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Thirty-fifth anniversary of service at The Temple and sixtieth
birthday, 1952-1953.

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June 25, 1952

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Mr. Richard Tucker
10 Melville Lane
Great Neck, L.I.

My dear Friend;

On Sunday, January 25, 1953, The Temple will commemorate my 35th year as Rabbi of the congregation, and the community, my 60th birthday. A special service will be held on Sunday, January 25th, at 10:30 a.m. at which time it would give me a rare pleasure indeed if you would be our guest artist on that occasion and participate in the liturgical service.

I am writing to you this far ahead first, knowing how busy you are and that you are probably making your commitments for next season, and also, because I am leaving the country in the next few days to be gone over the summer.

I do hope that it will be possible for you to come to us on that occasion. It would afford me great pleasure indeed. The congregation, I am sure, will be pleased to meet your honorarium.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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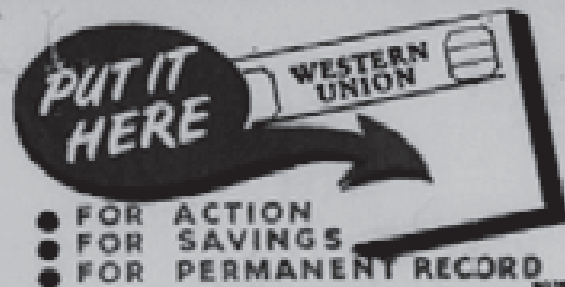
JULY 9, 1952

DR. SOLOMON B. FREEHOF
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CENTER LOVELL, MAINE
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4905 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.

THE TEMPLE WILL CELEBRATE MY 35TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE
CONGREGATION WITH A SPECIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING
JANUARY 25. THIS OCCASION WILL ALSO BE IN THE NATURE
OF A 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT
IT WOULD GIVE ME THE GREATEST PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU DELIVER
THE ADDRESS AT THE SERVICE. VIRGINIA AND ARE LEAVING FOR
EURDIE ON FRIDAY AND I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR
REPLY IMMEDIATELY. ALL GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND LILLIAN.

ABBA



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HAPPY TO CELEBRATE YOUR 60TH BIRTHDAY BY THEN I WILL
BE SIXTY AND TWO MONTHS AND EXPECT REVERENT TREATMENT
LOVE FROM LILLIAN AND ME TO VIRGINIA AND YOU=
SOLOMON B FREEHOF=

July 15, 1952

National Concert & Artists Corporation
711 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen;

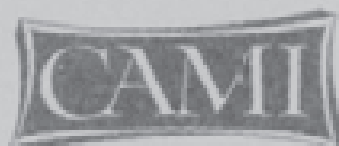
Before leaving for vacation, Dr. Silver sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Richard Tucker, who is a personal friend of his. Since we have not heard from him, I tried reaching him at his home but apparently the family is away on vacation. If you could forward the enclosed copy to him, we should be most appreciative.

WRHS
Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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July 18/1952.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have heard from Mr. Tucker, who is in California that he would be most pleased to sing at your Commemoration Service, January 25th, 1953. However, Mr. Tucker will have to clear the date with the Metropolitan Opera Association on account of a possible rehearsal on the Monday or a possible Saturday Night opera. He is hopeful, however, of accomplishing the release. The fee would be \$2500.00.

Looking forward to your decision, and with all
good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(COLUMBIA ARTISTS MANAGEMENT, Inc.)
(JMS) *Eda Kofsky*
Booking Director.

September 18, 1952

Senator Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Taft;

The Temple and the Cleveland community will celebrate the 60th birthday anniversary of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the completion of his 35th year as Rabbi of The Temple with a Religious Service on January 25, 1953, and a civic testimonial dinner on Wednesday evening, January 28th, the date of his birthday. We look upon this occasion as a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to one who is greatly beloved by us and who has meant so much to the life of our people and to the American community.

Knowing of your close friendship to Dr. Silver and of the high esteem and affection in which he holds you, The Temple would be proud to have you as its guest of honor at the banquet, which will be held at the Carter Hotel. We write you this far ahead, knowing how crowded your program normally is and hoping that you will be able to come to us on that day.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. LUNTZ
President

AML:er

JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF
312 HAWTHORNE TERRACE
MT. VERNON, N. Y.

September 25, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had several talks with Richard Tucker with regard to his performing in Cleveland on Sunday, January 25th. He is very eager to sing at any affair with which you are connected, but he pointed out these engagements must go through his agent's office, and his fee for a concert is of course \$2500.00, as you know.

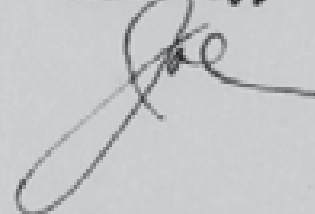
Richard finally agreed to sing for \$1500.00, which will of course include all expenses both traveling and the fee for his accomparist, which he figured would come to about \$300.00. Consequently, therefore, he feels he is giving you a fee of \$1200.00.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you would like to engage Mr. Tucker at the \$1500.00 fee. I too feel that it is a steep price to pay, but unfortunately artists such as Tucker are in such great demand that they are able to command the fee they designate. I have seen some of Tucker's concert contracts, and I can vouch for the fact that his regular concert fee is \$2500.00.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as possible whether or not you agree to pay the "special" fee Tucker has stated.

Freddie and the children join me in wishing you, Mrs. Silver, and the boys a very Cheerful, Healthful, and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



September 26, 1952

Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf
312 Hawthorne Terrace
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Joe:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 25th. I am sorry that our funds here will not make it possible for us to have the pleasure of Mr. Tucker. Thank you very much for all the effort which you put in this matter.

In connection with the testimonial dinner which is to be given here on the 28th of January, it is our intention to invite one or two national figures. I understand that the Z.O.A. is planning a dinner the following week. Has any thought already been given to the people who are to be invited to speak? I think it would be desirable to avoid duplication. The testimonial committee here is planning to invite Ambassador Eban. I requested them to delay the invitation until I had heard from the Z.O.A.

All good wishes to you and your family for a happy New Year, in which Mrs. Silver joins me most heartily.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

To: Robert Marx
Richard Singer

September 26, 1952

Rabbi Jay Kaufman
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
836 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

My dear Jay:

First, let me wish you and yours a very happy New Year.

The Temple is making plans to celebrate the completion of 35 years of my ministry here as well as my 60th birthday with a special religious service on Sunday morning, January 25, 1953. My life-long friend, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, will be the guest preacher that morning, and I am eager to have some of The Temple confirmands who are now rabbis in Israel share in the service. It would give me great pleasure indeed if you could be with me on that occasion and participate in the service. Besides yourself, I am inviting Leon Feuer, Richard Singer, Robert Marx and Daniel Silver.

The Temple people are also planning a birthday dinner at the Statler Hotel on Wednesday evening, January 28th, and it would give us all great pleasure if you and your wife could remain over for that occasion.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Temple Israel

1901 NORTH FLAGLER DRIVE
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

TELEPHONE 3-2871

October 1, 1952

RICHARD E. SINGER, Rabbi
216 30TH STREET
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have received your kind letter of September 26th and appreciate deeply the invitation to participate in the happy and significant anniversary celebrations which your congregation is planning. I should like nothing more than to be able to accept immediately.

However, we have to schedule the dedication of our new buildings (our Temple proper has just been completed) for late January or early February and until I know the exact date I cannot make plans. Our congregational president will return from his summer vacation soon and final scheduling will take place at our October Board Meeting. As you can understand, mine is a situation peculiar to resort congregations.

If it will not inconvenience you too greatly I should appreciate your allowing me until October 10th to reply definitely to your very gracious invitation.

June joins in sending warmest greetings for a very happy and satisfying New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dick

Rabbi Richard E. Singer

Temple Israel

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MRS. ARTHUR E. MOSES

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I deeply regret that I shall be unable to participate in the significant events which will mark your sixtieth birthday and the thirty-fifth anniversary of your spiritual leadership of the Temple. But, as I indicated in my previous letter, I must remain here to assist with the final arrangements for our dedication program.

Please know how much I appreciate your very thoughtful and gracious invitation to be with you and your congregation. I am really quite disappointed. Nevertheless, June and I will be thinking of you and wishing you many, many more years of happiness and satisfaction with the congregation that you have served with such eminent distinction.

With warm personal greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Dick

Rabbi Richard E. Singer

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

November 20, 1952

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

My dear Nathan:

The Temple is making plans to celebrate the completion of 35 years of my ministry here as well as my 60th birthday with a special religious service on Sunday morning, January 25, 1953. My life-long friend, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, will be the guest preacher that morning, and I am eager to have some of The Temple confirmands who are now rabbis in Israel share in the service. It would give me great pleasure indeed if you could be with me on that occasion and participate in the service. Besides yourself, I am inviting Leon Feuer, Jay Kaufman, Robert Marx and Daniel Silver.

