League, even when equipped by S.B. to
 accomplish it.

2/ Israel has had to fight parts of S.B. in some
 manner or form. in the early days had to fight S.B. again
 against S.B. - & came perilously near fighting S.B. again
 during the Arab war - ~~WRHS~~ ^{the} S.B. ~~aid~~
 will slow history ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~divided~~ ^{divided} ~~armies~~
 but all the people ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~struggle~~ ^{struggle} ~~for~~
 slavery. But the fight was - & the fight had to be fought
 as ~~Israel~~ ^{Israel} even a part. Because
 Both people had to fight. Freedom & independence - Yes

3/ The tendency of that and main lines of their political
 character, two people on the same - ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}
~~lines of freedom~~ ^{lines of freedom} ~~both~~ ^{both} ~~stepped~~ ^{stepped} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~a~~ ^a ~~Biblical~~ ^{Biblical} ~~mode~~
 which was proclaimed by the Israel with help by
 7 ~~freedom~~ ^{freedom} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~human~~ ^{human} ~~equality~~ ^{equality} (Henry Bell) =
 (Jude) - Yes - Yes -

Both peoples believe in a number part - but
 neither is anti-church or anti-religious -

Both peoples are self reliant, but heed in the
value of associated ^{free} cooperation life. —

14 When . . , really understands why Amer. people friendly
- Cyren - Pol. Panther - Further recognizing
it in spirit of S.I. - vacillation -
- On shores of Med - there is to-day an out-post
of the Amer. way of life - Wheel is the rod of
way of life - Tell Amer floats the flag
of U.S. - along side of White & Blue - Star & Bar
The flag of Israel



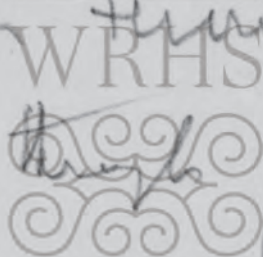
11/. I have high hopes for the ^{new} world state / Israel & hope
that the two will eventually merge into a permanent
^{[Rev. James S.B. H.V.S.] - Sov-Jews Jan - Brabant - as document}
place of Jews & Arabs will find the way to ^{but most} ~~cooperation~~
~~must stay together~~ on basis of ~~mutual~~ ^{peaceful} friendship &
~~general~~ cooperation. This is the only logical &
feasible working ^{way or solution} ~~method~~ for Jews & Arabs on P.
When P. will drop out, the hard-liners; and
drawn slightly hysterical prop- tell you way to
calm deliberation ^{the Jew think of the Arab} ~~thought~~
will discuss the great problems, particularly for econ.

+ the Jews, Corp - which ~~will~~ ^{will} sink the life, 181
the entire Near East and it pictures, terrible
life of poverty & misery & death in a new era
of progress, ^{perhaps} well being for all —

much work has been done. The town of ^{Jerusalem} ~~the~~ ^{has} been ^{out of} ~~been~~ ^{renewed}.
12/ Much work has been ahead — D. P. —

In the hand are also the spirits, men & the
destinies of Nations —

"Exiles are never ~~separated~~ ^{separated} Peoples as men
freed except through faith"



- Neuman - Translated - Deep Prop - Think then -

- 1/ Das Volk dichtet = { formula -
- 2/ Kylix - ΝΙΚΟΘΕΥΕΣ ΜΕ ΤΙΘΙΕΥΕΩ -
- 3/ In the midst of the wild sorrow of a perishing world - unsundered with blood of our Nat. Branch
- 4/ Great in effort achievement - effort -
enchanted process / the golden day ahead
- 5/ Revolution an avalanche which will sweep everything before it.



