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Dr. Silver's funeral arrangements, 1963.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 1, 1963

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DR. SOLOMON B. FREEHOF.

Fellow mourners, Abba Hillel Silver was primarily a Rabbi, and whatever else he did in the world, was the ^{outgrowth} ~~outburst~~ of his rabbinical ideas. I am certain that as a Rabbi and preacher, in health and in sickness, he was constantly aware of the pageant of the weekly portions, as they succeeded each other through Scripture ^{and} through the calendar, and am rather certain that in the last few weeks he was aware of the scriptural saga of Jacob -- Jacob, whose glory name was Israel, and ^{who} is the symbol of all our highest ^{emulation} ~~adulation~~.

^{no/p} I wonder if he thought of the words, ^{"Vayetzeh Yaakov"} ~~the last few days,~~ ()

"Jacob departed". And the Rabbis say about that seemingly overplayed verse, ^{that} "Jacob departed". They said ^{it} ~~this~~ is told us in order that we should never forget that when a great man is in the city, before he ~~departs~~, there is a glory and a radiance, and when he has departed, the glory fades and the radiance is dimmed. This is our life these days -- a glow has faded, a radiance has dimmed. One almost feels like using Shakespeare's pagan words, "The bright day is done and we are for the dark."

Friends, we certainly should not attempt to evaluate his achievements. There are too many and ^{They are} ~~many~~ of them, too monumental. There will be hundreds of meetings, scores of articles weighing this great man. It's only because it's so hard to imagine him not here, that we should try to visualize his presence and understand ^{what} ~~which~~ was ~~lack~~ of all his great achievements -- his personality. It was not a personality easy to love, except by his closest and his dearest, because he was one of those unusual men who did not need to pour out their hearts in order to find release of doubts. When he spoke, he spoke to a purpose, and when he stopped speaking, he was silent and had a certain monumental immobility -- ^{he} never poured

out his heart. He had an immense reserve. Yet we know, ~~because he was a Rabbi~~
and a preacher, ~~and from this pulpit he spoke week after week.~~ ^{why} When you hear
a great Rabbi speak, he becomes unconcealed, ^{you} You learn all about him. The
very cadence of his sentences, his very choice of words, the music of his utterance,
and the selection of themes week after week are a revelation of his personality.
So, in a sense, if we take the trouble we can know ~~him~~. Abba was a remarkable
creature, and it wasn't only his eloquence, ^{that} that God-given talent which he worked
upon and refined so magnificently during his professional years, ~~it~~ it wasn't his
eloquence. His eloquence was only the vehicle for his thoughts, the stream on
which ~~the fate of~~ his ideas sailed through life. It was his thought, ~~and~~ his thought
was
~~were~~ unusual, and there's a secret to knowing what it was. - The way he quoted
Scriptures! No one quoted Scriptures the way Abba Hillel Silver did. He didn't
quote over-frequently; he didn't quote as most of us are inclined to do, as an acerbation,
or an ornament of the text of the service. When he quoted Scripture it was inter-
woven into the tapestry of his words and the text modified to its need. The words
of ancient days became living words. How can I describe it to you, dear friends?
Only a fellow-Rabbi might sense it. He was so deep in Scripture, that it was as if
the centuries, the past had faded away, and he was still one of its inspired organs.
The Bible was his and it wove itself into his text because it was part of his heart.
Some of us know the traditions; many of us use the traditions, Abba was the living
tradition! That's why he's unforgettable.

~~It's the blessing which the Popes give in Rome. They say the blessing goes:~~

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~~"From the city over the world"~~

~~And of course this was his starting place, here he re-~~

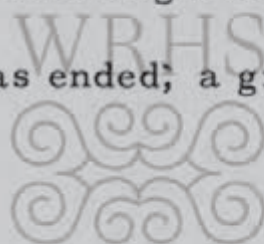
And of course, this ~~was his starting place. Here he returned, but he worked~~
~~in the world and a very interesting temperament there was to his work.~~

People think of him as a fighter. He was! A fighter for a cause. But the very nature of his battles, the ~~psychological~~ nature, revealed the uniqueness of this exceptional personality. People will say he was fearless. Yes, he was fearless, ^{other} other people are fearless. But this fearlessness was unique and you can see it this way. Many people fought with him and he fought with many. He had to rebuild movements, change moods of whole nations, change the attitude of legislative bodies ~~and~~ to do that he fought. ~~And he~~ fought against certain people ~~people~~ and certain people resented ~~him~~ his victory, and there were certain people who disliked him. But I ^{venture} ~~bet you~~ he never bothered to dislike anybody, not for any length of time. It just didn't matter to him. He spoke for a cause, not against people, ~~and he~~ spoke without fear. ~~and~~ The reason for the difference is this. Anybody can be brave under special circumstances. Many people in an argument or in a public debate can be almost heroic, but they have to work themselves up, in emotion, against their opponents. To Abba, there never were opponents. There was only a right side and a wrong side. Therefore, hate ^{was} ~~was~~ never ^{involved} ~~involved~~ and resentment never maintained. ~~He~~ fought the battle, and when it was ended, that was that. Other people had to make themselves courageous. This man -- I've watched him for years -- ~~this man~~ never had to work up his courage. He was like one of those legendary creations ^{in the Book of Job} ~~in the Book of Job~~. ~~Job:~~ ^{are} created without fears. I think we have written of it, but we rarely see it - a natural hero. ^P Shakespeare said in ~~"Romeo and Juliet"~~ - ~~no, it was in "Anthony and Cleopatra,"~~ the end that we quoted is pagan - it isn't for us. He said: "A great bright day is gone and we are for the dark".

The bright day has gone, but we are not for the dark. We keep in mind, rather, ^{when a very great Rabbi dies} the great Rabbinic saying ~~in almost all the legal literature~~ when a very great ~~Rabbi dies~~. They don't say "Jacob has departed", they say: "He has bequeathed to us the heritage of life." ~~That's what Abba has done~~ ^{is} that's what Abba has done for us. He has bequeathed to us a heritage. The living tradition merges better with our life today because of him. Because of him, ⁱⁿ his own unforgettable ^{phases} ways, ^{the} timeless ^{IR} radiates the timely, ^{and} many of us are less hesitant; many of us will face life with greater courage, because this natural hero lived about us.

So, may God give strength to his dear wife, to his boys, to his brother, to his sisters -- he had a strong family sense -- and may God help us all.

^{so} Let's say a great life has ended; a great memory now begins. Amen.



Prayer of Tribute
~~CLOSING MEMORIAL PRAYER~~

~~for~~

~~RABBI ABBA EILIEL SILVER~~

~~by~~

Rabbi Milton Matz
~~Associate Rabbi of The Temple~~

December 1, 1963

*Set as Footnote
(inside margin)*

Our God and God of our fathers, Thou hast commanded Thy children: Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to be hallowed unto the Lord, thy God. For fruitful years our revered spiritual leader, teacher, ~~and friend~~ ^{and beloved one} labored in Thy vineyard, O Lord. He planted noble vines and reaped ^{great} ~~much~~ harvest--a benevolent harvest of human betterment and growth. Now his Sabbath has come, hallowed is he in the hearts of men, as he is unto Thee, O Lord, our God.

As the faithful of Israel have preserved the Sabbath, so the Sabbath of our teacher will preserve the faith of Israel and mankind. The memory of our Rabbi shall ever be part of our beings. The remembrance of his silver words and golden silences--he was a man who knew the ^{power} ~~place~~ of both speech and silence--will remain alive within us and, through us, to all who respond to our influence. As we preserve his memory, his memory shall preserve us--giving us the inspiration of example, the depth of wisdom, the ^{heroism} ~~direction~~ of dedication, the commitment of faith. In mutual tenderness, his memory and our affections shall preserve each other throughout the years.

Amen

DR. LEON FEUER

Tzur Yisrael, Rock of ^{Israel} Ages, in whom our fathers put their trust, ^{and turn to Her} ~~return to me~~
in our hour of need, knowing that Thou will not forsake us. Our sadness is depthless,
our loss immeasurable. Bound together by our grief in the passing of our beloved
one, our Rabbi, teacher, leader, friend, our prayers soar upward unto Thee.

Hear our cry and answer us. Thou art ^{who} the Comforter of the ^{sorrow/sadness} ~~sorrowing~~ in Whom
the lonely and afflicted find strength, ^{and} We thank Thee for the precious life of Thy
devoted servant now committed to Thy care, for the full measure of years Thou
didst grant unto him.

