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Twenty-fifth anniversary of service at The Temple and fiftieth  
birthday, 1942-1943.

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September 29, 1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

May I congratulate you upon your twenty-fifth anniversary of affiliation with the Temple. A great deal has happened within that span of twenty-five years but at this time I prefer to recall a few of your numerous contributions to The Temple and our people.

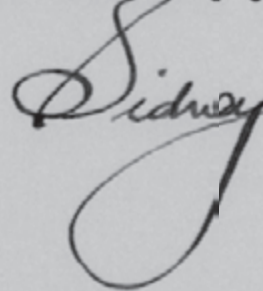
A congregation that numbered 700 in 1917 now has a membership of approximately 1400. Soon after your arrival, the home of The Temple, which in its day was a symbol of beauty and strength, proved inadequate and was replaced by the monumental structure which is now occupied. Our religious school became one of the leading religious educational institutions in America. Our library is the largest congregational library in the United States exclusively devoted to Judaica.

To you belongs the major credit, for your ingenuity was inexhaustible and your perseverance was an inspiration to all. As was said of you not so long ago by another in delineating your service to Israel, you have been a "devoted child of its people and a tireless laborer in its cause, upholder of its institutions, guardian of its hope, sustainer of its faith, leader in its struggle, statesman of its present, builder of its future, dreamer of its eternal dream and seer of its endless vision."

It is my earnest hope that the good Lord may grant you strength and health to continue your fine work.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,



SNW M



December 7, 1942

Mr. A. R. Willard  
Willard Storage Battery Co.  
E. 131st and St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Willard:

In connection with our conversation a day or two ago about the music for my twenty-fifth anniversary celebration which will be held on January 24, I am enclosing herewith an announcement of the special musical program which has been arranged for the anniversary celebration of Temple Rodeph Sholom in New York. It may give you some ideas for planning your program. You will note that they supplemented their choir for the occasion inviting some guest artists and also instrumentalists.

I should like some special music arranged also for the Sabbath Morning Services, on January 23, which will be the children's celebration.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AMS:EK



ALFRED R. WILLARD  
1829 BURNETTE AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dec. 10th,  
1942.

Dear Rabbi Silver:--

Thanks for the program of the Anniversary of the New York Temple. I have read it carefully, and note that their augmented choir is almost exactly the same size as our regular choir. I have already placed the chairs in our choir platform and find that we can accomodate two more sopranos, one more alto, and one more each of tenor and bass. Except for the tenor I have the voices in mind, and will go ahead and get them lined up for January 24th.

I suggest that we consider Mr. Leonard Rose for the instrumentalist for the Sunday morning service. What do you think? On account of the orchestra season we should move a little in advance, so to be able to know where we stand if the orchestra should happen to be on tour for that date.

None of the choir numbers announced on the program you sent struck me as being particularly what we might want. Special settings of 'May the Words' while beautiful, do not seem to rise to the occasion, at least I am looking further at present. I hope to have a list for your consideration shortly.

I appreciate your note, for I am anxious that this occasion should have the best we can give it, and only by working on it steadily and talking it over can we hit upon what is wanted.

Very sincerely

*AR. Willard*





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Miss Bessie Kline  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Will you be good enough to inform me, as usual, when Dr. Silver sends the attached letters to Warren, Ohio and Sharon, Pennsylvania.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:bg  
Encs.

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—HON. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy



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December 14, 1942

The Jewish World  
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a statement issued by the Board of the Temple today in connection with the forthcoming twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Rabbi Silver's ministry at The Temple.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.