The Temple people are also planning a birthday dinner at the Statler Hotel on Wednesday evening, January 28th, and it would give us all great pleasure if you and Irene could remain over for that occasion.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 26, 1952

Governor Frank J. Lausche
Executive Mansion
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor Lausche:

The Temple and the Cleveland community will celebrate the 60th birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the completion of his 35th year as Rabbi of The Temple with a Religious Service on Sunday, January 25, 1953, and a civic testimonial dinner on Wednesday evening, January 28, 1953, the date of his birthday. We look upon this occasion as a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to one who is greatly beloved by us and who has meant so much to the life of our people and to the American community.

Knowing of your close friendship to Dr. Silver and of the high esteem and affection in which he holds you, The Temple would be proud to have you as its guest at the banquet to bring greetings from the State of Ohio. The banquet will be held at the Hotel Statler. We write you this far ahead, knowing of your crowded schedule and in the hope that you will be able to be with us on January 28th.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

M. LUNTZ
President

AML:er

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

Cleveland 6, Ohio

TELEPHONE: SWEETBRIAR 1-7755

EARL S. STONE
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
RABBI

LEO S. BAMBERGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 2, 1952

My dear Friend;

We take pleasure in informing you that on January 28, 1953, a civic testimonial dinner will be tendered our beloved Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his 60th birthday at the Statler Hotel. The occasion will also mark the completion of 35 years of Rabbi Silver's ministry at The Temple.

We are, of course, all eager to make this an outstanding event. Leaders from all walks of life will attend the function as well as men prominent in national life.

We should very much like to have you serve as a member of the Committee of Hostesses for the Banquet. Enclosed herewith is a card which we should appreciate your returning at your earliest convenience.

Most cordially yours,

Reservation Card

Enclosed find check for \$.....for.....places
at \$6.00 per plate for the Testimonial Dinner honoring Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
on Wednesday, January 28, 1953, 6:30 p.m. at the Statler Hotel.

Name

Address

Note: Please list on reverse side names of each person included in
this reservation. Table assignments will be made in order of receipt of
reservations. All reservations must be made by Sunday, January 25th.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER TESTIMONIAL DINNER
1372 HANNA BUILDING
CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

CHURCH OF THE
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The Temple
EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD
Cleveland 6, Ohio
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EARL S. STONE
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
RABBI

LEO S. BAMBERGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 9, 1952

My dear Friend;

We take pleasure in informing you that on January 28, 1953, a civic testimonial dinner will be tendered our beloved Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his 60th birthday at the Hotel Statler. The occasion will also mark the completion of 35 years of Rabbi Silver's ministry at The Temple.

We are, of course, all eager to make this an outstanding event. Leaders from all walks of life, as well as men prominent in national life, will attend the function.

We should very much like to have you serve as a member of the Committee of Hostesses for the Banquet. Enclosed herewith is a card which we should appreciate your returning at your earliest convenience,

Most cordially yours,

CO-CHAIRMEN OF HOSTESSES

Mrs. S. M. Friedman
Mrs. George Furth
Mrs. Sidney N. Calvin
Mrs. Eugene Geisner
Mrs. Leo W. Neumark
Mrs. Victor L. Wise
Mrs. Irwin E. Yoelson

December 9, 1952

Dr. Oscar T. Olson
Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church
1919 East 107th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Olson:

Rabbi Silver has informed me that he has transmitted to you our invitation to be our guest at the banquet on January 28, 1953, honoring our Rabbi on the occasion of his 60th birthday and his completion of 35 years as spiritual leader of our Temple, and that you have graciously accepted the invitation.

I am delighted that it will be possible for you to be present and to bring the greetings of the Christian ministry on that occasion. I know of your friendship through the years with Rabbi Silver and of the neighborliness of our two religious institutions over a period of many years. I am, therefore, particularly gratified that you will be present on this happy occasion.

The dinner will be held at the Statler Hotel at 6:30 p.m. In all likelihood those at the speakers' table will wear black ties.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ
President

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P.S. We assume, of course, that Mrs. Olson will accompany you.

To: Rabbi Alan S. Green ✓

December 10, 1952

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen
Park Synagogue
3300 Mayfield Road
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Cohen:

The Temple and the Cleveland community will celebrate the 60th birthday of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and the completion of his 35th year as spiritual leader of The Temple with a Religious Service on Sunday, January 25, 1953, and a civic testimonial dinner on Wednesday evening, January 28, 1953, the date of his birthday. We look upon this occasion as a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to one who is greatly beloved by us and who has meant so much to the life of our people and to the American community.

Knowing of your close friendship to Rabbi Silver and of the high esteem in which he holds you, The Temple would be proud to have you as its guest at the banquet to deliver the Invocation. The banquet will be held at the Hotel Statler. I hope that you will be able to be with us.

Most cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ
President

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P.S. We assume, of course, that Mrs. Cohen would accompany you.

December 10, 1952

Mayor Thomas L. Burke
City Hall
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mayor Burke:

I wrote you the other about Rabbi Silver's 60th birthday in January and his 35th anniversary as our spiritual leader, requesting a few paragraphs from you for publication in our commemorative Temple Bulletin.

In this connection, the Board of Trustees has voted to tender Rabbi Silver a testimonial dinner on Wednesday, January 28, 1953, the date of his birthday, at the Hotel Statler at 6:30 p.m. We look upon this occasion as a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to one who is greatly beloved by us and who has meant so much to the life of our people and to our community.

Knowing of your friendship with Rabbi Silver and of the high esteem in which he holds you, The Temple would be proud to have you as its guest at the banquet to bring greetings from the State of Cleveland of which Rabbi Silver has been such an honored citizen.

With kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

A. M. LUNTZ
President

AML:er

P.S. We assume, of course, that Mrs. Burke will accompany you.



United Kingdom Delegation
to the United Nations,
New York.

2nd January 1953

Dear Mr Miller,

Many thanks for your letter of December 26th in which you extend to me an invitation to serve as an Honorary Sponsor of the dinner organized to celebrate Dr. Silver's sixtieth birthday. Perhaps you will forgive me if I do not accept this invitation? The simple reason is that if I made a practice of associating myself with tributes to living national leaders, I might be establishing a precedent which would involve me in far too much social activity!

However, I certainly send Dr. Silver my congratulations on his sixtieth birthday and have no doubt that the dinner organized by the Zionist Association of America will be a great success.

Yours sincerely
Gladyes

Rabbi Irving Miller
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Send to Dr. Silver

ROBERT J. GURNEY
GASTONIA, N. C.

January 3, 1953

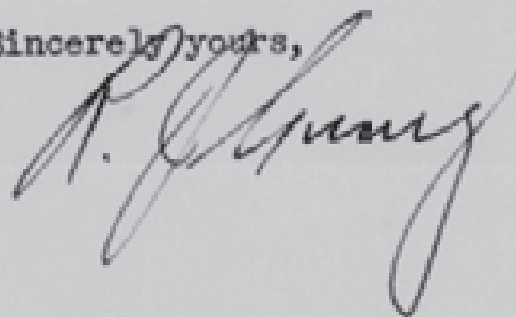
Rabbi Irving Miller, President
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I would like very much to participate in the tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, but I regret that previous commitments make it impossible for me to be in New York on February 5th.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to Dr. Silver on his sixtieth birthday, and hope that he will continue to be with us for a great many years and continue his good work.

Sincerely yours,



RJG/H

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No. 11

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

*extends a cordial invitation
to all couples whom he has married
during his thirty-five years as Rabbi of The Temple
to a service of reconsecration*

Sunday, January Fourth

nineteen hundred and fifty-three

ten-thirty o'clock

The Temple

on the occasion of

The Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary

of

Rabbi and Mrs. Silver

Subject of Address:

"Together We Stood At The Altar"

The Temple Bulletin The Temple

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(Founded 1856)

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RECONSECRATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY MORNING

The Service on Sunday morning will be especially devoted to all couples who were married by Rabbi Silver during his 35 years at The Temple. The subject of his address will be "Together We Stood at the Altar".

A special service with appropriate music has been arranged.