We are humbly grateful ^{that} he was permitted to live in this time, we so urgently needed
his wisdom and courage, so that he might, under Thy providence, lead Thy people
Israel from darkness to light, from oppression to freedom.

How wondrous ~~are~~ Thy ways that all his matchless gifts of mind and heart and
tongue were dedicated to Thy service, that it was given to him, as to few of Thy
children, to bring to completion so many holy tasks.

Grant eternal peace, O Father, to the ⁺ moral remains of him who served Thee
so well, so faithfully, so single-heartedly. With the kiss of Thy consolation,
bring renewed strength to his beloved life's companion, his sons, his dear ones.
Be with this congregation and this community, which he loved so deeply, and in
whose behalf he labored so ardently. Comfort all Israel whose cause he

championed so bravely, so tirelessly, so triumphantly. Comfort Israel
in the loss of one of ~~his~~^{her} noblest sons. May his indomitable spirit live on
in all of us whom he influenced, challenging us, as he did in life, to confront
our tasks unflinchingly, to overcome every difficulty, to surmount every
obstacle; ~~that~~^{knowing} Thy kingdom may come when the marriage of Thee shall cover
the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Amen.



THE HONORABLE FRANK LAUSCHE, UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE
OF OHIO

Mrs. Silver, members of your family, members of the Temple, and your distinguished guests assembled here, Rabbis:

The task that is mine, I confess to you, seems light and yet heavy. Somberly in this period of national sorrow, we come to this Temple to pay tribute to a noble man. Rightly, in the words of the Old Testament Scripture, we can say "Know ye that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel". Fallen, yes. That is the judgment of tear-drowned eyes and of broken spirits burdened by the sadness of a sudden farewell, unexpected, given by the worthy man.

Ladies and gentlemen, we bow, in this beautiful Temple of worship, vividly conscious of the empty place at which our surprised eyes are staring; staring, stunned and bewildered, and strongly moved. There is a vacant place in the sky of our national religious life; a vacant place in the sky of friendships; a vacant place in the pulpit of this Temple, and among the true worshippers and workers for decency and justice. The lights of the candle will shine more mystically, the footsteps of the Rabbi will not fall upon the floors of this Temple, his voice is silenced, his hands are motionless, but just as surely as we are here, his presence will always be here.

It is with a deep sense of tragic loss that we are gazing in this hour with changed eyes upon a changed world. Our lonely and wondering hearts cry out in sorrow and surprise. I have been asked to speak of Rabbi Silver's dedicated life and dedicated service to his people and his service to the people of the world. Manifestly, Rabbi Silver's strength and inspired leadership strikes dumb any poor foggy words of appraisal or appreciation that I might speak. Rabbi Silver to me

radiated trust, sympathy, justice, strength, wisdom and the struggle for peace throughout the world. He had a glow of inner radiance and wherever he worked he created a climate of dedicated public service without meanness, baseness, or duplicity. He was tenderly merciful, but realistic. He was firm in the utterance of approval, but he was not effusive. He was firm, but just in the condemnation of wrong. Rabbi Silver believed in conciliation, but not in the sacrifice of principle. He respected ideas and words, but he did realize that ideas and words meant nothing unless they were translated into reality. He encouraged action eternally, but not unless that action was founded in reason.

To me Rabbi Silver was a model. I met him forty years ago. I was a young lawyer and went to hear his address at the City Club of Cleveland. I was seeking guidance. I listened to him and when the meeting was over I felt spiritually cleansed. I felt that I was better equipped to enter my life.

Rabbi Silver, in addition to the tender and ever just ministries to his own flock, and by his great power to mold and inspire others, was recognized as a leader in the establishment of Israel as a nation. His resonant voice was heard wherever he could strike a blow for the restoration of the Homeland of the Jews. Again and again, when other men, who did not share his views, attacked and criticized him, he remained firm and persevering. I felt at times that he found solace in the words of the poet who said: "Men may misjudge thy aim; think they have cause for blame and say thou art wrong; yet hold on thy quiet way; God is the Judge, not they; yes, fear not, be strong."

He was strong; he was strong in the interests of decency, justice and peace. I lost a dear friend, the world has lost a great leader; but I know that when the trumpet blew, Rabbi Silver was ready. He is gone, but his works will live with us. They will forever be an example of the ideal moral and patriotic life.



DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE
JEWISH AGENCY.

Friends, friends of Abba Hillel Silver, his family, relatives, distinguished
Ambassador of Israel:

At a moment like this, one who has been close to our great departed *friend and*
leader stands almost speechless before the mystery of death, which is the mystery
of life, ^{when} itself. On this day, ~~we are gathered here~~, fellow-Jews throughout the
world, ~~and more~~ particularly in the land of Israel, join with us in mourning
the passing of one of the greatest and noblest figures of contemporary Jewish
history.

I am ~~here~~ authorized to convey the respects and profound sorrow of the
organized Zionist movement, the Zionist Organization of America, which he
headed, the American Zionist Council, representing all of organization Zionism
in this country, and of the World Zionist Organizations. But beyond that, I know
~~that~~ I speak for the people of Israel and for its leadership, who have sent their
own messages of condolence and sympathy to the family and to the Temple.
It is a high privilege to say a word on this occasion, ^{it} ~~that~~ is also an almost, to me,
intolerable burden.


when it was a boy, boys club
Fifty-seven years ago, ~~as a boy~~ I joined a Boys' Club in New York,
"The Herzl Zion Club," on the very evening that they were celebrating the
Bar Mitzvah of their president, Abba, Abba Silver. ~~But a~~ few short months
ago, I was privileged to preside in Tel-Aviv at a great manifestation of honor, ~~and~~
^{and} respect, ~~of~~ devotion of the citizens of Israel to Dr. Silver. In the intervening period,

we, his friends and colleagues, observed with growing admiration and with a sense of amazement and of awe the rise, ^{the} growth of this towering figure, who has left his indelible imprint, not only upon his generation, but upon the history of his people.

As a youth, ~~first~~ dedicated to the Zionist idea and Zionist cause, he displayed extraordinary qualities of leadership, which came to full fruition later in life. He went to Cincinnati, to the Hebrew Union College, at that time reputed to be a hot-bed of anti-Zionist thought and ideology. We were disturbed. He was not affected -- on the contrary, it was he who was largely instrumental in converting the Reform Movement, the Reform Rabbinate in this country, to a pro-Zionist position and increasingly, with the years, his colleagues and disciples bore testimony to ^{the} ~~that~~ influence which he wielded.

From his earliest days he was active in all phases of the Zionist Movement, in an effort to restore the Jewish National Home, ~~but~~ it was not until 1943, at the age of fifty, at the height of his powers, that he assumed the leadership, the command of the Zionist forces -- indeed, of the Jewish community of America, ~~in those~~ elastic years ~~in which~~ the fate of Israel and its political future were to be decided. Despite all that we knew of his past and of his rich endowments of mind and spirit and physique, we were all astonished at the new Silver, the new man revealed to us in the hour of need and of anguish. It was after the revelation of all the horrors of the Hitler years, after Auschwitz and Buchenwald, he bore in his heart the pain, ^{the suffering that had fallen}

and the suffering that his fellow-Jews experienced, ^{the} ~~and upon his shoulders the~~ ^{burden fell upon his} ~~responsibility of~~ ^{He} carrying on ~~that~~ fateful struggle to establish, at long last, a home for the homeless, a center for renewed Hebraic civilization. It was not only his sense of adherence to his people and his sense of justice -- ^a burning sense of justice -- that demanded this of him and of us, but also his sense of pride, and his rebellion against the indignities that had been heaped upon his people through the centuries.

This is not the time nor the place to evaluate his leadership, to trace the various steps that led from the depths of despair and gloom in the early forties, to that dazzling victory at the United Nations, in November, 1947, and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. His was the voice that called us to action; ^{WRHS}  His was the call that marshalled our forces, and his the eloquence that presented to the United Nations in councilled assembly the historic claim of the Jewish people ^{for} ~~the~~ national restoration and national dignity. Those were unforgettable days, and Abba Hillel Silver's name ^{already} ~~already~~ is writ large upon the pages of our history. It will be written still larger as the years go by, and succeeding generations. We in this generation, this fateful generation of which we have been part, will appraise more fully and more truly the historic achievement of Dr. Silver, and the truly heroic role that he played, ~~at that time.~~

Last July, in Israel, we were all happy to see the outpouring of feeling of love and of gratitude of the masses of Israel and of its leaders, its President, its Prime Minister, its former Prime Minister, ~~all.~~

^{my} May I add ~~here~~ one last word for myself? He was my boyhood friend, my comrade, ^{my} teacher, my leader. Abba, Abba, ^{why did you leave us,} ~~()~~ too soon, ~~—~~ too early, ~~—~~ too suddenly. No one to replace you, no one to play the great

trumpet, to mobilize our people in hours of danger. ⁷²~~Philosopher~~ *philosopher*
said: "Children, ~~children~~ are our immortality. In them we see the story of our
^{we} lives, /hope to see the story of our lives rewritten in a fairer hand." So be it,
~~Amen~~ ^P Abba has achieved an immortality given to few. Superlatives are banal
at a time like this. Farewell dear friend, dear master, dear leader. May the
prayers of all Israel accompany you to your eternal rest.