December 14, 1942

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz  
Leader Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

In connection with the Anniversary Celebration on January 24, I would suggest that we invite a number of people who represent important local and national organizations and movements with whom I have been actively identified to become members of a Committee of Sponsors for the Anniversary Service and Fiftieth Birthday Celebration. You may suggest in the letter that a word of tribute which they would care to write would be placed along with others in an anniversary album which will be presented to Rabbi Silver on the occasion of the celebration. If you will draft the letter, the office will get it out this week. It will take some time before the replies come in. Among the men to be invited to join this Committee of Sponsors would be the Governor of the State, Presidents Leutner and Wickenden, Dr. Morgenstern, Paul Baerwald, Senator Burton, Nathan Straus, Henry Monsky, etc. The names of this Committee of Sponsors would be published on the program of January 24th.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. On thinking it over, I believe that Dr. Bird should be invited in place of Bishop Tucker. Bishop Tucker is a recent arrival in Cleveland and the older clergymen, among whom I have many friends, might resent the fact that they have been overlooked. I spoke to Bird this morning and told him that he would receive an official invitation from you, and I inquired whether he would be free on the 24th. He will let me know in a day or two.



[December 24, 1942]

The Board of Trustees of The Temple announced that The Temple will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's ministry with the congregation on January 23 and 24. A Committee has been appointed to plan the details of the celebration.

At Rabbi Silver's request, because of the war situation, the celebration will be limited to an anniversary religious service on Sunday morning, January 24, and to a children's service Saturday morning, January 23. Representatives of the community, and of the important national and international causes with which Rabbi Silver has been actively identified during his quarter of a century in Cleveland, will participate in the Sunday morning service.

The celebration has been delayed a few months in order that it might coincide with Rabbi Silver's fiftieth birthday anniversary, which will be on January 28.



December 14, 1942

Editor  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
106 E. 41st St.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a statement which was issued today by the Board of Trustees of The Temple and which I thought would be of interest to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.



December 14, 1942

City Editor  
Cleveland Plain Dealer  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

As per the request of your assistant,  
I am enclosing herewith a statement that was issued  
today by The Temple Board of Trustees concerning  
the approaching twenty-fifty anniversary celebration  
of Rabbi Silver's ministry with The Temple.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



December 14, 1942

Editor  
Independent Jewish Press Service  
207 Fourth Avenue, N.Y.

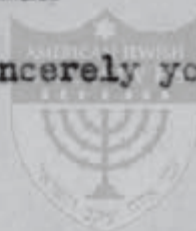
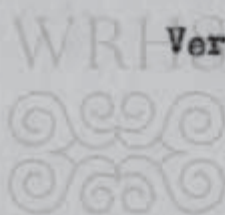
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With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.





December 14, 1942

Mr. A. R. Willard  
1829 Burnette Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Willard:

Thank you for your note of December 10.  
I am happy to know that you are proceeding so  
satisfactorily with the planning of the music for the  
24th. Your suggestion of Mr. Leonard Rose for the  
instrumentalist is an excellent one. Please  
proceed with all arrangements necessary in connection  
with the augmented choir, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



LAW OFFICES OF  
**WEITZ AND WEITZ**  
LEADER BUILDING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SIDNEY N. WEITZ  
LOUIS E. WEITZ

December 16, 1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

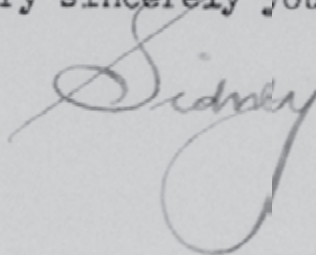
My dear Rabbi:

As per yours of December 14th and in accordance with our conversation, I am enclosing a draft of letter to be sent to those who are to be invited to become members of a Committee of Sponsors. You may feel free to make any changes that you deem necessary.

As soon as you know whether Dr. Bird will be available I shall invite him to participate in the services, and at the same time will write to Dr. Weitzman and Rabbi Cohen.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



SNW M  
ENCL



December 17, 1942

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz  
Leader Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

Thank you for your letter of December 16 and the draft which you enclosed. I have omitted reference to a committee of sponsors thinking, as you suggested, that it might lead to some misunderstanding. I have therefore revised the letter somewhat. I am enclosing herewith the draft as revised. Unless I hear from you, we shall proceed with the mailing of the letter right away.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

P.S. Please remember to invite Mayor Lausche.



December 20, 1942

Mr. Peter W. Witt  
6401 Denison Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Witt:

This year marks Rabbi Silver's twenty-fifth year of service to The Temple, and in January he will be fifty years of age. We have planned to commemorate these events on Sunday morning, January 24.