WRHS
 150 - 150 - not with
 ranges of
 Not Great
 Always - barrier - Forbidding desert
 ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל
 ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל

7/ End of Era - ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל
 at the beginning - an generation is

8/ Summer
 ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל
 ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל - ארץ ישראל

3) Overwhelmed - Considerably embarrassed - Reminded of man - tanned
carried out of town - His reply was 'that if it was not for the honor
of the thing - he would much rather work'

4) You must realize, I am sure, extraordinarily generous -
Lincoln was fond of telling - old fishermen - reputation
for stretching the truth - To convince all sceptics - a pair
of scales - One day a doctor borrowed -
I suggest that you investigate -

5) Beloved me - you have made me very grateful - humble
No man - works in a vacuum -
I have been fortunate to live in a corner - when many
- and I was privileged to join with these - richly rewarded

6) This has been a good career - good neighborhood - Social
consciousness - liberal traditions - academic & not content
large measure of tolerance - cosmopolitan citizenry
Among my colleagues - I found a devotion -
Deep satisfaction in Stimulating Fellowship, Fair &

4) Our J. Comm - forefront - Its rel. & phil. inst. acclaimed
It has always responded -
Jews of Cleveland - eagerly & helpfully - To the life - lay leaders
A Rabbi - sustained & upheld - loyalty & courage of his people
My 30 yrs - exceedingly happy - in spite

5) I cannot thank adequately enough - my dear Temple

for their unfailing goodness - constant support - scrupulous regard - + for manner in which they bore
the J. Agency - I can only add my tribute to a

6/ There are so many personal friends - express gratitude -
for weathering the crisis of life -

Salant ^{to trusted} co-workers - Neuman - E. Co. - Feldman - Ten - Harris -
Shapiro - T. O. M.

and many who are not here -

Time will not permit - Time will not be ^{so} hastily to
express love + gratitude to one who had to part
with me - 1/4 - all my words - time made warnings
who neither "warned nor cried out" - but remained
always "the matter, my fate" - + the captain, my fate - U.S.

7/ The noted Amer. Historian - Mrs. Bancroft

"The history of the Colonization of America, is the history
of the crimes of Europe" -

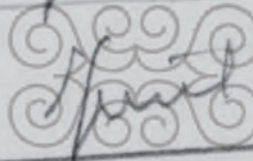
It was the Tyranny - immigrants from every land -

This is also true of P. - The hist. of Colon - Establishment, the
crimes of Europe - especially with crime of Ruman -

The accusated passion + fury - unremitting - sent an
immigrant there - both there - drove - re-established

8/ There are many other points of identity - youngest republic. - (3)
Amer. is the land of the pioneer - the immigrant, the Refugee
So is Israel today! - Our early settlers - Woburners to
subdue - hostile, indigenous population
The land to which I in my car ^{70 yrs} Rock, doesn't
They did not "conquer" - "Created" it.

The immigrant - at first in hostile shoes - driven
(Bawarft) - pilgrims fleeing before the storm -
also drawn - by hope, Freedom, Dignity, offering

Two also of Immigrants  - Whither - Gone -
There is a File  of History - a Hunger for
human dignity - an unyielding determination to participate
to all humankind, not Homelands.

This accounts for astrounding warfare - defending
beating back - Keeping borders inviolate

(If there is True - that armies defeated -
Great Power - even if Egypt -

Let it be remembered - not UN - May 14.

9/. Inail her had to fight 9 with J. B. - Same as America 14
- not people - Geo III - Bevern.

7 Mr. Wan. - "Freedom is taken, have G. Ren"

19. Tendency, that - + Main-lines of pol. Character - same
- Both steeped in Biblical tradition / Freedom & Equality
seen. 'who lived long ago in the morning of the world'

- Liberty Bell - "Decl. of Indep." (1776)

- Both people believe in secular govt - but neither
is anti-rel. or anti-clerical -

- Both - Sec. Merchant - individual - value associated
of free cooperation.

11). One is readily understood Why Am. people

First to recop. in Spitz, Vrepschen -

On ^{E.} Shore, Med. an outpost, Am. way, 1/2

Am. flag

14. I have High Hopes for new that Is - They will build
well - Every true Sanctuary as each -

I hope that I was - eventually - (9. h.)