Funeral

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

DECEMBER 1, 1963

RABBI LEON FEUER OPENING PRAYER

RABBI ARTHUR LLELYVELD "PSALMS & READING"

~~RABBI MILTON MATZ INTRODUCTION OF EULOGIES~~

SENATOR FRANK LAUSCHE *Eulogy*
~~5 MINUTES~~

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN *Eulogy*
~~5 MINUTES~~

DR. SOLOMON FREEHOF *Eulogy*
~~10 MINUTES~~

RABBI MILTON MATZ ~~CLOSING PRAYER~~ *Prayer of Tribute*

RICHARD TUCKER EL MOLEI RACHAMIN

~~RABBI MILTON MATZ BENEDICTION~~



RABBI LEON FEUER



CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE

From the desk of—

LEE GOLDSTEIN

Doctors who were here and on duty
Sunday morning:

Edward Siegler (made arrangements)

S. S. Sogg

Chester Plotkin

David Morrison

Benjamin Madow

Lou Brooks

Usher, too ✓

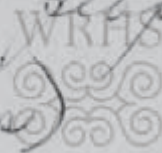
Police departments: Cleveland, Cleveland Heights,
University Circle, Shaker Heights

NOTE: Mr. Krohngold has written to them; please
see his letters before writing.

Jack & Mollie ^(L.B.) Seidenfeld
19800 Shaker Blvd.
(neighbors of Dr. Silver)

transported ~~people~~ on Sunday
(in 2 cars)

per David Simon



HOSTS - David A. Simon, chairman

4 HOSTS IN OUTER LOBBY IN BACK OF SANCTUARY

- 1) RICHARD ADLER
- 2) LOUIS N. GROSS
- 3) ALAN LITTMAN
- 4) MERRILL SANDS

6 HOSTS FOR RESERVED SECTION

- 1) LEE HARTZMARK
- 2) RICHARD SHANE
- 3) MAX GLADSTONE
- 4) JEROME MALEVAN
- 5) NORMAN KLIVANS
- 6) JOEL BENNETT

(Add) Sheldon Terson

4 HOSTS AT ANSEL ROAD DOOR AND CORRIDOR

- 1) ~~WILLIAM BECHLER~~ ALLAN M. UNGER
 - 2) ALVIN UDELSON
 - 3) DONALD SPITZ
 - 4) JUSTIN BAUM
- JARED FAULB

1 HOST IN NEW BOARD ROOM

DON WIRTSHAFTER

1 HOST AT UPPER LOBBY ANNEX

SYL ROSENFELD

1 HOST AT LOWER LOBBY ANNEX

S. LEE ROTMAN

1 HOST AT SOCIAL HALL AT ELEVATOR

HAROLD DEMBE

1 HOST IN LIBRARY

DR. SOL SOGG

4 HOSTS IN NEW CLASSROOMS

~~SANDY GUTENBERG~~
ALAN ENGLANDER
ROBERT B. ROGOFF
~~STANLEY MEISEL~~
STANLEY MEISEL

~~2 HEBREW TEACHERS FROM ISRAEL~~

ALLEN KLEIN
WILLIAM FINK
JAMES KENDIS



SUNDAY A.M. - 8:30

Following is the order in which ushers are to receive people.

Hal Moses and Stan Morgenstern will be in the halls or on Ansel Road.

6 Ushers to be at ropes at each aisle behind Row Z

1. Stanley Kempner
2. Jim Kramer
3. Jerry Friedman
4. Dr. Louis Brooks
5. Mel Lazerick

3 Ushers at lobby and outside

1. Abe Nebel
2. Jack Gold
3. Sam Tilles - in charge

4 Ushers (2 each side) in balcony

1. Hal Lewis
2. Ed Siegler
3. Jerry Goldberg
4. A. Charles Schaul

2 Ushers in Chapel

1. Herb Smith
2. Mel Mathes

4 Ushers - Luntz Auditorium

1. Bob Deutsch
2. Stuart Kahn
3. Jay Klein
4. Alvin Koch

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1. Mike Samuels
2. Leonard Task
3. Merle Marx
4. Herbert Rosner

1 Usher in Board Room

1. Nat Kaufman

1 Usher in Library

1. Bernard Abrahams

2 Ushers halls of new classrooms

1. Byron Frankel
2. Mel Neuman

2 Ushers First Floor - old building

1. Jim Reich
2. Sanford Bergman



Note: Ushers in Luntz Auditorium and Social Hall will be under the direction of Andre Ullmo

2 Ushers second floor old building

1. Fred Rivchun
2. Jerry Kerner

Reserve Ushers to be assigned:

1. Alvin Koch - Lantz Auditorium
2. Andre Ulimo
3. Herb Schmith - Chapel
4. Mel Mathes - Chapel
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
From the desk of—

RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

Clayton

~~10/11/11~~
Gordon

Курган



Ekins

Hypericoid

2. Finite Feature (Facer)

~~John H. (Panda)~~

2346 / Garficio
Pruis

Primo

Robert H. H. H.

WRHS



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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Klaus Roesch
Confidential

~~Chuala~~

Handwritten: James C. Carter President

~~Robert Wilson~~

Rabbi Dan

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*Get here
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Teacher first!*

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5. Mel Lazerick
6. *Allen Friedman**

** Sat. night also*

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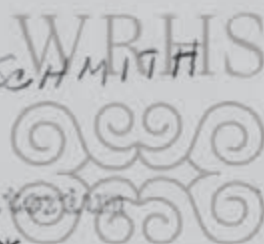
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Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

PALLBEARERS

Bertram I. Krohngold
Max Eisner
Leo W. Neumark
Edward D. Friedman
William Bassichis
A. M. Luntz
Sidney N. Weitz
Alfred A. Benesch

WRHS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS



Dr. F. Keith Gleason ✓
Dr. Nelson Glueck ✓
Ambassador Avraham Harman ✓
Rabbi Melbourne Harris ✓
Mayor Ralph S. Locher ✓
Mr. Harold P. Manson ✓
~~Dr. Sidney Marks~~
Dr. John Millis ✓
Rabbi Julius Nodel ✓
Rabbi Max Nussbaum ✓
Dr. Joseph Schwartz ✓
Mr. Louis Seltzer ✓
Rabbi Earl Stone ✓
Mr. Thomas Vail ✓
Dr. Solomon Zeitlin ✓
Mr. Max Helvarg ✓
Mr. Edgar Hahn ✓
Mr. Nathan Dauby ✓
Honorable Anthony Celebrezze ✓
Rabbi Jay Kaufmann ✓
~~Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman~~
Rabbi Richard Hertz ✓

December 4, 1963

The Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Your presence with us Sunday was a statement of friendship which I will long cherish. It seems such a short time since we were happy together at Dad's seventieth birthday. He spoke so appreciatively of your fine record of service to Cleveland and to our country. It would have given him great pleasure to have known that you were here, and I am profoundly indebted to you for this statement of respect.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Nathan L. Dauby
1610 Oakwood Drive
Cleveland 21, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dauby:

I want to acknowledge the receipt of your most generous contribution to Dad's educational and charitable foundation, and most especially of your kind thoughts enclosed. This has been a hard week for all of us, but it has been lightened by the friendship of so many. Dad always spoke in highest terms of your contribution to our country and our community, and I know he took pleasure in your friendship.

Most sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER



DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Gordon Gladstone
3569 Cummings Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Gordon:

Rabbi Matz has told me what a help you were to him this past weekend. I am deeply grateful to you. It was a fine service, the first of what I know will be a life of service.



