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THE AMERICAN JEWISH WEEKLY

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New York

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

May 6
1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
1485 East 106th St
CLEVELAND OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Jewish Tribune is planning to devote considerable space to the celebration of your tenth anniversary as the spiritual leader of your congregation.

I am wondering in this connection whether you would not want to do an autobiographical article dealing with one important period in your life, or giving anecdotes and incidents of several of them. Do you think you would want to do one for us? We shall be very grateful to you if you will see your way clear to contribute this article to our pages.

You realize of course that in order that we may use it in time and announce it properly, the article must be in our hands before May 15th.

Cordially yours

Sidney Wallach
Sidney Wallach

Assistant Editor
THE JEWISH TRIBUNE

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10th Anniversary

May 11, 1927.

Mr. Erie C. Hopwood,
Editor, Cleveland Plain Dealer,
East 6th & Superior,
City.

My dear Mr. Hopwood:

On Wednesday evening, May 25th,
The Temple will celebrate the tenth
anniversary of Rabbi Silver's ministry
with the congregation. Because of Rabbi
Silver's numerous activities in the
religious and cultural life of our
community, we believe that the occasion
will take on a civic character.

Thinking that you would be
interested in a short account of Rabbi
Silver's ministry, we are taking the
liberty of sending you the enclosed
statement.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary of the Congregation

10th Anniversary

May 12, 1927.

Mr. T. A. Robertson,
Editor, Cleveland News,
City.

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10th Anniversary

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Mr. Theo. O. Thackeray,
Editor, Cleveland Press,
City.

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Secretary of the Congregation

May 13, 1927.

Mr. Sidney Wallach,
Ass't Editor,
The Jewish Tribune,
570 Seventh Ave.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wallach:

Thank you very much for your
letter of May 6th.

I wish I had the time to write
an autobiographical article for your May 15th
issue but I have been entirely occupied this
week writing an address for the National
Conference of Social Workers which meets in
Des Moines on the 15th of May. This is rather
an important occasion and I have had to put in
a good deal of time on the address.

I am grateful to you for your
kindness in planning to devote considerable
space in your magazine to the celebration of
my tenth anniversary.

With kindest regards and with
best wishes to all my friends at the Jewish
Tribune, permit me to remain

Very sincerely,

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10th Anniversary

May 13, 1927.

Mr. C. T. Henderson,
Editor, Town & Country Club News,
1329 Union Trust Bldg.
City.

My dear Mr. Henderson:

I am leaving the city today to attend the National Conference of Social Workers in Des Moines but before I leave I want to take the opportunity to express my keen appreciation for your very beautiful tribute to me in the last issue of the Town and Country Club News, which has just come to my attention.

I am altogether unworthy of the many fine things that you say about me. I want you to know that your words have meant much to me.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely,

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May 18, 1927.

Rabbi Julius Silberfeld,
32 Ingram Pl.
Newark, New Jersey.

My dear Rabbi Silberfeld:

I was delighted to receive
your note of May 13th informing me that you
were paying me the high honor of attending
my testimonial dinner on May 25th.

Is Mrs. Silberfeld
coming with you? I have reserved a room
for you at the Cleveland Hotel where the
dinner will be held.

Please phone me
immediately upon your arrival. We shall
arrange to have lunch together.

With kindest regards
to you and yours, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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May 18, 1927;

Miss Nell C. Henry,
2084 East 107th St.
City.

My dear Miss Henry:

May I not tell you how
very much I appreciated your thoughtfulness
in writing me the note of May 15th. It is
a source of great inspiration to know that
one's ministry is helping someone.

Will you not avail
yourself of the services of The Temple
at any future time? Permit me to assure
you that you will at all times be most
welcomed.

With kindest regards,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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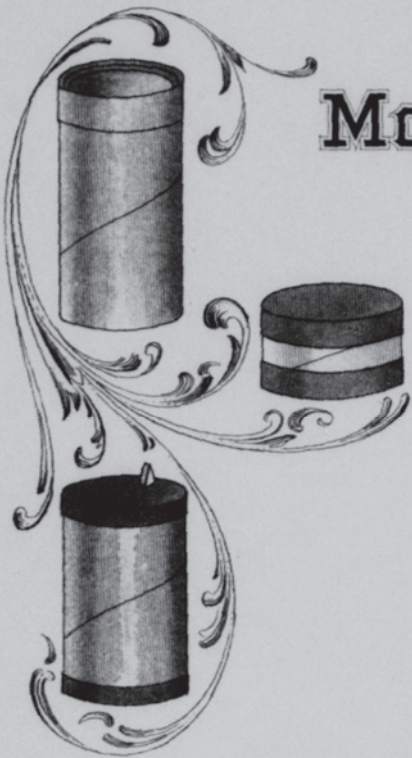
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Cleveland, May 26th 1900 Anniversary
Rabbi Mr. Abba Hillel Silver
City.