Inasmuch as Rabbi Silver's sphere of activities has extended far beyond The Temple itself, we thought that many of his friends and others with whom he has been associated in the many civic, religious and humanitarian causes, might wish to send a word of greeting and tribute on this occasion.

Included among our plans is the presentation of an anniversary album to Rabbi Silver. This will contain the various tributes paid to him and we shall appreciate it if you will write a word of tribute to be placed, along with others, in this album.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and with all good wishes, we remain

Most cordially yours,

SNW:K

President.



# Hotel St. Regis.

Fifth Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street

New York December 21, 1942

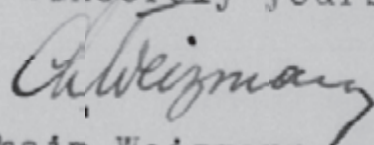
Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, President  
The Temple, East 105 Street  
at Ansel Road, Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Weitz:

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. In reply I would like to tell you, as I have already told Dr. Silver who mentioned this matter to me, that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to join you in commemorating the two happy anniversaries on January 24th. It is my hope, barring the unforeseen, to help you celebrate Dr. Silver's birthday and Temple anniversaries, and I look forward to keeping this engagement with glad anticipation.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely yours,



Chaim Weizmann



RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

December

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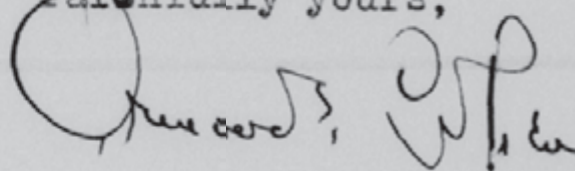
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Mr. Sidney Weitz  
The Temple  
Ansel & 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Weitz:

It is a great pleasure for me to accept your invitation to participate in the program of January 24th, commemorating Rabbi Silver's twenty-fifth anniversary at The Temple and his fiftieth birthday. His presence in Cleveland has for a quarter of a century brought distinction to the Jewish and non-Jewish community and I am delighted to be able to take part in a celebration honoring him.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Armond E. Cohen", written over a horizontal line.

AEC:S



THE BISHOP OF OHIO  
2241 PROSPECT AVENUE  
CLEVELAND

December 24, 1942.

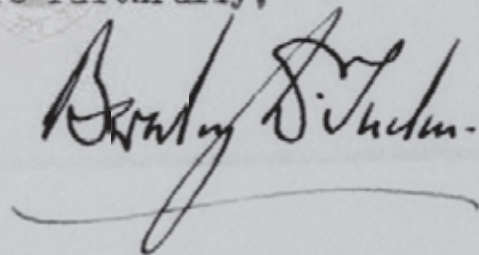
My dear Mr. Weitz:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, telling me that you are planning to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Silver's service to The Temple on Sunday morning, January 24.

I have a confirmation appointment that morning at St. John's, Cleveland, which will prevent my being present, but I shall be very happy to send my tribute to be placed along with others in the album. I can assure you of my high regard for Rabbi Silver.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bradley D. Thelen', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

BDT:RDF





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December 24th, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a clipping of an article published in the new edition of my publication on the occasion of your forthcoming fiftieth birthday. This article was written before the jubilee was announced.

No matter what you may think of me or my wife I want you to believe me when I say that the feelings expressed in this articles are the truest feelings of both of us. Every word is an expression coming from the bottom of our hearts.

Jewry needs you now more than ever. There are enormous tasks in store for you. How could anybody at this time act differently than to wish you to be vouchsafed for many, many more years as a spokesman for your people? We wish you the best of health and happiness together with Mrs. Silver and your children for another fifty years to come, and that you may serve your people still more effectively than until now.