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. T. Keith Glennan
Case Institute of Technology
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Glennan:

I had no chance Sunday to express our appreciation for your presence in our hour of sorrow. Dad took great pride that over the years the ties of friendship and cooperation between The Temple and the Institute were close. He valued the leadership you have given to the University Circle, which he saw not only as a neighborhood of separate institutions but as a community of intellectual and civic cooperation. I am deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. Nelson Glueck
Hebrew Union College
162 Glenmary Avenue
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Dr. Glueck:

I know that I could not properly express to you my deep appreciation for your presence Sunday. Dad valued your friendship and he respected the quality of leadership which you have given to the College. Dad had a profound and lasting love for the College. His years there were among his fondest memories. He rejoiced in its many contributions to rabbinic scholarship. He took pleasure in its growth. Most of all he took pleasure in its growing closeness to Israel -- to its past, and to its ongoing need.

I share these feelings. I want you to know that if I can be of any service in the years ahead I am eager so to be.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

The Honorable Avraham Harman
Israel Embassy
1621 - 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I know that I did not have the opportunity Sunday properly to thank you for being with us. I know that you came in friendship. I know also that your presence as representative of Israel was most fitting. There is no devotion on Dad's part which was more intense, no cause to which he had given more of himself. I can assure you that the ties between The Temple and Israel will remain intimate and close.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Melbourne Harris
The Sam Davis Company, Inc.
Jefferson and 23rd Streets
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mel:

I know I did not have a chance Sunday to thank you properly for being with us. The rallying of family and of friends did so much to lessen the cruelty of the hour.

Dad took such pride in your years of service here and in the friendship which had continued in our families over the years. Just a few months ago Ronnie and his wife dropped in to see us. That gave Dad real pleasure. I know we'll see you soon and under happier circumstances, and that thought is a most pleasing one.

As always,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Max Helvarg
Bonds for Israel
215 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Sunday was a hard day. I don't think I ever properly thanked you, not only for your presence but for your many kindnesses to Dad over the past years. Whenever he left Cleveland I felt secure in the knowledge that he was safe in your hands. I hope and trust that the friendship will now move down a generation but remain firm.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Rabbi Richard C. Hertz
Temple Beth El
8801 Woodward Avenue
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Dick:

I was most appreciative of your presence Sunday.
It represented a statement of respect and friendship
which I shall long remember. I do hope we will be
meeting often now but always on happier occasions.



Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mrs. Louis Joseloff
2346 Garficus Drive
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Joseloff:

I had no chance this past weekend to thank you for your invaluable help in our hour of sorrow. The rallying of friends and family made the dark days so much easier to bear. I am deeply grateful to you.

Bud and Doris tell me that you are off on a trip to Hawaii. I hope you find its sunshine welcome and a great deal of pleasure there. You are a grand lady.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Rabbi Nathan Kaber
Temple Beth Israel
3004 Union Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Dear Nate:

I was walking in something of a fog when I passed you Friday last in The Temple. I want to thank you for your offer of help in our hour of sorrow. Dad thought of you as one of "his boys" and he took great pride and pleasure in your accomplishments in the ministry.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Rabbi Jay Kaufman
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Jay:

The family was most appreciative of your presence here Sunday. It was entirely proper for the Union to be represented.

Hoping to see you on happier occasions, I remain

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Roy Klaus
Severance Hall
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Klaus:

David Gooding has told me of your thoughtfulness in composing a chorale prelude in memory of Dad, and I am deeply grateful. I did not have an opportunity to hear the music, but David assures me of its fine artistry and he has promised to play it for me in the next day or so. Yours was a most considerate gesture, and I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

The Honorable Ralph S. Locher
Office of the Mayor
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I want to thank you personally for your presence here Sunday. Dad loved this city, of which he had been a part for almost half a century. He believed in its decency. He had faith in its future. He had the greatest respect for you and spoke often of the magnificent way in which you have taken over the reins of responsibility. It would have given him great pleasure to know that you were here.

Dad felt that The Temple must be a place of civic discussion and a seeding place for civic enterprise. I pledge you my cooperation in all that will redound to the wholesomeness of our community.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. John S. Millis
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Millis:

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Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Rabbi Julius J. Nodel
Temple Shaare Emeth
560 Trinity
St. Louis 30, Missouri

Dear Julius:

I know that I could not express properly on Sunday my appreciation for your presence. The rallying of family and friends did so much to lighten the cruelty of the hour.

Dad took great pride in your ongoing success in the ministry, and I know that he would wish you continuing years of fruitful and satisfying service.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. Max Nussbaum
Temple Israel of Hollywood
7300 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood 46, California

Dear Max:

I do not believe that I had the opportunity properly to thank you for being with us Sunday last. The rallying of family and of friends did much to lighten the cruelty of the hour. It was so fitting that the President of the Zionist Organization, to which Dad had given so much of his energy, should be present. But I know the bond ran deeper than that of purely official function, and I thank you for the respect and friendship which you showed to my father.

With warmest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Albert B. Ratner
2366 Milton Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Dear Al:

Ernie Siegler has told me how helpful you were in the matter of airline arrangements. I am deeply grateful. This last week has been a hard one for us but the helpfulness of friends has made the burden much lighter.

Thanks again.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Leonard Ratner
15700 Van Aken Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Leonard:

Ernie Siegler has told me how helpful you were in securing a stand-by Cantor in case Richard Tucker had been weathered in. I am so deeply grateful. Dad had the deepest respect and admiration for you and the prodigious service which you have rendered this community. The helpfulness of friends made the past weekend somewhat easier to bear.

Many thanks.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz
Development Corporation for Israel
215 Park Avenue
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Schwartz:

I really did not have the opportunity Sunday to thank you properly for being with us in our tragedy. But the rallying of family and of friends did much to lighten the burden of that hour.

It seems but the day before yesterday that we were all beaming with pleasure at Dad's seventieth birthday. He took great pride in your presence there, and I know that it would have pleased him too to have had you here now. Dad found increasing satisfaction in his work for the Bonds. I want you to know that if I can help in any way I will do so in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Louis Seltzer
The Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Seltzer:

I don't want the days to go by without expressing to you my profoundest thanks for your many acts of kindness this past week. Your guiding hand was, as always, lent to us. Your words of comfort were most appreciated. Dad had the profoundest respect not only for your professional capacity but for the many, many ways in which you have influenced this community for good. He took great pleasure in your friendship.

May I add one other word, thanking you for the thoughtful and always courteous way in which the Press and its representatives handled the events surrounding Dad's death and funeral. There was evidence throughout of true respect for the sensitivities of the family, and we are most grateful.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Alex G. Siegler
2744 Sulgrave Road
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Alex:

Ernie has told me of your thoughtfulness in meeting Mr. Tucker and escorting him from the airport to The Temple. I am deeply grateful to you. Your family has been so helpful in so many ways. Again, many thanks.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. H. Bernard Smith
3737 Pennington Road
Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Bernie:

I read with pleasure this morning of your new appointment. The field which you will survey is certainly one in which an overall program is required. I am delighted that the State has chosen its executive leadership so well, and I can only hope that you will receive the political backing which a rejuvenated mental health program requires.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Rabbi Earl S. Stone
Temple Emanuel
51 Grape Street
Denver 20, Colorado

Dear Earl:

It was so thoughtful of you to be with us Sunday. This rallying of family and of friends did much to lighten the cruelty of the hour. It seemed as we spoke that it was only the day before that we spent such a happy few hours in Chicago and I am looking forward to many such meetings in the months ahead.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Mr. Thomas Vail
The Cleveland Plain Dealer
1801 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Vail:

I am writing to express the family's thanks to you personally for your participation in Dad's funeral service, and to the Plain Dealer for its thoughtful handling of our tragedy. The Plain Dealer throughout not only maintained its high standard of journalism, but its representatives were always thoughtful of the sensitivities of our family.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

December 4, 1963

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin
Drake Hotel
15th at Spruce Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Zeitlin:

It was wonderful to have you with us this past weekend. The rallying together of family and friends did so much to lighten the cruelty of the hour. I know that Dad had undertaken several responsibilities for you, and I want you to know that anything I can do to be helpful will be eagerly undertaken. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:lg

*Robin Da
Phoned 12/3*

The following members of The Temple Men's Club will remain in the sanctuary through the night Saturday.