My dear Rabbi:

Now the feast is over
I do not hesitate to acknowledge as
being the writer of the poor verse which
I had mailed to Pres. Lowenstein, and,
though the sonnet may not claim the
title or merit of "Poetry" - the sentiments
expressed was fully as sincere as
as any of those uttered by
and truthful expressions
some, or rather all of the speakers
at the Testimonial dinner.
My reason for not having it signed
was that I did not wish to feel
embarrassed in having my name mentioned
before such a large and appreciative audience
with such an insignificant tribute, however
sincere and candid it may have been, - if it
should have been read aloud.

Hope you will accept my apology.

Sincerely James Ernst Altshuler



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May 27, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I was reminded today of your 10th anniversary upon reading in the Cleveland News your impressive address and the remarks of various speakers at the banquet.

As beautiful as were the eulogies of the speakers, anything they said, I am sure, did not commence to express the feeling of the community towards you and the value of your wonderful work. The reading of your message impressed and affected me in a way that I cannot describe, as many of your sermons have in the past.

In conveying to you and Mrs. Silver the congratulations of Mrs. Garson and myself our wishes are that you may be spared to carry on, until you feel and are satisfied that your work has been well done.

Mrs. Garson joins me in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

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May 31, 1927.

Mr. T. A. Robertson,
Editor, The Cleveland News,
1800 Superior Ave.
City.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

May I not take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to you for the beautiful editorial which appeared in your newspaper, Friday, May 27th, in connection with the celebration of my Tenth Anniversary as minister of The Temple, as well as for the very generous space which you devoted in your valued columns to the report of this celebration. It was more than I deserved.

I shall long treasure the memory of your gracious liberality of praise for my humble services in the community.

With kindest regards,
permit me to remain

Very sincerely,

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May 31, 1927.

Mr. Erie C. Hopwood,
Editor, Plain Dealer,
City.

My dear Mr. Hopwood:

May I not take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the beautiful editorial which appeared in the Plain Dealer on Tuesday, May 24th, on the occasion of The Temple Celebration of my Tenth Anniversary, as well as for the space which you so generously devoted in reporting this celebration. It was more than I deserved.

The articles of Mr. Fred Charles were written with an understanding and a kindness of spirit which moved me deeply and which greatly pleased the members of my Temple.

Thanking you again for your graciousness and liberality of spirit, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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June 3, 1927.

Mr. Ernest Altschul,
2544 Overlook Rd.
City.

My dear Mr. Altschul:

May I take this opportunity
to tell you how much I appreciated the
lovely poem which you sent me on the
occasion of the celebration of my
anniversary.

The sentiment of it and
the thought which prompted its writing
moved me deeply and I shall long treasure it.

With kindest regards, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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10th Anniversary

June 3, 1927.

Rev. Louis C. Wright,
Epworth Memorial Church,
East 55th & Prospect,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rev. Wright:

May I not take this opportunity to express to you my deep appreciation for the honor which you bestowed upon me in participating in the program of my Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

I was deeply stirred by your fine words of commendation. I am altogether undeserving of the many beautiful things which were said of me but they will long remain with me as an inspiration.

Thanking you again for the fine evidence of friendship which you manifested, permit me to remain

Very sincerely,

June 3, 1927.

William R. Hopkins, Esq.,
City Manager,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Manager Hopkins:

May I not take this opportunity to express to you my deep appreciation for the honor which you bestowed upon me in participating in the program of my Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

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Very sincerely yours,

June 3, 1927.

Rabbi Julius Silberfeld,
Newark, New Jersey.

My dear Rabbi Silberfeld:

I have just had the first breathing spell after the excitement of last week and I take this occasion to tell you how much I appreciated the spirit of friendship which prompted your coming to my celebration.

You made of the occasion a real Yon Tov for me. My only regret is that you did not stay over a few days so that I could spend some time with you and show you the City but I wish to remind you of your promise to return here this month. We leave on the 24th of June. Please do come and bring Mrs. Silberfeld with you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

June 3, 1927.

Dr. Julian Morgenstern,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Morgenstern:

May I not take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the great honor which you bestowed upon me in coming to Cleveland to participate in my tenth anniversary celebration.