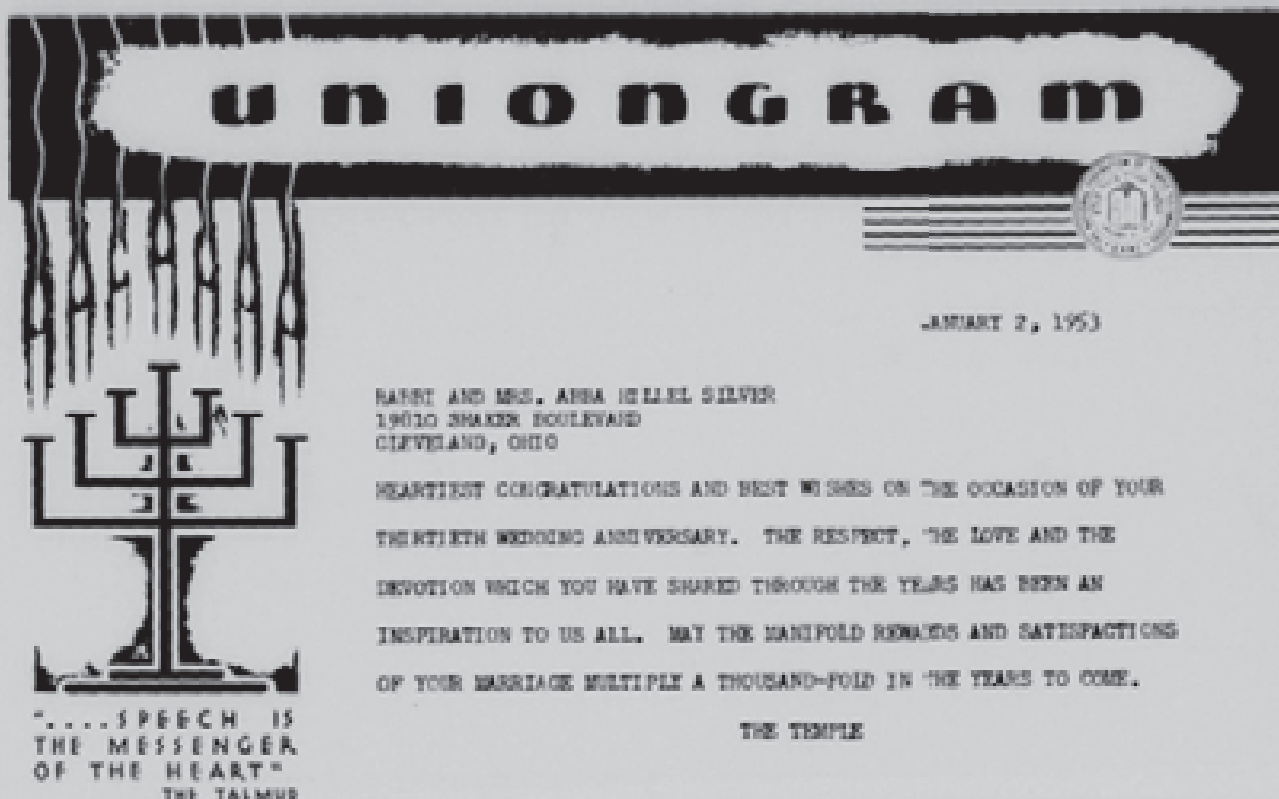
Flowers from the altar will be given as a souvenir to each couple.

While all couples married by Rabbi Silver are especially invited to attend this beautiful service, A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF OUR FELLOWSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SERVICE OF RECONSECRATION with Rabbi and Mrs. Silver whose thirtieth wedding anniversary falls on January 2nd.

The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

TO THE LIBRARY FUND:

In memory of Selma Morkwitz by Miss Ida E. Schott; in memory of Mrs. Pauline Newman by Martha B. Markowitz; in memory of husband and father, Abraham Buka, by Mrs. Elsa G. Buka; in memory of Joseph H. Zwet by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leiter.



RABBI AND MRS. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
19010 SHAKER BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR THIRTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THE RESPECT, THE LOVE AND THE DEVOTION WHICH YOU HAVE SHARED THROUGH THE YEARS HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. MAY THE MANIFOLD REWARDS AND SATISFACTIONS OF YOUR MARRIAGE MULTIPLY A THOUSAND-FOLD IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THE TEMPLE

ANSEL ROAD PROJECT

The Ansel Road Project of The Temple is part of the University Circle Plan of the City of Cleveland, described elsewhere in The Bulletin. The project was undertaken just one year ago for the purpose of acquiring additional land on Ansel Road for increased parking facilities and for the improvement of the area surrounding The Temple. In less than a year, The Temple acquired the necessary property to purchase and to build a parking lot on Ansel Road across from The Temple, and is now in the process of acquiring additional properties on Ansel Road in order to complete the project.

The cost of the total project will amount to approximately \$400,000 of which over \$120,000 has already been contributed by a small group of members. The completion of the project will, of course, depend upon the generosity and cooperation of our entire fellowship.

Early in the fall of this year a University Circle Conference Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. John S. Millis, President of Western Reserve University, was organized. The Temple was asked to participate in this program and gladly accepted the invitation to share in a civic program of protecting and beautifying the University Circle area. An enlarged photograph of the University Circle area may be seen on the Bulletin board in the Ansel Road lobby of The Temple.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flowers which will grace the altar on Sunday morning, January 4th, are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slavin by their sons and daughters.

MEIDNER EXHIBIT CLOSES JANUARY 5

The exhibit of drawings of Ludwig Meidner on view in The Temple Museum since December 14th will close on January 5th. Members who have not had an opportunity to visit the Museum to see these fine drawings are urged to do so this weekend.

The next exhibit scheduled for the Museum will be a rare collection of Israeli stamps and coins, scheduled to open the weekend of March 6th.

An interesting "Glossary of Terms" has been prepared to assist Museum visitors in understanding Jewish ritual objects. They are available in The Temple Museum.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY

Organ	Wedding Hymn	Woodman
	Romance sans Paroles	Bonnet
	Epithalamium	Hollins
	Mr. Willard	
Opening Psalm—Ma Tovu		Lewandowsky
The Service—Bor'chu - Sh'ma -		Thatcher
	Michomocho - Kedusha	
Silent Devotion		Thatcher
	The Choir	
Before the Sermon		
Set Me As A Seal		Clokey
	Mrs. Strasser	
After the Sermon		
A Woman of Valor		Kosakoff
	Mr. Hakola	
Adoration and Vainachnu		Helfman

TEMPLE TO HONOR RABBI SILVER

During the month of January, Rabbi Silver will celebrate his 60th birthday as well as the completion of 35 years of his ministry at The Temple. The Board of Trustees of The Temple has resolved to take note of these two auspicious occasions with a Commemorative Service on Sunday morning, January 25th, and a Testimonial Banquet at the Statler Hotel on Wednesday, January 28th, the day of Rabbi Silver's birthday.

Within a few days invitations for the banquet will be sent to all members of The Temple. Because of the limited facilities available, and because of the expressed interest of many of our fellowship in paying tribute to our Rabbi on these two outstanding occasions, reservations should be made as early as possible.

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President of The Temple, has appointed the following Arrangements Committee for the banquet:

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Temple Memorial Book

The name of

SAMUEL KANGISSER

has been lovingly inscribed in The Temple Memorial Book by his wife and children.

In Memoriam

The Temple notes with deep sorrow the passing of

MAX J. BEATUS

MINNIE MORGENSTERN

and extends heartfelt sympathies to the members of their bereaved families.

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The name of

MOSES H. MOSS

has been lovingly inscribed in The Temple Memorial Book by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Moss.

GOOD UNIVERSITY CIRCLE PLAN WILL PROTECT THIS BEAUTY SPOT

The city's decision to work out a master plan to guide development of the University Circle area is worthwhile and promising.

This section is the city's most striking beauty spot, and, with its hospitals, universities and museums, is the real cultural heart of the community. Its future development should be orderly, as the city has resolved it shall be.

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A good wife who can find?

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She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,

and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,

she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household,

and tasks for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it;

with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to

the needy.

She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are

clothed in scarlet.

She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates,

when he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;

she delivers girdles to the merchant.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness

is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the

bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he

praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,

but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands,

and let her works praise her in the gates.

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AREA

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THE TEMPLE
BULLETIN

ANGEL RD. at East 105th St.
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

Entered as Second Class Matter at the Post Office
Cleveland, Ohio

HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the end of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to love
With my lost saints,—and I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806-1861

TRUE LOVE

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests and is never shaken:
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height
be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and
cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come:
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

—William Shakespeare

SO LONG AS THERE ARE HOMES

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At close of day;
So long as there are homes where children are,
Where women stay—
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across those sills—
A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn
And there is bread;
So long as there are homes where lamps are lit
And prayers are said:
Although people falter through the dark—
And nations grope—
With God himself back of these little homes—
We have sure hope.

—Grace Noll Crowell

RUTH TO NAOMI

Entreat me not to leave thee,
And so return from following after thee;
For whither thou goest, I will go:
And where thou lodgest, I will lodge:
Thy people shall be my people,
And thy God my God.

(Ruth 1:16-17)



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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL



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January 6, 1953

A. L. KROHN
MORTON C. FIERMAN } RABBI

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th And Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear teacher and Friend:

I have just learned that on January 25th you will celebrate your sixtieth birthday, and thirty-fifth anniversary as Rabbi of our Temple.

On this memorable occasion I should like to extend my good wishes to you. Many memories of you and the Temple fill my mind at this moment, difficult to articulate to you. Nevertheless, one thought I should like to express, and that is my deep-felt appreciation to you for your guidance during my early years, for your inspiration always and for the splendid manner in which you have remained a Prophet in Israel.

May God grant you many more years of service to the Temple and the larger community, May you and your dear lady continue to find that genuine happiness that comes to those whose lives have been dedicated to something beyond themselves. May the Temple from which I was confirmed twenty-five years ago go from strength to strength under your consecrated leadership.

Yours ever faithfully,

RABBI MORTON C. FIERMAN

TEMPLE MOUNT SINAI

200 NORTH OREGON STREET

EL PASO, TEXAS

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RABBI

January 6, 1953

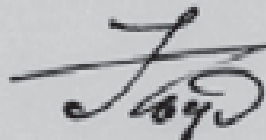
Dear Dr. Silver:

As one of the confirmants of the Temple under your leadership and a rabbi in Israel through your inspiration, may I add my congratulations to the many that you have already received on the occasion of your 60th birthday and 35th anniversary as Spiritual leader of the Temple.