From 7:00 - 11:00

✓ Jerry Grover
✓ Phil Leiner

*641-6000
1-7566*

*Paul Meldon 1-1000
Joe Hartzmark 771-0950*

11:00 - 1:00

Dr. Irving Rosen
✓ Gary Silberbach

*Om 1-6700
Ma 1-4674*

1:00 - 3:00

✓ Jules Vinney
✓ Dr. Marv Dorfman

*At 1-9520
H2 2-4477*

3:00 - 5:00

✓ Irv Duchon

944-5474

✓ Bernie Isaacs

W41-7169

✓ Dr. Irving Lieberman

421-3030

5:00 - 7:00

✓ Joel Garver

Ma 1-3012

✓ Robert Horovitz

641-4800

MMO 3-7575

7:00 - 9:00

✓ Mort Epstein

641-6000

✓ Dave Immerman

752-6500

✓ Ben Lewitt

1-4355

✓ Bill Nye

1-3232



*call after service
Mr. Rosen
Horowitz
Kowitz*

From the desk of—

LEE GOLDSTEIN

✓ Sanford Sugarman

Men who assisted with transportation of guests

Dr. Max Pomerantz *Sw 1-7110*

✓ Alvin Arsham

✓ Lawrence Lurie

✓ Herman Davidson *771-7900*

✓ Max Mink *Ch 1-6100 Sk 2-7498*

✓ Maury Goldstein

✓ Joseph Fox *W 1-3310*

✓ Irwin Duchon - again. He stayed in sanctuary
from 3:00 to 5:00 a.m.

ma 1-4674 Gary Silberbach - again. He stayed in sanctuary
from 11:00 to 1:00 a.m.



From the desk of—

LEE GOLDSTEIN

The following men were of help to Ernie Siegler.

- ✓ Albert Ratner - got plane tickets for Dr. Neumann and Harold Manson (when there were no tickets)
- ✓ Leonard Ratner - arranged for Park Synagogue cantor to stand by in case Mr. Tucker couldn't get here
- ✓ Alex Siegler - picked up Mr. Tucker at airport and got him here in time (with police escort)



PALLBEARERS

Bertram J. Krohngold
Max Eisner
Leo W. Neumark
Edward D. Friedman
William Bassichis
A. M. Lantz
Sidney N. Weitz
Alfred A. Benesch

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath
Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Dr. T. Keith Glennan
Dr. Nelson Glueck
Ambassador Avraham Harman
Rabbi Melbourne Harris
Mayor Ralph S. Locher
Mr. Harold P. Manson
Dr. Sidney Marks
Dr. John Millis
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3. New Lounge
4. Luntz Auditorium

Seating facing the Temple.)

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Seating in these areas will be on same basis as the Temple. When exit occurs, Auditorium and Social Hall should exit through 105th Street exit and ushers may direct.

6. Library, ~~using north entrance of School corridor only~~
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 - b. classrooms on all three floors in School building, filling third floor first, then down

When these areas are filled, no one else is to be allowed into building.

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7. Outside:

Three areas where people can accumulate:

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Ernest Seigler--parking and traffic

Cleveland Police Department, will send 8 or 9 patrolmen
University Circle police

Temple Parking Lot on reserved basis. No cars allowed except those with tickets. All cars will face out towards Temple bumper to bumper. 350 to 380 cars in lot. Temple will be members ~~xxxxxxxx~~ asked to use other areas. No notification except police direction of traffic. Following parking areas will be available:

market parking lot

Severance parking lot (Shuttle buses to Temple)

Women's Hospital lot north of Chester

Park Lane Villa Hotel lot

~~Set~~ Street parking--no parking tickets will be issued

Discussing ensued whether parking should be publicized, publicizing
Rabbi Matz suggested that when out lot is filled, additional parking is available in these ~~additional~~ areas. Leo Bamberger will call papers, T.V. and radio to make this additional announcement.

Processional:

All parked in Temple parking lot will be in processional. Announcement will be made from pulpit asking that those not in the lot not be in the processional because of traffic hazards. Ushers must be prepared to keep these people out of processional. Ushers must keep people who are outside from crowding into drive at this point. Pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and out-of-town guests

in limousines. People will remain seated throughout the entire building until processional are out. When lead car has reached the chain, Rabbi Matz will be notified and start releasing people from Auditorium and Social Hall onto East 105th. Rabbi Matz will ask the people not to go to the cemetery. About 200 cars are expected to be in processional. When family, pallbearers, and honorary pallbearers arrive at cemetery, the cemetery service will begin.

People in reserved sections will go out the doors beside the pulpit.

Mr. Krongold: Our first consideration is to the family.

~~The following publicity has been sent to newspapers, T.V., and~~

The casket will lie in state from 7 to 9 Saturday evening. ~~Organ music~~

Notices to this effect are in newspapers and T.V. and radio. Stanley Morgenstern and ushers will be here during this time. The Temple Men's Club men will be here throughout the night.

On Saturday night people will be coming in front doors, go down the right side and out the left. After they file by they may sit down if they wish and then leave. ~~Reli~~ People will be stationed if there is a crush (or danger thereof) then they will be lined up. Rabbi Matz thinks we must be prepared with a large crew of ushers. Two Cleveland police and also University Circle policemen will be around. If there is a build up of traffic, Leo Banberger will call the police for additional men. Though announced from 7 to 9, we will accommodate people from 7-11. Organ music, complete solemnity will be observed with ushers all around. People should be guided ^{to} ~~at exits~~ through front doors but if there is a build-up of people, then ~~exiting~~ exiting will be through opposite doors ~~exits~~. Staff

men will be in lot in their uniforms and white shirts and ties.

Discussion as to whether private cars driven down by family are to be allowed into Ansel Road. Lot attendants will have keys to all cars in the lot so they can be moved if necessary. Arrangements have been made for the procession regarding escort, lights, and traffic lights, etc. The only ones invited to park in the lot and be in procession are officers and board members of the Temple and its affiliates.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club can be turned to for additional help.

THE SERVICE

The service itself will start promptly at 11:00.

Opening part: Rabbi Leliveld (5 minutes)

Main Eulogy: Rabbi Freehof (10 minutes)

Shorter Eulogy: Dr. Neumann (5 minutes)

Remarks: Senator Lausche (3 minutes)

Rabbi Matz: close the service (3 minutes)

Rabbi Feuer: at cemetery

The service will run 30 to 40 minutes. By 11:40 service should be over.

Mr. Morgenstern and Mr. Seigler suggested that churches in the area be asked to shorten services a bit or hold till we are past. Police will hold up and stop all traffic. Mr. Luntz said he had mentioned this about the churches to the police.

The family will be at home to family and out-of-town guests Sunday and to friends 7-9 Monday through Thursday evenings.

The remains of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will lie in state at The Temple between seven and nine o'clock on Saturday evening, in the main sanctuary.

The funeral service will be held at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, December 1, 1963.

The family will be at home to the immediate family and out of town guests on Sunday. They will be at home to friends on Monday through Thursday from seven to nine in the evening.

Organ music will play after the service for about one half hour or until all people are out.

DISMISSAL

Ushers in Social Hall must see to it that no people go up ~~stairs~~ the stairway but must go out to 105th. Ushers will assume responsibility to get people out by sections from the Social Hall to 105th after the service is over.

The Wade Park Manor, the Somerset Inn and Howard Johnson Motel will ask people as they come in if they are here for ~~Silver's~~ Rabbi Silver's funeral. If so, they are to be told to contact the ushers when they get to The Temple and Mr. Simon will see that they are seated.

Total meeting of all 70 ushers will be called by Hal Moses for Saturday afternoon. 15 ushers Saturday night, 70 for Sunday. They will be here by 8:30 on Sunday, doors open at 9:00. Attendants will be on lot by 8:00.

Mr. Eisner and Mr. Simon have a list of acceptances of honorary pallbearers.

~~Dis~~

Discussion of how many to be admitted on each ticket. The general pattern has been set and we will do the best we can. Ushers will have to use their judgement.

Ernie Seigler asked whether services will be broadcast or televised. The services will be taped. Mr. Seigler asked Mr. Bemberger ~~asked~~ to call Harry Dennis about professional taping and about broadcasting the service.

Mr. Krongold ^{called} Rabbi Dan .

Rabbi Matz thanked the Committee and asked them to please try to avoid shifts in plans and to keep in touch with him or Mr. Krongold if they think ~~they must~~ anything should be changed. ~~Mr. Krongold returned and said~~

Mr. Krongold returned and said that he had spoken to Rabbi Dan. Rabbi Dan was sure his father wouldn't want ~~this~~ services broadcast and that his mother doesn't want it but if the news media asked us to let him know and they'll ~~reconsider~~ consider the request.

Rabbi Dan would like to meet with this Committee tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. He appreciates your help.