I know that you came at a sacrifice and that the week of the celebration was a very crowded one for you and therefore, I am doubly appreciative of this courtesy which you extended to me. I shall long remember your splendid address.

You are among the very few who really understand what I am driving at in my ministry.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Morgenstern and to your sweet daughter, in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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HENRY E. SHEFFIELD
13003 LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 5th 1977.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon my return to
home from a short stay in the East I found the
invitation to the Testimonial Dinner in your
honor. I am very sorry that I was not here to
attend and help in a small way to do you honor.
I have heard what a fine occasion it was and
I offer you my belated congratulations.

You may well feel proud and happy of the
work you have done in this city, not only for the
Temple and your people but for the whole community
during these ten years.

I have personally seen your helpful interest
in the Associated Charities and I greatly appreciate
it and thank you.

If it were too much trouble you could convey
my belated regrets to those who were ^{so} kind
as to invite me to the dinner. I would be
much obliged. Very sincerely, Henry Sheffield.

June 8, 1927.

Mr. Isaac J. Garson,
McCreary Mfg. Company,
1045 West 19th St.
Erie, Pa.

My dear Mr. Garson:

Permit me to thank you
for your beautiful letter of May 27th.

I need not tell you that
I appreciated it very much. I am sorry
that you were not with us on the occasion
of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration. I
would have particularly enjoyed your presence
at that time. It was a beautiful affair.

Please remember me to
Mrs. Garson and convey to her my best
wishes, in which Mrs. Silver joins me.

With kindest regards,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND

My dear A.H.:

Will you join
me in a libel suit - against
the News?

I think I am going to
have my face lifted
and my ears trimmed.

Sympathetically yours
Max

....There are few men in the ministry of any denomination whose work has been as truly effective as yours has been during this dedication of service. Nor has your influence by any means been limited to the people of your own city or of our own faith. I do not mean to flatter you when I say that you have written your name large in the annals of our time and country. May God give you strength to continue your splendid work for Judaism and humanity through many many years to come.

(Signed) Rabbi Leo M. Franklin

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.... But though I shall be absent in the flesh from your formal gathering on the twenty-fifth, I do not wish to be considered absent in the spirit. My personal admiration for the intellectual accumen, wide human sympathies, and deep spiritual vision of Rabbi Silver move me to desire strongly, to be included in your groups which are tendering him this testimonial dinner in recognition of his ten years' ministry at the Temple.

It is written in your ancient Scripture "If thou be made Master lift not thyself up, but be among them as one of the rest." Does any other noted man in Cleveland heed so well this injunction as does the object of your applause and mine? Is he not in very deed "one of the rest of us"; and for that gracious humility of spirit which he manifests do we not cleave to him with true affection.

(Signed) Dean Francis White

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.... In a modern industrial city where issues are necessarily blurred, you seem to have kept your vision clear. I believe that the great influence and leadership which you have gained are due in large part not only to an ability to see the right way clearly, but to a refusal to compromise that vision when it has been opened.

You have been an example of courage to many of us. I am glad that that courage has been made effective by brilliant achievements as a teacher and prophet. I wish you and your congregation many years more of leadership together in the community.

(Signed) Carlton K. Matson

.....Rabbi Silver occupies a unique place in the American Jewish pulpit. He has been endowed by high Heaven with the choicest gifts of mind and heart and body, and he has made beautiful use of them in behalf of his people and his faith. I consider him to be the most gifted man in the Jewish pulpit, and one whom any congregation should feel at once proud and humble to have him lead them.

(Signed) Rabbi Edw. N. Calisch.

..... In this decade of service, he has become a great power for light and for righteousness. His voice is heard speaking in behalf of the noble forces of the community. To the present decade, may he add yet longer periods of greatest and richest service.

(Signed) Charles P. Thwing

.. I gladly wire my humble word of congratulation to America's most distinguished Rabbi and I join with countless admirers in the prayer that God may continue to bless and keep you. Well have you been named for you are an Abba in learning, a Hillel in humility and a silver-tongued spokesman in Israel.

(Signed) Victor Samuel Reichert

.. On the occasion of His Tenth Anniversary as minister of Cleveland's leading Congregation, my associates and I extend hearty congratulations and all good wishes to America's most brilliant Rabbi. May you grow from strength to strength in health, happiness and the ~~the~~ satisfaction of doing a good job well.

(Signed) David N. Mosessohn,

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Rabbi A. M. Silver

The Temple

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