Sov - Jews - Borders - no dismemberment - (5)
Jews thinks will find way to live together on terms
This is only logical -
When Peace is established - Head-lives - Shamed
discovered prohibited for ever - perpetuating
- perdition - proper - prophecy -

13/ World War has been accomplished - the turn
fabric of our nat. life - marked

World War WRHS P.
We face future Confidence



"Exiles are never ended & people are never
freed except through faith"
In anxiety - in idleness
In whose hands are alike the spirit men
& the destinies of nations

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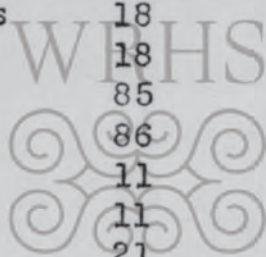
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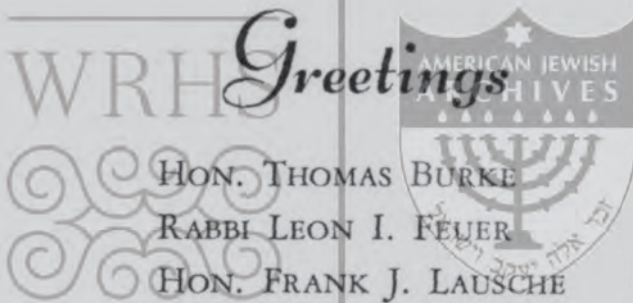
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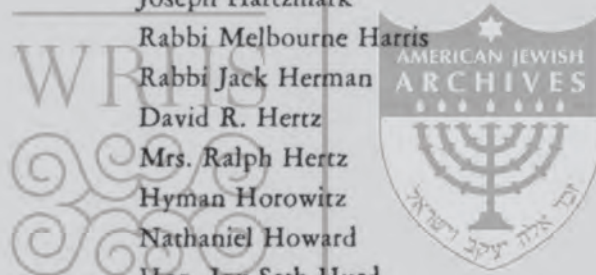
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City Will Honor Rabbi Silver, Zionism Crusader and Fighter for Justice, July 19

BY PETER BELLAMY

If monuments ever are erected to the spiritual fathers of the new Jewish state of Israel in Palestine, Cleveland's world-famed Zionist and liberal religious leader, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, will undoubtedly be among those so honored.

For this dynamic orator and honored scholar, whose moral suasion is felt in such centers of world influence as the United Nations Assembly, the White House and London's No. 10 Downing St., is one of the leaders who has made come true the golden dream of a Jewish state.

In tribute to Rabbi Silver's historic role in bringing the new state of Israel into being and his 31 years of communal leadership, Cleveland's Jews and Gentiles alike will hold a testimonial dinner July 19 at Hotel Cleveland.

The pictures shown here trace and illustrate the emergence of this humble, Lithuanian-born son of a rabbi to his present position as a distinguished Jewish elder statesman and leader of The Temple, the nation's largest liberal Jewish congregation.

Born in Lithuania

Rabbi Silver was born January 28, 1893, at Neinstadt, Lithuania, the son, grandson, great-grandson, and great-great-grandson of a rabbi. He was brought to New York City by his parents in 1901—just four years after the Zionist movement began in Switzerland.

Encouraged by his father, also an ardent Zionist, he organized the first junior Zionist group with 12 members at the age of 11. From this first junior Zionist group have since grown hundreds of similar organizations with thousands of members throughout the nation.

Receiving his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1915, Rabbi Silver also received his doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew Union College in the same year. He was rabbi of the L'Shem Shamayim congregation in Wheeling, W. Va., from 1915 to 1917.

No more youthful leader ever addressed a metropolitan congregation when on April 18, 1917, Rabbi Silver first came to The Temple, now located at Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. But within a short time, his oratory, his liberal creed and his intellect had the whole city talking of the new rabbi, and he became nationally known.

Rabbi Silver's assignment in Cleveland was a difficult one for a young man of 24, but it was a fortunate day for Cleveland when The Temple called him to the pulpit. For under his guidance, it has more than doubled its membership and has more than 1,800 families on its rolls.

As a rabbi, Dr. Silver never permitted his own faith to restrict his outlook. The Community Fund, Associated Charities, Consumers League, and League for Human Rights are but a few of the charitable and civic movements to which he has given unselfishly of his time and talent.