November 29, 1963

Present: ^{WRHS} Leo Bamberger, ³⁰ Max J. Eisner, Samuel Givelber, S. M. Friedman; ~~and Max~~

✓ Bertram J. Krongold, ✓ A. M. Luntz, Rabbi Milton Matz, Stanley

✓ Morgenstern, ^{MAI-3695} Harold Hoses, Leo W. Neumark, David L. Simon ^{He 1-8008}

Not present: ✓ Charles Auerbach, Charles Ascherman, Erving Kane

(MAI-0644

PR 1-4680

He 1-7977

*full
Friedman
Wag 1-5986
Ascherman
Kane
Mort & Peter*

PARKING AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

The Temple - Sunday morning, December 1, 1963

11:00 A.M. We are expecting approximately 5,000 people, possibly more or less, but this is the best estimate Rabbi Matz could make. The Temple building can accommodate approximately 3,000 people in the building; no one is to be in corridors or foyer. We can anticipate crowds around the building.

Loud speakers will be positioned outside the building:

one in front of Temple,

one between The Temple and Mt. Sinai Hospital,

the third by the fountain in Silver Park (even if the weather is bad).

It is expected that people will be coming early. Police should be here at 8:30.

We must have complete police protection on E. 105th, Chester, and between The Temple and the parking lot (at the chain). This area must be kept completely clear (between the chain and E. 105th). Everyone must come in from E. 101st Street. The gates at the north entrance to the drive are to be closed and no cars are to come in this entrance except Cleveland Temple Memorial vehicles. Rabbi Matz will give a list of the license numbers of these cars to the police. (Sergeant Tayler of the Cleveland Police will be here today -- Friday -- to consult with Chief Michalski, who will give him the information.)

The Temple parking lot will be filled on a reserved card basis. University Circle Police will control entrances to lot on E. 101st. Cards are being sent Friday to those invited to be in the procession. Chief Michalski will keep a check on cars coming in. Cars in lot are all to face the drive and be parked bumper to bumper. During the service Ansel Road is to be kept clear of cars and people.

At the close of the service:

First the coach and family cars will be filled on Ansel Road and then these cars will be moved to the chain barrier. The rest of the procession, which will be the total Temple parking lot, will go then. People will not be released from the sanctuary until the family cars are filled and moved to the front. Then the cars in the parking lot will be released. The procession will include approximately 250 cars.

Route:

From Ansel Road to E. 105.

E. 105 to Chester

East on Chester to East Boulevard

South on East Boulevard to the top of Cedar Hill

East on Cedar to Euclid Heights Boulevard

Euclid Heights Boulevard to Kenilworth Road

Kenilworth to Mayfield

East on Mayfield to cemetery entrance, which is about 500 feet west of
Coventry Road

Escort:

Two Safety Patrols

Mr. Labowitch would like the traffic lights blocked en route. Chief Michalski of University Circle Police will arrange with Cleveland Heights Police to assist when Cleveland-Cleveland Heights line is reached.. Mr. Labowitch would like both sides of Mayfield Road blocked at Kenilworth and at Coventry, and traffic detoured, so that both sides of Mayfield Road will be available for parking for the processional cars.

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Street parking -- no parking tickets will be issued.

Discussing ensued whether parking should be publicized. Rabbi Matz suggested publicizing that when our lot is filled, additional parking is available in these areas. Leo Bamberger will call papers, T.V. and radio to make this additional announcement.

Processional :

All parked in Temple parking lot will be in processional. Announcement will be made from pulpit asking that those not in the lot not be in the processional because of traffic hazards. Ushers must be prepared to keep these people out of processional. Ushers must keep people who are outside from crowding into drive at this point. Pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and out-of-town guests in limousines. People will remain seated throughout the entire building until processionals are out. When lead car has reached the chain, Rabbi Matz will be notified and start releasing people from Auditorium and Social Hall onto East 105th. Rabbi Matz will ask the people not to go to the cemetery. About 200 cars are expected to be in processional. When family, pallbearers, and honorary pallbearers arrive at cemetery, the cemetery service will begin.

People in reserved sections will go out the doors beside the pulpit.

Mr. Krongold: Our first consideration is to the family.

The casket will lie in state from 7 to 9 Saturday evening. Notices to this effect are in newspapers and T.V. and radio. Stanley Morgenstern and ushers will be here during this time. The Temple Men's Club men will be here throughout the night.

On Saturday night people will be coming in front doors, go down the right side and out the left. After they file by they may sit down if they wish and then leave. People will be stationed if there is a crush (or danger thereof) then they will be lined up. Rabbi Matz thinks we must be prepared with a large crew of ushers. Two Cleveland police and also University Circle policement will be around. If there is a build up of traffic, Leo Bamberger will call the police for additional men. Though announced from 7 to 9, we will accommodate people from 7 to 11. Organ music, complete solemnity will be observed with ushers all around. People should be guided to exits through front doors but ;if there is a build-up of people, then ~~existing~~ exiting will be through opposite doors. Staff men will be in lot in their uniforms and white shirts and ties.

Discussion as to whether private cars driven down by family are to be allowed into Ansel Road. Lot attendants will have keys to all cars in the lot so they can be moved if necessary. Arrangements have been made for the processional

regarding escort, lights, and traffic lights, etc. The only ones invited to park in the lot and be in procession are officers and board members of the Temple and its affiliates.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club can be turned to for additional help.

THE SERVICE:

The service itself will start promptly at 11:00

Opening part: Rabbi Lelyveld (5 minutes)
Main Eulogy: Rabbi Freehof (10 minutes)
Shorter Eulogy: Dr. Neumann (5 minutes)
Remarks: Senator Lausche (3 minutes)
Rabbi Matz: close the service (3 minutes)
Rabbi Feuer: at cemetery.

Richard Tucker: El Moleh Rachamim

The service will run 30 to 40 minutes. By 11:40 service should be over. Mr. Morgenstern and Mr. Siegler suggested that churches in the area be asked to shorten services a bit or hold till we are past. Police will hold up and stop all traffic. Mr. Luntz said he had mentioned this about the churches to the police.

The family will be at home to family and out-of-town guests Sunday and to friends 7 to 9 Monday through Thursday evenings.

The remains of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will lie in state at the Temple between 7 and 9 on Saturday evening in the Main Sanctuary.

The funeral service will be held at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, December 1, 1963.

The family will be at home to the immediate family and out of town guests on Sunday. They will be at home to friends on Monday through Thursday from seven to nine ~~xx~~ in the evening.

Organ music will play after the service for about one half hour or until all people are out.

DISMISSAL:

Ushers in Social Hall must see to it that no people go up the stairway but must go out to 105th. Ushers will assume responsibility to get people out by sections from the Social Hall to 105th after the service is over.

The Wade Park Manor, the Somerset Inn and Howard Johnson Motel will ask people as they come in if they are here for Rabbi Silver's funeral. If so, they are to be told to contact the ushers when they get to The Temple and Mr. Simon will see that they are seated.

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Total meeting of all 70 ushers will be called by Hal Moses for Saturday afternoon. 15 ushers Saturday night, 70 for Sunday. They will be here by 8:30 on Sunday, doors open at 9:00. Attendants will be on lot by 8:00.

Mr. Eisner and Mr. Simon have a list of acceptances of Honorary Pallbearers.

Discussion of how many to be admitted on each ticket. The general pattern has been set and we will do the best we can. Ushers will have to use their judgment.

Ernie Seigler asked whether services will be broadcast or televised. The services will be taped. Mr. Seigler asked Mr. Bamberger to call Harry Dennis about professional taping and about broadcasting the service. Mr. Krohngold called Rabbi Dan.

Rabbi Matz thanked the Committee and asked them to please try to avoid shifts in plans and to keep in touch with him or Mr. Krohngold if they think anything should be changed.

Mr. Krohngold returned and said that he had spoken to Rabbi Dan. Rabbi Dan was sure his father wouldn't want services broadcast and that his mother doesn't want it but if the news media asked us to let him know and they'll consider the request.

Rabbi Dan would like to meet with this Committee tomorrow at 9:00 A.M. He appreciates your help.

November 29, 1963

Present: Leo Bamberger, Max J. Eisner, Samuel Giv lber, S.M Friedman;

Bertram J. Krohngold, A.M Luntz, Rabbi Milton Matz, Stanley Morgenstern, Harold Moses, Leo W Neumark, David L. Simon, *Ernie Seigler*

Not present: Charles Auerbach, Charles Ascherman, Irving Kane. *Ernie Seigler*

Mr. Krongold: New ideas are out of order. Severance Hall is out.
We can accommodate 4500 people--sanctuary, Luntz Auditorium, Social Hall,
School Rooms--about 4500 inside, 2,000 to 3,000 outside.

Rabbi Matz: We have a very big job ahead. This is the group that
has assumed responsibility: ~~Mr. Krongold and Rabbi Matz~~ It is important
no
that new ideas be acted upon unless Rabbi Matz or Bert Krongold be advised.

