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Siskin 10th anniversary, 1958.

1) Delighted - Had I had my way 10 yrs. ago - I would not be
here to - night - for Dr. Siskind would have been with us in
Cleveland. I wanted him as my associate. Recognized
his abilities then.

Seeing this great conf. which he has helped to build

I am persuaded that he chose wisely

There is a tablet over the window doorway of St. Paul's
Cathedral in London - honoring the great Sir
Christopher Wren who designed and rebuilt it.

"So monumentum requirit circumspice"

I have - and I have seen your beautifully erected
Temple and Center - and I have followed the
your to dedication - and the quality of Dr.
Siskind's leadership.

And I should like to congratulate him and you -
on his ten year / fruitful and disseminated
ministry in your midst.

2) Our Rabbis say that our father Abraham was tried with
ten trials - and he stood firm in them all. - And this
proves how great was the love of our father Abraham.
that is to say - how great was Abraham's love / faith -
that he withstood all these trials - which would have made
weaker men to abandon their faith. - And how great
was God's love for Abraham - that he tested him so

persistently to discover his true character and worth -
so as to walk him a fit leader, his first -

(a) Rabbi Is kind for now ^{up to} ~~and~~ ten years, final
- ~~and only~~ a Rabbi knows what trials even a kind-hearted
community can visit upon its leader - ~~those~~ -
who loved his people and was so beloved by them - that
when he died they mourned for him vacantly for 30 days -
(b) Now know how contradictory and rebellious they were from
the first day that he knew them!!

(c) There is yes. have established how steadfast and
dedicated R. is to his calling - and how
great has been scarcely devotion to him

For no Rabbi can succeed without dedicated lay
leaders and followers

3/ Unfortunately I find no visible faults in R. I. - no
serious deficiencies which I can use as background
to ~~help~~ for his known virtues -

For high relief ^{one requires} ~~one needs~~ more shaded areas.
The Athenians finally elected a leader - because he
had no faults - he was perfect - and made them all
feel uneasy.

(Trans) - no vice's
y. But I did not come to Athens to redeem R.I. from perfection
y. the ^{change} ~~improvement~~

I came to rejoice with you on this day when you, ⁽³⁾
a thirteen-heavy corporation, as knowing your life,
leader who has given you a deal of ^{good} help and
selfless service.

4. It is really very difficult to evaluate the worth and
achievement of a Rabbi. Basically, he does his
unfathomable. After 10 or 20 yrs - a doctor can
point to the number of patients he has cured - a lawyer -
the cases he has won - an architect - the structures
he has built - an engineer to the bridge, a dam he has
constructed. There is visible evidence of their life's work.
But a Rabbi's profession is in the realm of the intangible -
the human heart - the human mind - It has to do
with guidance, instruction, inspiration -
And how can you measure the light and depth
of influence and example.

5. It ^{must be} sufficient for a Rabbi to know that he has
served his job - sincerely - that he has ^{spoke} the
word, ^{truth} - on all occasions - that ^{he} ~~has~~ ^{is}
came to him for the bread which could be bought
with money - and for the water which is without price -
they did not ~~come~~ away empty-handed. It is
sufficient for him to know - that here and there

End R.S. has taught men for 150k -

A love of land which must be based upon a knowledge
of our people's history - and an understanding of its role
in history. When there is no such knowledge - there comes
confusion - doubt and uncertainties hold - and this danger
2/ ~~Dr. Z. Z. Z. Z. Z.~~

15 Moravia sets in - sometimes in the 2nd frequency
in the 3rd generation / thus removed from the integrated
family life, the old and past

2/ Dr. Z. Z. Z. Z. Z. - gratifying. Jewish. Left R. - little contact

percentage - on the canvas of Guly after painting - wrote but 1944
8/ The 1st 150k - had completely disappeared in the
3rd generation - a Jewish place

Against this danger we must find ourselves

9/ Bialy - Indeed this man was slow - proceeds, tent
also 150k 15/13

It can be readily assumed Boris - East / has
ideas - pairs the system - little today affected - and
about about -

Long - no reason for existence - 150k naturally

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on the occasion of

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Address by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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The Hotel Sheraton
505 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
R.S.V.P.*

*Tuesday
November 11, 1958
6:30 p.m.

Informal*