Jewish life in El Paso differs very little from Jewish life in Cleveland except that much of our life is colored by a Latin hue. Sixty per cent of this community is Latin American and everybody by necessity is bilingual. I am engaged at the present time in trying to reconstruct the history of our people in the Southwest and the findings are fascinating. I have been asked by the Southern Methodist University Press to submit a manuscript to their publishing house when the study is completed.

Mrs. Fierman joins me in greetings from Casa para Casa to you and your family.

Cordially,



Dr. Abba H. Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Temple Beth Rodesh

117 GIBBS STREET
Rochester 5, N. Y.

THE RABBI'S STUDY

January 7, 1953

Rabbi and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba and Virginia

If you were having only one Simcha I might try to write an acrostic. But you're having so many that there aren't sufficient letters in the alphabet. So all I can do is send you my fond felicitations. You have much to be thankful for, as we do because of you. May the coming years be good to you, and to your children and to the blessed works to which you have given yourselves.

As ever



Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

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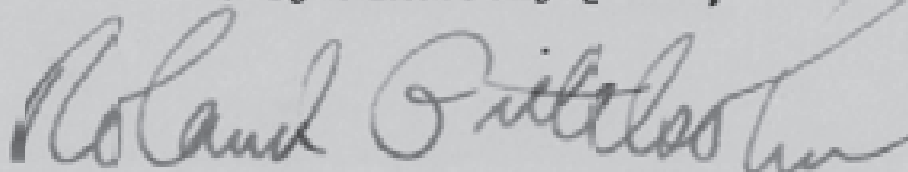
Dear Dr. Silver:

I note from a recent issue of your bulletin that January is a very busy and pleasantly exciting month for Mrs. Silver and yourself.

For the Gittelsohn family personally as well as the membership of our Congregation officially may I take this opportunity of congratulating you on your thirtieth wedding anniversary, your sixtieth birthday and the thirty-fifth year of your distinguished ministry in Cleveland.

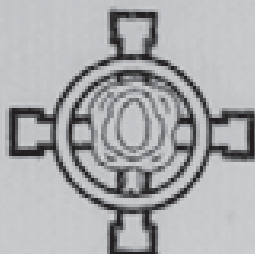
We hope God's richest blessings will continue to rest upon you, giving you health, happiness and many additional years of useful service to our people and faith.

Very sincerely yours,



Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn

rbg/b



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January 9, 1953

Abba Hillel Silver Testimonial Dinner
1372 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Friends:

The call to a new position in Denver keeps me from attending the testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

From the time I read one of his books many years ago to the present he has been a great influence in my thinking. For the last ten years I have proudly counted him one of my closest friends.

Mrs. Carr and I send our fondest good wishes and congratulations to the Rabbi and Mrs. Silver on this doubly important festival day.

Sincerely,

Harold F. Carr

Harold F. Carr

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Dear Rabbi + Mrs. Silver. 1-10-55

The news that you had a big celebration coming up filled me the courage to write you good with you all the good and happiness you so richly deserve. I've loved you Rabbi on the radio both times by accident. We heard you from the powder. I'm it was a treat and we were so glad we didn't miss you. Esther Seidman sent us a cut from the Press Paper with your picture. I'm in the angle since I saw you ~~last~~ ⁱⁿ 1948. Then 5 years ago.

You may have heard that Mrs. Seidman had a stroke one year and a half ago he lost his speech and didn't regain more than a few words.

Right now he is still weak but I'm taking care of him and will do so as long as I can.

Should you ever come out this way I would love to see you and I'm sure Mrs. S.

would too.
We do so miss George Sunday
and Holiday Services but
Katie and I could not stand any
more even if we were in
Cleveland.

We send Katie Cohen's love
in San Diego where we
are.

Our best wishes to you
Mrs. Silder and your Boys.
Also our love to Gerald Jones
as in wishing you a long
useful life. Congratulations.

Nathan and
Goldie Seldman

344 B. Ave,
Cleveland
Ohio

January 11th - 1953

Dear Dr. + Mrs. Silver -

I cannot refrain even
this I am so handicapped
by my poor sight, to send to
you my good wishes for your
wonderful work, your
splendid service to us all
- and your true life is
indeed an inspiration
all. May God grant to you
and your dear ones all that
best there is in life.
We have had the privilege
to be married for fifty eight
years, by we are now at the
"home" and quite con-
tent. Please forgive
me if I have ~~been~~ up

your valuable time
just wanted to let you
know how much your dear
Ratti means to us.

Once more may the good God
grant you the best in
life. Happy birthday dear
Ratti and congratulations
to your anniversary.

With to your marriage and
your continuing service
to our Temple,

Pardon this poor letter -
but it comes from the
heart. Sincerely your
devoted friends
Bell & Hugo Sellner.

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Temple Israel

928 Bryden Road
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January 12, 1953

The Abba Hillel Silver
Testimonial Dinner,
1372 Hanna Building,
Cleveland 15, Ohio.

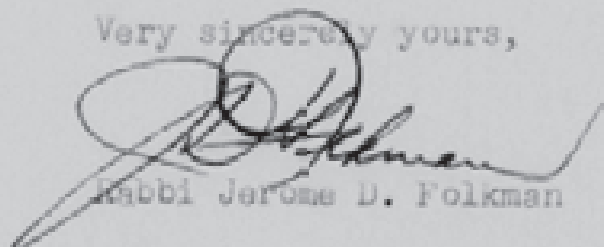
Dear Friends:

We want to thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the Testimonial Dinner honoring your distinguished Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and the thirty-fifth anniversary of his service as your spiritual leader. It is a source of genuine regret to us that it will not be possible for us to be in attendance.

However, we want you to know that we will be with you in thought and in prayer. Dr. Silver has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of Israel and humanity. As a servant of God, he is admired and respected by all of his colleagues. Please convey our most cordial greetings to him and assure him that we pray for his continued health and joy in his work.

May God bless him and his dear ones with long life, health and happiness! May your Congregation continue to go forth from strength to strength under his leadership!

Very sincerely yours,



Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman

JDF:hc

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

SOUTH BOULEVARD & HARWOOD

DALLAS, TEXAS

LEVI A. GLAN
RABBI

January 12, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I join with a host of colleagues and friends in taking cognizance of your sixtieth birthday as well as the thirty-fifth year of your ministry to The Temple.

A great many aspects of your ministry will be stressed during the celebration. As one of your younger colleagues, whom you influenced in many ways unbeknown to you, may I express the gratitude for your high standards in the Rabbinate both in the field of scholarship and in moral conviction.

May God grant you many years of good health and continued strength in your work.

Sincerely,



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January 12, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have just heard from a mutual friend that you are to have a sixtieth birthday this month.

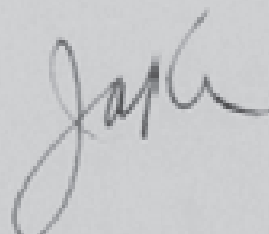
On behalf of my dear wife and daughter, and all of our friends at the Archives, I want to congratulate you on this fine occasion. May the coming years bring you continued health and happiness in the company of your dear wife and beloved sons.

You are a great man and we are all very proud of you. Where courage and dignity are required, there you are always found.

God bless you!

With all good wishes, I am

As ever,



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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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January 12, 1952

Gentlemen:-

My few words cannot
add to the stature of the
man you are gathered to
honor. I merely wish
to say that I hold
him in highest esteem
as man, rabbi and
citizen. May his
strength remain
unabated.

Sincerely,
W^m Braude

RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
1001 N. W. FLANDERS
PORTLAND 9, OREGON

January 13, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted that certain business will take me East during the week of January 25th affording me the opportunity and privilege of attending the Testimonial Dinner in your honor Wednesday, January 28th.

I mailed my card of reservation to the Committee office today, and I only hope that it is not too late to secure a place within vision of the proceedings. I regret that the 95th Annual Meeting of my Temple is on the 25th so that I will be unable to attend the special Sunday morning Service. Ollie is just dying to accompany me on this trip, but the expense involved is prohibitive at the present time. I expect to remain in Cleveland through the following Sunday, February 1st.

Even if fortunate circumstances had not permitted the coincidence of my trip East with the occasion of your dual anniversary celebration, I would have felt impelled to join your numerous friends, colleagues and students in doing honor to you, for the longer I serve in the rabbinate on my own, the more I realize the great debt I owe you for the period of training and experience which I received under your tutelage and discipline.

Looking forward eagerly to seeing you and Virginia again, I am, with fondest regards from Ollie,

Sincerely yours,


JULIUS J. NODEL

JJN:s

JACOB J. WEINSTEIN *Rabbi K. A. M. Temple*

January 13, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cong. Tifereth Israel
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

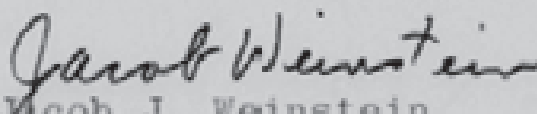
Dear Abba:

I note from the very beautiful invitation that the Cleveland community is honoring you on your 60th birthday and on your 35th year of service to the Temple.