We have have a program. Our job is to implement this program.

In terms of responsibility: ~~Mr. Givelber~~

Mr. Givelber--loudspeakers and seating

Eisner--membership and reservation-- will keep running tally on out-
of-town people--see that they get information, reservation
cards, transportation, hotel reservations, etc.

Host Committee--David Simon (Eisner will help)--Sanford Sugarman
~~Sanford Sugarman~~ has made the Men's Club available for any transporta-
tion needed. There are some requests to meet people at planes,
David Simon will take care of meeting people. B. Krongold has
listx and will give it to Simon.

Will also handle seating of reserved section guests. 800
seats will be reserved and roped off (by Leo Bamberger) across
the front. There will be a man at each aisle to keep these
reserved until 10:45. Excluding family, honorary pallbearers,
out-of-town guests, etc., remaining seats will be opened to the
public at 10:45.

Total of 800 seats will include:

100 for out-of-town guests and family ~~in~~ in front center.

This section should not be filled even if left unused.

3 center sections will be used. Pallbearers will be
in front row of Section A. Mr. Labowitch will advise
where pallbearers should be.

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Dr. Nelson Glueck
Rabbi Earl Stone
Rabbi Max Nussbaum
Rabbi Julius Nodel

Prof. Solomon Zeitlin
Dr. John Ellis
Dr. Keith Glennan

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Ambassador Avraham Harmon
Mr. Louis Seltzer
Mr. Thomas Vail

The last two were especially asked for by Rabbi Dan Silver

RESPONSES

Dr. Nelson Glueck accepted; reservations made for him at Wade Park Manor (dbles. rm.)
 Rabbi Earl Stone " will be here Sat. night-desires no hotel reservation.
 Rabbi Max Nussbaum indefinite; will know 6 P.M. Friday evening (Clev. time.)
 Prof. Solomon Zeitlin accepted; arriving 6:33 P.M. Sat. from Philadelphia-United Air Lines-
 reservations Wade Park Manor--asks to be picked up at
 airport.

Dr. John Millis accepted; will be here 10 A.M. Sunday.
Dr. Keith Glennan cannot be reached, but we will hear from him before 6 PM Friday.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman cannot accept. Ill.

Ambassador Avraham Harman accepted; will arrive flight #757, United Air Lines, 12:30 A.M. Sunday morning-reservations Wade Park Manor-single room.

Joseph Schwartz (with consent of Rabbi Matz and Rabbi Dan) will arrive flight #757 (as above)
reservation Wade Park Manor--single room.

Mayor Locher was contacted by someone other than myself and he will be here,
Louis Seltzer

Thomas Vail

Dr. Eisendrath Mr. Krohngold has been personally trying to reach him and has yet not been able to do so.

Dr. Sidney Marks accepted; made own reservations at Wade Park Manor

Harold Manson

Dr. Emanuel Neumann 1111 111111

Rabbi Julius Nodel " will be here---Wade Park Manor

Charles Auerbach
Nov. 29, 1963

Funeral Service for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

RABBI LEON FEUER

Tzur Yisroel, Rock of Israel, in whom our fathers put their trust, we turn to Thee in our hour of need, knowing that Thou wilt not forsake us. Our sadness is depthless, our loss immeasurable. Bound together by our grief in the passing of our beloved one, our Rabbi, teacher, leader, friend, our prayers soar upward unto Thee. Hear our cry and answer us. Thou who art the comforter of the sorrow-laden, in whom the lonely and afflicted find strength, we thank Thee for the precious life of Thy devoted servant now committed to Thy care, for the full measure of years Thou didst grant unto him.

We are humbly grateful that he was permitted to live in this time, we so urgently needed his wisdom and courage, so that he might, under Thy providence, lead Thy people Israel from darkness to light, from oppression to freedom. How wondrous Thy ways that all his matchless gifts of mind and heart and tongue were dedicated to Thy service, that it was given to him, as to few of Thy children, to bring to completion so many holy tasks.

Grant eternal peace, O Father, to the mortal remains of him who served Thee so well, so faithfully, so single-heartedly. With the kiss of Thy consolation, bring renewed strength to his beloved life's companion, his sons, his dear ones. Be with this congregation and this community, which he loved so deeply, and in whose behalf he labored so arduously. Comfort all Israel whose cause he championed so bravely, so tirelessly, so triumphantly. Comfort Israel in the loss of one of its noblest sons. May his indomitable spirit live on in all of us whom he influenced, challenging us, as he did in life, to confront our tasks unflinchingly, to overcome every difficulty, to surmount every obstacle, that Thy kingdom may come when the knowledge of Thee shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD Psalms and II Kings 2:1-12

The Honorable FRANK LAUSCHE

The task that is mine, I confess to you, seems light and yet heavy. Somberly in this period of national sorrow, we come to this Temple to pay tribute to a noble man. Rightly in the words of the Old Testament Scripture, we can say, "Know ye that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." Fallen, yes. That is the judgment of tear-drowned eyes and of broken spirits burdened by the sadness of a sudden farewell, unexpected, given by the worthy man.

Ladies and gentlemen, we bow, in this beautiful Temple of worship, vividly conscious of the empty place at which our surprised eyes are staring, staring stunned and bewildered, and strangely moved. There is a vacant place in the sky of our national religious life, a vacant place in the sky of friendships, a vacant place in the pulpit of this temple, and among the true worshippers and workers for decency and justice. The lights of the candle will shine more mystically, the footsteps of the Rabbi will not fall upon the floors of this Temple. His voice is silenced, his hands are motionless, but just as surely as we are here, his presence will always be here.

It is with a deep sense of tragic loss that we are gazing in this hour with changed eyes upon a changed world. Our lonely and wondering hearts cry out in sorrow and surprise. I have been asked to speak of Rabbi Silver's dedicated life and dedicated service to his people and his service to the people of the world. Manifestly, Rabbi Silver's strength and inspired leadership strikes dumb any poor foggy words of appraisal or appreciation that I might speak. Rabbi Silver to me radiated trust, sympathy, justice, strength, wisdom, and the struggle for peace throughout the world. He had a glow of inner radiance and wherever he worked he created a climate of dedicated public service without meanness, baseness, or duplicity. He was tenderly merciful, but realistic. He was firm in the utterance of approval, but he was not effusive. He was firm, but just, in the condemnation of wrong. Rabbi Silver believed in conciliation, but not in the sacrifice of principle. He respected ideas and words, but he did realize that ideas and words meant nothing unless they were translated into reality. He encouraged action eternally, but not unless that action was founded in reason.

To me Rabbi Silver was a model. I met him forty years ago. I was a young lawyer and went to hear his address at the City Club of Cleveland. I was seeking guidance. I listened to him and when the meeting was over I felt spiritually cleansed. I felt that I was better equipped to enter my life.

Rabbi Silver, in addition to the tender and ever just ministries to his own flock, and by his great power to mold and inspire others, was recognized as a leader in the establishment of Israel as a nation. His resonant voice was heard wherever he could strike a blow for the restoration of the Homeland of the Jews. Again and again when other men, who did not share his views, attacked and criticized him, he remained firm and persevering. I felt at times that he found solace in the words of the poet who said: "Men may misjudge thy aim, think they have cause for blame and say thou art wrong; yet hold on thy quiet way; God is the Judge, not they; yes, fear not, be strong." He was strong; he was strong in the interests of decency, justice and peace.

I lost a dear friend, the world has lost a great leader; but I know that when the trumpet blew, Rabbi Silver was ready. He is gone, but his works will live with us. They will forever be an example of the ideal moral and patriotic life.

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

At a moment like this, one who has been close to our great departed friend and leader stands almost speechless before the mystery of death, which is the mystery of life itself. On this day, fellow-Jews throughout the world, particularly in the land of Israel, join with us in mourning the passing of one of the greatest and noblest figures of contemporary Jewish history. I am authorized to convey the respects and profound sorrow of the organized Zionist movement—the Zionist Organization of America, which he headed, the American Zionist Council, representing all of organized Zionism in this country, and of the World Zionist Organizations. But beyond that, I know I speak for the people of Israel and for its leadership, who have sent their own messages of condolence and sympathy to the family and to The Temple. It is a high privilege to say a word on this occasion; it is also an almost, to me, intolerable burden.

Fifty-seven years ago, when I was a boy, I joined a boy's club in New York, the Herzl Zion Club, on the very evening that they were celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of their president, Abba, Abba Silver. A few short months ago, I was privileged to preside in Tel-Aviv at a great manifestation of honor, respect and devotion of the citizens of Israel to Dr. Silver. In the intervening period, we, his friends and colleagues, observed with growing admiration and with a sense of amazement and of awe the rise, the growth of this towering figure, who has left his indelible imprint, not only upon his generation, but upon the history of his people.