Known Internationally

Dr. Silver's scholarly attainments have won him numerous academic honors and degrees, and an inter-

national reputation as a keen analyst of world affairs and vigorous thinker on social problems of the times. He once said: "I am by temperament a radical trying to cling to 'root' values and basic principles."

No middle-of-the-road intellectual, Rabbi Silver has never hesitated to lash out at excesses by both capital and labor. It is his firm conviction that the "unanswered problem of our day is to find equation between political freedom and economic security."

But it has been as a Zionist leader that Rabbi Silver has attained his international reputation as a far-seeing statesman, an uncompromising foe of social and religious intolerance, and an indomitable fighter for his beliefs.

Attacks Anti-Semitism

In the dark and horrible days when all European Jewry seemed headed for massacre at the hands of Hitler and some sought to appease anti-Semitism by soft-pedaling it, Dr. Silver nailed it to the wall for the curse it was and is.

In the days when Prime Minister Chamberlain was seeking to appease Hitler, Dr. Silver was correctly predicting with all his passionate sincerity that Europe was a "madhouse" and another World War "inevitable."

As a "great leader in the household of Israel," Dr. Silver has been tireless in his activities on behalf of Zionism. In August, 1945, he flew to London to attend the first postwar World Zionist Conference, and there conferred with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, recently elected first president of Israel.

Attends Jerusalem Conference

In March, 1947, Rabbi Silver attended the conference of Jewish Agency Executives in Jerusalem. December of the same year found him as chairman of the American Zionist Organization addressing a session of the twenty-second Zionist Congress at Basle, Switzerland.

Dr. Silver once more outlined the justice of the Zionist position May 8 of this year, when he addressed the United Nations Assembly at Lake Success, N. Y.

Dr. Silver has been an officer of almost every important Zionist group in the world, and on the charitable front has been co-chairman and chairman of the United Palestine Appeal (1939-43) and co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

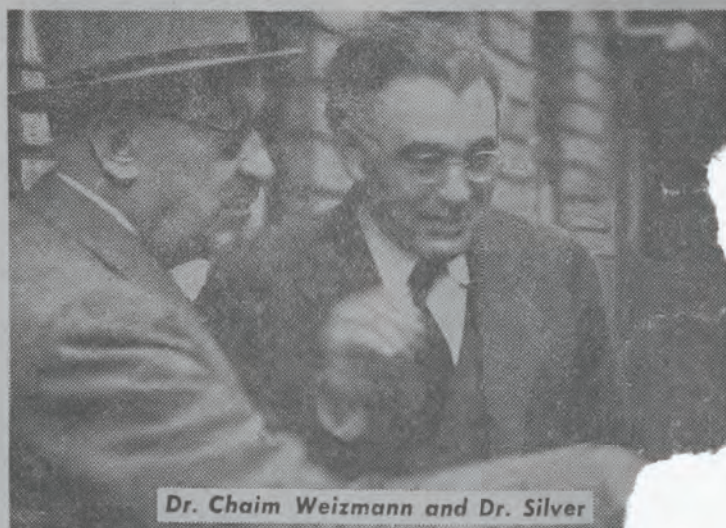
Praised by Weizmann

In January, 1943, Dr. Weizmann, Israel's first citizen, praised Dr. Silver on behalf of all world Jewry as "the reply to all those faint-hearted Jews who think that in giving their support to Zionism, they have to compromise the citizenship of the country in which they live."

On the personal side, Rabbi Silver is a devoted husband and the father of two sons. Daniel J., 20, has just been graduated from Harvard College and will begin studying for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College this fall. His other son, Raphael D., 18, is a junior at Harvard. The Silver home is at 19810 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights.

A credit to his Temple, his city, and his country, and to the new state of Israel for which he has fought the good fight for nearly half a century, Dr. Silver is an exception to the rule that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own land."

And there are many who think he has helped to rewrite the history of the world.



Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Dr. Silver



With David Ben-Gurion at Jerusalem



Addressing Zionist Congress



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Rabbi Silver today