While Cleveland may be the locale of this testimonial, surely you must know that it is a symbol of the high esteem which all of American Jewry has for you. Whether we have been able to see eye to eye with you on all problems or not is beside the point. You have always represented the Jewish point of view with royal dignity, even with majesty. The high standards you have set for public utterance has raised the goal of all our endeavors.

I trust that you will be able to sense the hearty congratulations of the much wider public that will not be contained within the spacious walls of the Statler dining room. May you live to be 120, your eyes undimmed, your powers unabated.

Most sincerely,


Jacob J. Weinstein

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Mr. A. M. Luntz
President
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

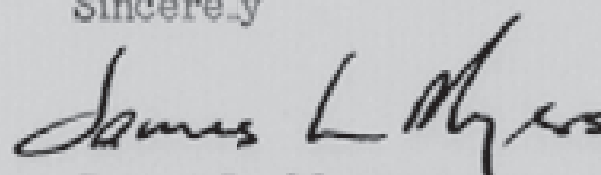
Dear Mr. Luntz:

Thank you for your kind invitation and that of the Board of Trustees of The Temple to attend the Testimonial Dinner honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday and his Thirty-Fifth Year as Rabbi of The Temple on Wednesday evening, January 28.

I regret that Mrs. Myers and I will be unable to join you in this celebration as I have already committed myself to an engagement in New York on that date, which I cannot easily cancel.

I do appreciate being included in your guest-list and wish you would convey to Dr. Silver my very best wishes.

Sincerely


James L. Myers

JLM:B

CLEVELAND NEWS

CHARLES F. MCCAHERILL
GENERAL MANAGER

January 13, 1953

Mr. Abe M. Luntz
The Luntz Iron & Steel Co.
1372 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I have your very gracious invitation for Mrs. McCahill and I to attend a testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Silver on Wednesday evening, January 28.

As I am dictating this note from the Cleveland Clinic where I have been confined for the past week, I am unable to say at this time whether we will be able to accept.

You know how very much we would like to participate in this great occasion but in view of the uncertainty of our situation, perhaps you had better not count on us.

You have been very kind and thoughtful about the McCahills and we want you to know how very much we appreciate it.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Luntz and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie
per JBL

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The Board of Trustees of
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend a Testimonial Dinner in honor of the sixtieth birthday and the thirty-fifth year as Rabbi of The Temple of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

I wish that I could be present. I greatly admire Rabbi Silver as a man and as a colleague. It does not take any special commendation from me to point out his enormously useful life and his tremendous qualities as a scholar and orator. I know him to be a devoted human being as well as a brilliant one. I wish I could be present in person to bear some testimony even if only by being there, but I cannot avail myself of the privilege.

Please give my kindest regards to Rabbi Silver, and his wife and be assured of my very good wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

JBW/jm

Rabbi Alvin I. Fine
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco

January 13, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

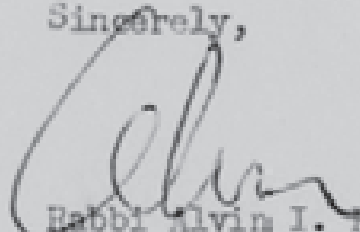
On behalf of Congregation Emanu-El of San Francisco, may I take this opportunity to express heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your sixtieth birthday and your thirty-fifth anniversary as rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland.

In the rabbinate, in American life and in Jewish affairs throughout the world, your leadership has exercised profound influence. There will be many, therefore, joining your own family and your own congregation in the joy of this double celebration.

God bless you and keep you well.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


Rabbi Alvin I. Fine

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio.
USA.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have heard from Elizabeth about the impressive celebrations you are having this month in connection with the completion of 35 years of service in Cleveland. Paula and I want to extend our very best wishes to you for all that you have accomplished during this period and for the remarkable place you have made for yourself, not only in the hearts of your congregation, not only in Cleveland, but in the American and international Jewish Communities. It is perhaps not without significance that at this very time in our country's history you may be called upon to play a role of even greater importance to our people than anything you have accomplished up to now.

Of course I realize that this expression of our admiration and appreciation of your work is simply one of many which you are receiving these days from the great and small and might therefore rightfully pass unnoticed. I hope you will forgive me therefore if I tell you that Paula and I look back upon the two opportunities we have had to be with you and Mrs. Silver, at Aix-les-Bains, and especially last year at your home, as very memorable and pleasant occasions. We certainly hope that when we return to the States once more, either on leave or to re-establish ourselves permanently, we shall have the opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with you in the same informal way.

Again, our warmest and best wishes to you and Mrs. Silver both for your 35th year of service in Cleveland, and on your 30th wedding anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Rice
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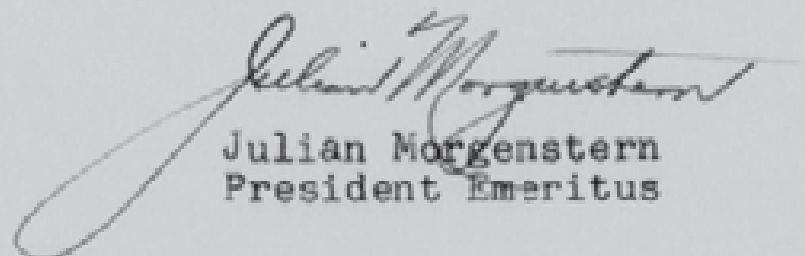
My dear Abba:

I was pleased to receive the invitation sent forth by your Board of Trustees, and to learn that your congregation will, upon January 28, celebrate your sixtieth birthday and the thirty-fifth anniversary of your ministry to your present congregation. I remember, as if it were yesterday, all the circumstances leading up to, and attendant upon your call to the service of the congregation.

You have served the congregation, the community of Cleveland, and the entire House of Israel with devotion, rich achievement, and well-deserved distinction. I congratulate you upon all this from the bottom of my heart, and with joy express my pride in the achievement of one who was indeed a beloved pupil and disciple. I join heartily with you and Virginia in the gladness which must fill your hearts at this moment.

I hope and pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and, through you, the whole House of Israel, and that He may grant to you many more years of health and strength in which to continue to serve and to achieve.

Very sincerely yours,


Julian Morgenstern
President Emeritus

Holy Blossom Temple

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THE RABBI'S STUDY

January 13, 1953.

The Board of Trustees,
The Temple,
E. 105th St., and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Holy Blossom Temple, its officers, members, and myself, I take this inadequate means to congratulate you on the Sixtieth Birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and on the Thirty-Fifth year of his incumbency at The Temple.

Under the guidance of my colleague, Dr. Silver, the sphere of service of The Temple is constantly being widened. Love of Judaism and Jewishness, and a sense of self-dedication, and awareness of the responsibilities of a Rabbi in this confused and insecure age, have combined to give his ministry value and significance. I would like to extend my heartfelt good wishes to your congregation and to Rabbi Silver on the fruitful and constructive service he has given the Jewish people and the community.

May he be blessed with health and strength to continue the fine traditions of service to Israel with which he has always been identified. May God be with you and bless you.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg.

/w

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL
CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 14, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

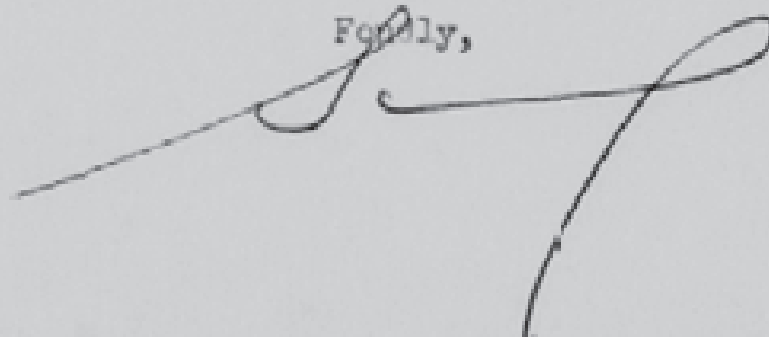
Everyone who was present last Friday night considered your address, and the tribute you paid me, as the highlight of our celebration. I was deeply touched and I wish to express to you my gratitude. I only hope that I shall be worthy of all the kindness and friendship that have come to me.

The whole week-end was outstanding. Our friend, Freehof, did magnificently on Sunday at the dinner. There was an outpouring of all the goodness that people can show to a friend.

I shall try to come up for the celebration of your anniversary, if no emergency arises here.

May I say with all my heart, thank you.

Truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Rabbi Samuel Wohl, written over the word 'Truly,'.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I wish to join with the vast multitude of your staunch admirers in sending you affectionate congratulations, also to Mrs. Silver and your splendid boys, on this notable sixtieth birthday, and thirty-fifth anniversary as Rabbi of the Temple.

No man can climb to the world-wide eminence which is yours without achieving an inner sureness of the soul and at the same time a deep sense of all human limitation and finitude.