As a youth, dedicated to the Zionist idea and Zionist cause, he displayed extraordinary qualities of leadership, which came to full fruition later in life. He went to Cincinnati, to the Hebrew Union College, at that time reputed to be a hot-bed of anti-Zionist thought and ideology. We were disturbed. He was not affected—on the contrary, it was he who was largely instrumental in converting the Reform Movement, the Reform Rabbinate in this country, to a pro-Zionist position and increasingly with the years, his colleagues and disciples bore testimony to the influence which he wielded.

From his earliest days he was active in all phases of the Zionist Movement, in an effort to restore the Jewish National Home. It was not until 1943, at the age of fifty, at the height of his powers, that he assumed the leadership, the command of the Zionist forces—indeed, of the Jewish community of America. In those elastic years, the fate of Israel and its political future were to be decided. Despite all that we knew of his past and of his rich endowments of mind and spirit and physique, we were all astonished at the new Silver, the new man revealed to us in the hour of need and of anguish. It was after the revelation of all the horrors of the Hitler years, after Auschwitz and Buchenwald—he bore in his heart the pain and the suffering that his fellow-Jews experienced—that the burden fell upon his shoulders of carrying on the fateful struggle to establish, at long last, a home for the homeless, a center for a renewed Hebraic civilization. It was not only his sense of adherence to his people and his sense of justice—a burning sense of justice—that demanded this of him and of us, but also his sense of pride, and his rebellion against the indignities that had been heaped upon his people through the centuries.

This is not the time nor the place to evaluate his leadership, to trace the various steps that led from the depths of despair and gloom in the early forties, to that dazzling victory at the United Nations, in November, 1947, and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. His was the voice that called us to action. His was the call that marshalled our forces. His the eloquence that presented to the United Nations in council assembly the historic claim of the Jewish people for national restoration and national dignity. Those were unforgettable days. Abba Hillel Silver's name is already writ large upon the pages of our history. It will be written still larger as the years go by. We in this generation, this fateful generation of which we have been part, will appraise more fully and more truly the historic achievement of Dr. Silver, and the truly heroic role that he played.

Last July, in Israel, we were all happy to see the outpouring of feeling of love and of gratitude of the masses of Israel and its leaders, its President, its Prime Minister, its former Prime Minister. May I add one last word for myself? He was my boyhood friend, my comrade, my teacher, my leader. Abba, Abba, why did you leave us, too soon, too early, too suddenly. No one to replace you, no one to play the great trumpet to mobilize our people in hours of danger. The philosopher said: "Children are our immortality. In them we see the story of our lives. We hope to see the story of our lives rewritten in a fairer hand." So be it.

Abba has achieved an immortality given to few. Superlatives are banal at a time like this. Farewell, dear friend, dear master, dear leader. May the prayers of all Israel accompany you to your eternal rest.

RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF

Fellow mourners, Abba Hillel Silver was primarily a Rabbi, and whatever else he did in the world was the outgrowth of his rabbinical ideas. I am certain that as a Rabbi and preacher, in health and in sickness, he was constantly aware of the pageant of the weekly portions as they succeeded each other through Scripture and through the calendar, and I am rather certain that in the last few weeks he was aware of the Scriptural saga of Jacob—Jacob, whose glory name was Israel, and who is the symbol of all our highest emulation. I wonder if he thought of the words "Wayetzeh Yaakov." "Jacob departed." The Rabbis say about that seemingly overplayed verse that it is told us in order that we should never forget that when a great man is in the city, before he departs there is a glory and a radiance, and when he has departed the glory fades and the radiance is dimmed. This is our life these days—a glory has faded, a radiance has dimmed. One almost feels like using Shakespeare's pagan words, "The bright day is done and we are for the dark."

Friends, we certainly should not attempt to evaluate his achievements. There are too many of them. They are too monumental. There will be hundreds of meetings, scores of articles weighing this great man. It's only because it's so hard to imagine him not here, that we should try to visualize his presence and understand what was back of all his great achievements—his personality. It was not a personality easy to love, except by his closest and his dearest, because he was one of those unusual men who did not need to pour out their hearts in order to find release of doubts. When he spoke, he spoke to a purpose, and when he stopped speaking, he was silent and had a certain monumental immobility—he never poured out his heart. He had an immense reserve. Yet we know when you hear a great Rabbi speak, he becomes unconcealed, you learn all about him. The very cadence of his sentences, his very choice of words, the music of his utterance, and the selection of themes week after week are a revelation of his personality. So, in a sense, if we take the trouble we can know him. Abba was a remarkable creature, and it wasn't only his eloquence—that God-given talent which he worked upon and refined so magnificently during his professional years—it wasn't his eloquence. His eloquence was only the vehicle for his thoughts, the stream on which his ideas sailed through life. It was his thought, his thought was unusual, and there's a secret to knowing what it was—the way he quoted Scriptures! No one quoted Scripture the way Abba Hillel Silver did. He didn't quote over-frequently; he didn't quote, as most of us are inclined to do, as an accretion, or an ornament of the text of the service. When he quoted Scripture it was interwoven into the tapestry of his words and the text modified to its need. The words of ancient days became living words. How can I describe it to you, dear friends? Only a fellow-Rabbi might sense it. He was so deep in Scripture, that it was as if the centuries, the past had faded away, and he was still one of its inspired organs. The Bible was his and it wove itself into his text because it was part of his heart. Some of us know the traditions; many of us use the traditions. Abba was the living tradition! That's why he's unforgettable.

People think of him as a fighter. He was! A fighter for a cause. But the very nature of his battles, the psychological nature, revealed the uniqueness of this exceptional personality. People will say he was fearless. Yes, he was fearless; other people are fearless. But this fearlessness was unique and you can see it this way. Many people fought with him and he fought with many. He had to rebuild movements, change moods of whole nations, change the attitude of legislative bodies—to do that he fought. He fought against certain people and certain people resented his victory, and there were certain people who disliked him. But I venture he never bothered to dislike anybody, not for any length of time. It just didn't matter to him. He spoke for a cause, not against people. He spoke without fear. The reason for the difference is this. Anybody can be brave under special circumstances. Many people in an argument or in a public debate can be almost heroic, but they have to work themselves up, in emotion, against their opponents. To Abba, there never were opponents. There was only a right side and a wrong side. Therefore, hate was never involved and resentment never maintained. He fought the battle, and when it was ended, that was that. Other people had to make themselves courageous. This man—I've watched him for years—never had to work up his courage. He was like one of those legendary creations in the Book of Job who are created without fears. I think we have written of it, but we rarely see it—a natural hero.

Shakespeare said in "Anthony and Cleopatra," "A great bright day is gone and we are for the dark." The bright day has gone, but we are not for the dark. We keep in mind, rather, the great Rabbinic saying when a very great Rabbi dies. They don't say "Jacob has departed," they say: "He has bequeathed to us the heritage of life." That is what Abba has done for us. He has bequeathed to us a heritage. The living tradition merges better with our life today because of him. Because of him, in his own unforgettable phrase, "The timeless irradiates the timely," many of us are less hesitant; many of us will face life with greater courage, because this natural hero lived about us.

May God give strength to his dear wife, to his boys, to his brother, to his sisters—he had a strong family sense—and may God help us all. Let us say a great life has ended, a great memory now begins. Amen.

RABBI MILTON MATZ

Our God and God of our fathers, thou hast commanded Thy children: Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to be hallowed unto the Lord, thy God. For fruitful years our revered spiritual leader, teacher, friend, and beloved one labored in Thy vineyard, O Lord. He planted noble vines and reaped great harvests—a benevolent harvest of human betterment and growth. Now his Sabbath has come, hallowed is he in the hearts of men, as he is unto Thee, O Lord, our God.

As the faithful of Israel have preserved the Sabbath, so the Sabbath of our teacher will preserve the faith of Israel and mankind. The memory of our Rabbi shall ever be part of our beings. The remembrance of his silver words and golden silences—he was a man who knew the power of both speech and silence—will remain alive within us and, through us, to all who respond to our influence. As we preserve his memory, his memory shall preserve us—giving us the inspiration of example, the depth of wisdom, the heroism of dedication, the commitment of faith. In mutual tenderness, his memory and our affections shall preserve each other throughout the years. Amen.

Mr. RICHARD TUCKER.....EL MOLEI RACHAMIM



RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER (1893-1963)