Very cordially yours,

*Leon Wiesenfeld*  
Leon Wiesenfeld



THE CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Office of the Rabbi  
ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN  
145 BALLARD DRIVE  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

12/25/42

Dear Abba -

Upon your two-fold anniversary  
may I give you a hearty 'Shan. May  
the days of your years be long - ~~rest/ rest 37~~  
@ 37, and may the years of your ministry  
continue under the blessing of God as a  
continuing blessing to Love-He and to  
manhood.

rest 37/ rest 37 to rest 37

With affectionate greetings to you and  
Virginia in which Helen joins me, I am

Faithfully  
Abel



CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

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11205 EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND

28th December 1942

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weitz:

Thank you for your very gracious invitation to participate in the service to be held in The Temple on Sunday morning January 24th in honor of the completion of twenty-five years of service in this city on the part of Rabbi Silver.

As I have already said to Dr. Silver, I shall be honored to represent the Protestant Clergy at this service.

With very cordial regards, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

*Philip Innes*

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The Gotham  
NEW YORK CITY

Abba Hillel Silver. D.D.-

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

In honor of your  
25<sup>th</sup> year - I enclose a  
check for 100<sup>00</sup> toward  
the Temple Mortgage Fund.

While I am away so  
much that I cannot be  
active in the Temple affairs,  
I wanted to help the  
good cause along.

Sincerely,

Edwin Krusten

Dec 30/92



LAW OFFICES OF  
**WEITZ AND WEITZ**  
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

SIDNEY N. WEITZ  
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December 30, 1942.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
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Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

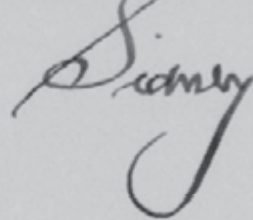
I am returning the letters written by Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Rabbi Armond E. Cohen. I am also enclosing letter from Willis W. Clark, General Chairman of the Cleveland Community Fund, together with letter and check for Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) from Bernard B. Given.

Will you please deliver the check to Harry Levy with instructions that when and as the appropriate time arrives the names of Ethel Schoenfeld Given and Bernard B. Given are to be inscribed in the Memorial Book.

While I have written to Mr. Given acknowledging his check, I think it would be well for you also to write to him.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



SNW M  
Encls.



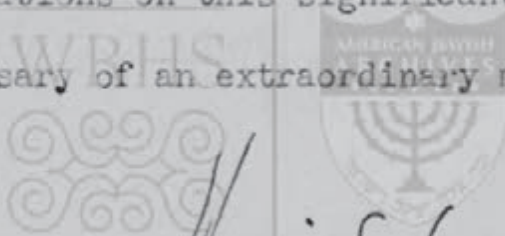
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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December 31, 1942

The officers and members of Baltimore  
Hebrew Congregation join me in hearty  
felicitations on this significant  
anniversary of an extraordinary ministry.

  
*Morris S. Lazaron*



[December 1942

This year marks Rabbi Silver's twenty-fifth year of service to The Temple, and in January he will be fifty years of age. We have planned to commemorate these events on Sunday morning, January 24.

Inasmuch as Rabbi Silver's sphere of activities has extended far beyond The Temple itself, we thought that many of his friends ~~with whom he has worked~~ and others with whom he ~~was~~ *has been* associated in the many civic, religious and humanitarian causes, might wish to send a word of greeting and tribute on this occasion.

Included among our plans is the presentation of an anniversary album to Rabbi Silver. This will contain the various tributes paid to him and we shall appreciate it if you will write a word of tribute to be placed, along with others, in this album.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and with all good wishes, we remain

Most cordially yours,

President.





[December 1942]

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THE TEMPLE  
Cleveland, Ohio

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Service  
in tribute to

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sunday morning, January 24, 1943, 10 A.M.

Admit one





THE TEMPLE  
Cleveland, Ohio

The honor of your presence is requested at the

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

in tribute to

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

upon the completion of twenty-five years as

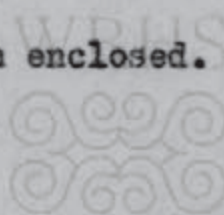
Rabbi of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

on Sunday morning, January twenty-fourth

Nineteen hundred and forty-three

at ten o'clock

Cards of admission enclosed.





[December 1942]

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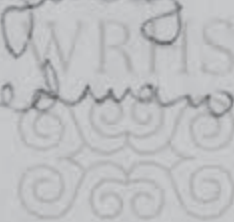
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