As one who has always held you before him as the example of what a Rabbi should be, in terms of personal consecration and dedication to the treasures and the ideals of Judaism, I rejoice with you on this mile-stone in your life, and pray that you may be spared to us in health and strength.

"AD MEAN V'ESRIM SHANAH." 5713 תשרי 14

Victor E. Reichert

It was good to hear and see you on Friday night!
VER.

CONGREGATION OF BETH ISRAEL

RABBI MORTON J. COHN

2512 THIRD AVENUE
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Jan. 14, 1953

Board of Trustees
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E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
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Dear Sirs:

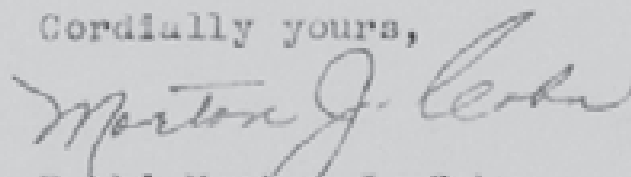
Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Testimonial Dinner honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and his thirty-fifth year as your spiritual leader. While distance prevents my attendance, you may be sure that I shall be with you in spirit.

On behalf of my Congregation as well as of myself may I offer heartiest congratulations to Dr. Silver on his birthday, and to the Temple on its good fortune in having had the illustrious, dynamic and consecrated spiritual leadership of one of America's truly great Rabbis.

May God spare him for many, many more years of brilliant, devoted service to your Temple, to Israel and to all humanity.

With warmest personal greetings to Dr. Silver and his family, I am

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Morton J. Cohn

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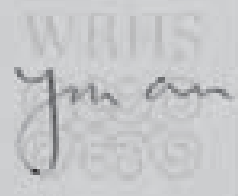
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Jan. 14, 1953

My dear Dr. Silver -

My family, our congregation and I

join in sending you our  best wishes on

your double anniversary - the 60th and the

35th. . . May God bless you and your

dear ones and grant you many, many

more years of happiness, contentment and

achievement. Findest regards.

Yours,
Ab

Church of the Master

Cleveland, Ohio

Office
2186 Noble Road

Rev. Robert C. Newell
Minister

Unable to attend

January 14, 1953

Abbe Hillel Silver Testimonial Dinner
1372 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I regret that because of a prior engagement of long standing it will be impossible for me to attend the testimonial dinner for Rabbi Silver on the evening of January 28.

I wish you great success in your endeavor worthily to honor your distinguished rabbi.

The entire community of Cleveland, as well as The Temple, points with pride to the prophetic leadership of Rabbi Silver.

May God continue to bless him, and through him, mankind.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Newell

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January 14, 1953

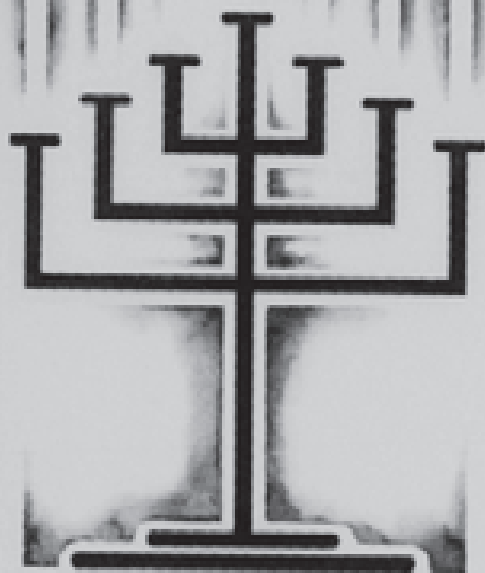


My Congregation joins in best wishes to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his 60th birthday. I am sorry that I cannot be with you to honor a colleague whom I admire and respect. May God bless The Temple as it celebrates thirty-five years of association with Dr. Silver, and may it grow in strength and spirit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert I. Kahn".

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn
Congregation Emanu El
1500 Sunset Blvd.
Houston, Texas



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הרב אבא זלל טילבר,
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אדוני אדון הכבוד של עירנו,

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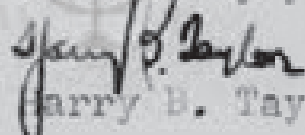
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

January 15, 1953

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gracious invitation to my family and me to attend the Anniversary Service honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and thirty-fifth year as rabbi of the Temple on Sunday, January 25, 1953. Unfortunately this coincides with our own service of morning worship at the Covenant, which will prevent my attendance. However, I do want to be among those to be counted present in spirit, for my prayers and good wishes for both Dr. Silver and the Temple on this significant anniversary occasion will be with you all.

Faithfully yours,



Harry B. Taylor

The Anniversary Committee
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is, indeed, a joy to share with you the occasion of your Sixtieth Birthday and your Thirty-fifth Year of Service as Rabbi of The Temple. All of us are proud of your great contributions to the advancement of world Israel, to the fulfilment of the Zionist dream and most especially, we, your colleagues, are proud of the mark you have set in the Ministry.

God grant that you will continue to be blessed with the vigor and skill which have characterized your thirty-five years of service to Israel and to The Temple.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Kronish
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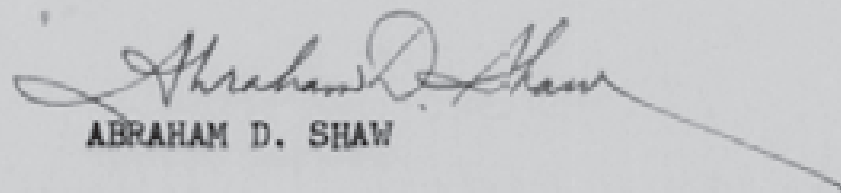
January 15, 1953

Rev. Dr. Abta Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is a great honor and joy to salute you on the occasion of the celebration of your sixtieth birthday, and your thirty-fifth year as Rabbi of the Temple of Cleveland, Ohio. Not only in my own name, but in that of the membership of Temple Oheb Shalom of Baltimore, I convey to you warmest fraternal greetings and good wishes. May your blessed ministry be continued for many further years!

Sincerely,


ABRAHAM D. SHAW

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DR. JOSEPH R. NAROT
TEMPLE ISRAEL
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STUDY OF THE RABBI
137 NORTHEAST 19TH STREET

January 16th, 1953.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

I want to be among the many to congratulate you on the occasion of your own sixtieth birthday, as well as your thirty-fifth year as Rabbi of The Temple.

More elequent lips and pens than mine will express the magnificent contribution which you have made, and which you continue to make, for the welfare of all Jewry and Judaism. I can only add the fervent hope and prayer that God may grant you many, many years of health and happiness together with your beloved ones, so that you may further inspire and teach countless numbers of students, deciples, admirers and friends. In this hope and prayer my congregation joins me most joyously.

Very sincerely,

Jose

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January 16, 1953.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I received the cordial invitation from the Board of Trustees of your Temple to attend a testimonial dinner in your honor on Wednesday evening, January 28th. I wish that I could be present with you and with your many friends for this notable event.

I do want you to know that Mary and I extend to you our very best wishes for a happy evening and thereafter for many more years of good health and service.

We shall be thinking of Virginia as she shares the joy of this great occasion with you.

As ever,



Benjamin Friedman

BF:fs

Office of
HERMAN WILE
GOODELL AND OAK STREETS
BUFFALO, N. Y.

January 16, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear friend:-

I just received an invitation through your Board of Trustees of your Temple, inviting me to attend a Testimonial Dinner honoring you on the occasion of your 60th birthday, and your 35th year as Rabbi of The Temple.

No one could be more interested in your span of life than I am, as you know it has been my great privilege to meet you when you first came to Wheeling W. Va. after you graduated from the Hebrew Union College, that was in 1915, 37 years, going on 38 years ago.

I would have enjoyed attending, and would have made every effort to be present at this great gathering when this honor is being bestowed upon you by the community of Cleveland and members of your Temple, no matter how big an affair this will be, it cannot do justice to you as a great leader in Israel, a great leader in your community and a great Rabbi in your congregation. My thoughts will be with you on the day of the 28th, but I have made my reservation at Phoenix Ariz for the 20th of January, I am leaving the morning of that day via air, and do not expect to be back in Buffalo until the end of March.

I wish you and your family good health, strength and contentment for many more years to come for you, in the service of God and humanity.

Cordially yours,

Herman Wile

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attest*

Office of
HERMAN WILE
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BUFFALO, N. Y.

January 16, 1953

Abba Hillel Silver Testimonial Dinner,
1372 Hanna Bldg.,
Cleveland, 15, OHIO

Gentlemen:-

Your invitation to attend a testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his 60th birthday and 35 years as Rabbi of The Temple of your City has been received.

I would have enjoyed being present at this wonderful occasion but I intend to leave this coming Tuesday on a vacation in Phoenix and Los Angeles, and it will be impossible for me to be with you, however in spirit I expect to be with you.

It has been my privilege to know Dr. Silver for many years, first at Wheeling W. Va. before coming to Cleveland. My hearty congratulations to your entire board for having such a wonderful man as your Rabbi for these many years past.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Wile

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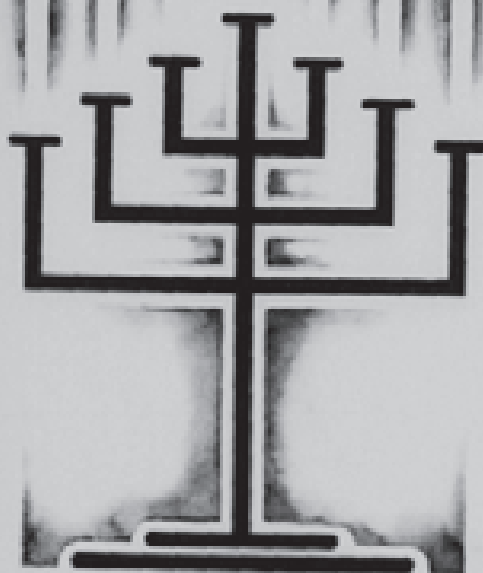
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The Board of Trustees of
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

I regret very much that I cannot attend the Testimonial Dinner honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and his thirty-fifth year as Rabbi of The Temple.

I extend heartiest congratulations on this great occasion. May God prosper you and your dear Rabbi in your important task of maintaining the finest in our spiritual traditions.



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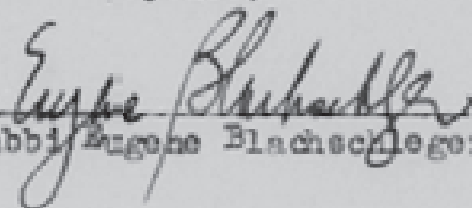
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I was very happy to receive an invitation to attend the testimonial dinner in your honor. Let me take this means of congratulating you on having reached the 35th anniversary of your ministry in Cleveland. Your service in the rabbinate has been a blessing to all and an inspiration to your colleagues. I pray God may bless you with new strength to enable you to continue your labors in His vineyard for many years to come.

Berniece joins me in sending all good wishes to Mrs. Silver and you.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

שגרירות ישראל

18, Manchester Square,
London, W.1.
16th January, 1953.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I see from the press that your sixtieth birthday is approaching, and it is with real pleasure that I write to send you my warmest congratulations and my best wishes for many happy returns.

My wife joins me in kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver, and I remain, as always,


Cordially yours,

E. Elath

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
CLEVELAND, Ohio.



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WISHING YOU BOTH MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF YOUR ANNIVERSARY AND
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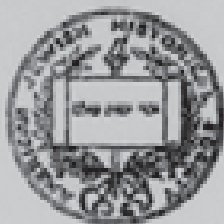
✓ 39C Rosedale Court,
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Jan. 17th 1953.

Dear Babi Silver:

My children and I have a hobby, we enjoy
sharing from people whose worthy
accomplishments have made them well known.
We are Jewish therefore we have a personal
pride in your most worthy contributions
to society & we are Americans, therefore
we are grateful for your fine influence
towards promoting better relationships
amongst all Americans. May God bless
you, and may you enjoy many more
happy and healthy years. The
children and I hope you will find time
in your busy schedule to write us.

Gratefully yours,
Catherine Pavlov



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January 17, 1953

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

The American Jewish Historical Society begs to acknowledge with many thanks the kind invitation which was extended to it to be present at the anniversary service honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and thirty-fifth year as Rabbi of The Temple.

We have appointed one of our members to represent the Society on this occasion.

It is a very great occasion that our great leader, Dr. Silver, should receive recognition for his learning and outstanding service to the American Jewish community as a religious leader. He has made every Jew proud of his contributions to Judaism. As a great American he has made us all proud of his interpretation of American democracy. We rejoice in joining in this occasion to do him the honor he so richly deserves from all his fellow men.

Very truly yours,

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PIERRE VAN PAASSEN
19 EAST 75TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 18, 1953.

Dear Doctor Silver,

I had looked forward with keen anticipation to the dinner meeting in honor of your birthday on February 5 when I hoped to congratulate ^{you} ~~your~~ voice and express my admiration and gratitude for your ever amazing architectural performances in laying down the foundations and the plans for the Medinat Israel, but the fates have intervened to rob me of this pleasure and honor. I am suddenly called to speak that evening at the Pennsylvania State College on behalf of the Hillel Foundation, and to try, on behalf of the Christian Palestine Committee to obtain an interview with Mr. Milton Eisenhower and gently place him on his knees and attitude towards Israel. Since this seems rather important and it is, moreover, the only lecture invitation to come my way this whole month of January, I thought I had better accept. Hence I must apologize for not exercising in person the function of an honorary sponsor on February 5, though I assure you I applaud in spirit the more ardently.

I wrote Rabbi Miller upon his election to the ZOA's presidency of my willingness to resume activity in the Zionist movement especially in the matter of membership, and I learned from others that he was quite well pleased with my proposal. But it is six months ago, and I never heard from him, and I presume that I must perforce continue my sojourn in the wilderness. The proposition of starting a League of Friendship (Israeli-American) originating in L.A., San Diego and San Francisco I have rejected, because I see the ZOA itself ultimately turning in that direction. The Library of American Civilization which I founded, the first 5 books are being printed now in Israel, is not the League aforementioned, no matter what the Indianapolis Post may have to say on the subject.

To you and to Mrs. Silver, and to your dear sons, I extend my very best wishes for many days and years of good health and peace. You have been, and you continue to be a grand inspiration and a light that shines in the darkness not only to the Jewish people but to millions of others not of the household of Israel, and not least to me. Even more than for your superb leadership and magnificent calm in your work for the Jewish people's cause. I honor you as a champion of our country's noblest traditions in this time of trouble.

Yommedela Adama: v'Yishmedela!

Yours sincerely,

Pierre van Paassen.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - JANUARY 18, 1953
HOTEL PLAZA, NEW YORK

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, President, Oscar Altshuler, Joseph Andelman, Leo Auerbach, Sol P. Benamy, Solomon Biederman, Irving Birke, Samuel J. Borowsky, Aaron J. Bronstein, Benjamin G. Browdy, Louis E. Brown, Harold W. Carmely, Paul Cohen, Thomas Cohen, Nahama Courland, Jacob M. Dinnes, Emanuel Doft, William K. Dorfman, Joseph Dreyer, Bernard Edelman, Benjamin Fain, Jack Fisher, Mendel N. Fisher, Judge Martin M. Frank, Joseph Galef, Morris Gersh, Dr. H. Goldberg, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goodman, Benjamin Gordon, Samuel Greenblatt, Joseph Greenleaf, Emanuel Halpern, Edward Hart, Judah B. Hellman, David Horvitz, Leon Ilutovich, Max Kabatznick, Leo Kagan, Samuel Kanarvogel, Saul Kaplan, Abraham S. Karff, Judge Joseph E. Klau, Leon A. Kohn, Samuel E. Kratzcek, Abraham Krumbein, Ben Lasser, Jack Lefkowitz, Joseph H. Lerner, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Dorothy Levine, Sidney Liss, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Dr. Samuel T. Markoff, Dr. Sidney Marks, Mortimer May, David Meyer, Isidore Mirvis, David Moskowitz, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mannie Osband, Abraham A. Redelheim, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, J. B. Rosenfeld, N. Rothenberg, Moses Robinson, Albert D. Schanzer, Albert Schiff, Hirsh Schpoont, Dr. I. Schwarzbart, Dr. E. D. Silver, Julius Stone, Harry Streifer, William H. Sylk, Milton Taylor, Harry Torczyner, Jacques Torczyner, Moses Torczyner, Sidney Trompeter, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Rabbi J. Wagner, Herman Weintraub, Samuel Wigder, Ben R. Winick, Charles Wolf, Morris Zeldin, Hyman Zimak and Myer S. Zubkov and others who were too late to register their attendance.

GUEST: From Israel: Z. Sitchin and members of the staff.

PRESIDING: Mortimer May, chairman of the NAC.

The meeting opened at 11:00 A.M.

REMARKS BY N.A.C. CHAIRMAN:

Mr. May opened the meeting with a brief discussion of events in Israel and throughout the world since the last meeting of the Administrative Council. He lauded the formation of the coalition government in Israel and the possibilities of improvement resulting there from. He noted that the United Nations Assembly session had failed to adopt the resolution for peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states and the increased Arab intransigence on this subject. He touched on the recrudescence in Russia and its satellites of its current anti-semitic policy and its possible motivations. He suggested that the position of Mapam in Israel had become untenable as a result of the new situation and expressed amazement that some districts and regions still maintain support of Mapam colonies in Israel.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dr. Marks offered an extensive report on activities of all ZOA departments. He gave a detailed analysis of the membership and American Zionist Fund picture Report Annexed.

He spoke of the package tours being sent out by the Speakers and Artists Bureau which are intended to duplicate the success of last year's "Here's Israel" Caravan.

He deplored the diverting of American Zionist Funds to local needs by districts at the expense of national organization budgetary requirements. Dr. Marks noted that a ZOA office would soon be opened in Detroit and that directors are to be employed for the Seaboard and Tri-State Regions.

The Executive Director concluded with a warm tribute to Charles A. Cowen, the Zionist leader who recently died in Israel.

REPORT BY PROJECTS CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Redelheim, national projects chairman, offered a brief summary of the colony and agricultural school to be established in Migdal Ashkalon. He explained that the school would be named for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as a tribute to him on his 60th birthday anniversary. It will accommodate 300 students and will train them in various aspects of agriculture. He noted that the plan to establish this enterprise, to be known as Kfar Silver, as a national ZOA project had been previously approved by the Inner Committee. He said that the estimated total cost of the project was 750,000 Israel pounds, of which a goodly proportion was already available as a result of previous allocations. He thereupon introduced the following resolution:

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The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON HEBREW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE:

Rabbi Israel Levinthal, chairman of the Committee on Hebrew Language and Culture, then spoke briefly of the importance of the dissemination of Hebrew in this country. He said that the committee was working on a long range program to be reported on sometime in the future. He added that the committee had already formulated a short range immediate program including propaganda for Hebrew among all districts and making American Zionists Hebrew-conscious; encouraging Hebrew courses in colleges and high schools; making on linguaphone records a course in Hebrew conversation to be sent to districts; and continuation of ZOA support to Hadoar and its youth supplements.

Following this report, the NAC unanimously adopted a resolution to continue the annual ZOA subsidy of \$18,000 for the two youth supplement publications of Hadoar and approved the making of linguaphone records as proposed by the committee.

REPORT ON FINANCES:

Abraham Goodman, Inner Committee chairman, reported on the financial status of the organization in the absence of Albert Schiff, ZOA treasurer. He gave a comparison between the first four months of the current fiscal year as compared with a like period last year (detailed report on file).

DISCUSSION ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM:

Rabbi Miller introduced the following resolution, entitled "Statement on Communist Policy":

"The Zionist Organization of America repudiates with contempt the fantastic charges against the Zionist Movement and Israel which have been fabricated by Communist propagandists in Eastern Europe. Public opinion throughout the world will not be deceived by these crude efforts to besmirch our historic Movement and to label it with subversive tendencies which are entirely foreign to its nature but which are decidedly characteristic of the Communist authors of the libels.

"We are profoundly alarmed over the fate of millions of our fellow Jews in Eastern Europe, who have been placed in jeopardy by the current Communist campaign of intimidation. The employment of anti-Semitism as an instrument of terror is a well known technique of totalitarian regimes which seek to divert public attention from their own failures and shortcomings. Whatever their political motives, the Communist governments have assumed a fearful responsibility before history.

"Whether or not they deliberately seek to restore the pogrom as an instrument of national policy, they are unleashing forces of hatred which may soon be uncontrollable. We call upon them to halt their present policy, while there may still be time to avert a major catastrophe. Moreover, we declare that if the so-called Jewish 'bourgeois elements' and 'cosmopolitans' are undesirable to those who dictate the policies of the Soviet bloc, they should be permitted to emigrate to Israel. Indeed, the Zionist Movement would gladly undertake to carry out such a transfer en masse, if only the countries within the Soviet orbit would agree to it.

"Let them go to Israel, where they will be warmly welcomed."

In the discussion which ensued, many of those present expressed a desire for immediate and dramatic action on the part of our national organization in line with the policy expressed in the resolution. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Harry Forczynier stressed the view that the American Zionist Council should take into account the value and strength of the Zionist Movement in the ad hoc committee it had established to deal with the question of Soviet anti-Semitism. The presiding officer noted that the sense of the meeting was to express this opinion as the ZOA's view to the American Zionist Council.

OTHER POLICY RESOLUTIONS:

Rabbi Miller read the text of a resolution on Middle East arms policy as follows:

"The Zionist Organization of America is deeply concerned over the policies currently being pursued by Great Britain with respect to the provision of arms to the Arab states. In view of the persistently aggressive attitude of the

Arab states towards Israel and their continued refusal to negotiate directly with Israel for a definite peace, the sale of jet aircraft and similar new military equipment to Egypt and other Arab countries creates a serious war threat to Israel and constitutes a major obstacle to stability in the Middle East.

"Since military equipment of this nature is obviously not designed for internal policing purposes and since it is highly questionable whether the Arab states could, or would, employ this equipment with any degree of effectiveness in the event of a general war, Israel would be the only possible adversary against whom these weapons could be directed.

"We therefore urge the government of the United States to reject any course which would equip the Arab states for possible aggressive action against Israel and serve to intensify their present intransigence. We also urge our government to use its good offices with the government of Great Britain to discontinue its present arms policy in the Middle East.

"Moreover, we respectfully suggest that our government's major immediate objective in the Middle East should be the inducement of the Arab states to enter into direct peace negotiations with Israel."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The ZOA president then read the following resolution on the coalition government of Israel:

"The Zionist Organization of America hails the new coalition government of Israel, in which the Mapai and General Zionist Parties are the principal partners, as the most constructive move towards political stability and national unity which has occurred since the establishment of the state of Israel. The new coalition also encourages the hope that a greater degree of unity will prevail throughout all sections of the World Zionist Movement, thus facilitating and making more effective all Zionist efforts in Israel's behalf.

"We are particularly gratified that important elements of General Zionist thought, which we and our fellow General Zionists, both in Israel and the Diaspora, have consistently advocated, are now incorporated into the program which the new government has undertaken to carry out. We wish to assure the government of Israel that the Zionist Organization of America stands ready, as always, to render every assistance to it in the fulfillment of its historic responsibilities.

"We send our warm congratulations to the Organization of General Zionists in Israel upon their entry into the Government. We are pleased that the Progressive Party is represented in the new coalition. This underlines the fact that there are no fundamental differences between the Progressives and the General Zionist Party and reinforces the oft-repeated plea for unity between the two groups. We therefore look forward to the speedy reunification of the Progressives with the General Zionist Party."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT:

Rabbi Miller offered a warm tribute to President Truman on his leaving office. He detailed the consistent way that Mr. Truman had aided the Zionist Movement and the state of Israel and spoke of his early demands for the admission of 100,000 refugees to Palestine as the action which unfroze the whole Palestine question.

He went on to wish President Eisenhower a good administration and expressed the hope that he would follow in the footsteps of Mr. Truman in support of fundamental human rights, including taking steps leading to repeal of the McCarran-Walter Law and friendship for Israel.

He then offered a detailed report on the inter-party negotiations that had been conducted since the previous meeting of the National Executive Committee on broadening the functions of the American Zionist Council. He said that Mr. Goodman and he had represented the ZOA in these negotiations, with Dr. Neumann joining in the discussions. He said that the organization's position in these negotiations was that it accepted the enlargement of the Council with the proviso that there were to be no restrictions on the autonomy of its constituent bodies and the transfer of the functions from the Jewish Agency to the Council would be gradual and orderly. He added that the ZOA was prepared to waive any further negotiations on the makeup of the Council membership and its leadership. He said that this position was opposed by Hadassah and Poale Zion who wished a change in the structure and leadership of the Council. The position taken by the Poale Zion was that there should be a chairman of the Council, Mr. Lipsky, not representing any Zionist party, and four co-chairmen, one to be named by each of the major parties. This position was supported by Hadassah and Mizrahi.

Rabbi Miller's report was supplemented by Mr. Goodman who said that any doubts he had had about the wisdom of enlarging the Council had been dissolved by Dr. Nahum Goldmann's statement to the effect that there was no attempt being made to take away the responsibilities of the Council's constituent groups.

The discussion was concluded with the unanimous adoption of a resolution approving the position taken by the ZOA's representatives in the negotiations and authorizing them to proceed along the lines indicated.

ADDRESS BY DR. NEUMANN:

Dr. Emanuel Neumann then delivered a detailed report on his observations and travels since last summer. He described his visit to South Africa last July and noted that the South African Zionists were organized in an overall Zionist federation which unified all work done there on behalf of Israel. He added that his visit to South Africa also indicated to him how the ZOA is looked to by Diaspora Jewry for leadership and guidance in the Zionist Movement.

Dr. Neumann went on to speak of the warm reception given to Rabbi Miller and Mr. Goodman on their visit to Israel last fall. He said that this indicated that the average Israeli desires a closer relationship with American Zionists.

He spoke of the work done in the past few months on the ZOA House in Tel Aviv and of the uses to which it is being put. He suggested that though there was strict observance of the rule previously laid down by Mr. Goodman that the House must be self-supporting, there were, nevertheless, functions that must be carried on there

which would not be income-producing if the House were to have vitality and real usefulness. He mentioned as an example meeting facilities and assistance for the Organization of American Settlers in Israel. He concluded this part of his report by noting that the financial liabilities of the House had been substantially reduced in the six months period that he had been its chairman.

He then went on to a discussion of external problems confronting Israel, including the economic, military and political situations, in all of which he said there was no alleviation of the serious difficulties.

Dr. Neumann offered a detailed history of the internal developments in Israel leading to the formation of the coalition Cabinet and said that a desire for such a coalition had been evidenced in the result of the last elections to the Knesset. He pointed to the continuing successes of the General Zionist Party there since 1950 as a vindication of the ZOA position of expressing its fraternal relations with it.

He noted that many of the major General Zionist planks, including a non-political school system, had been accepted in the agreement leading to the coalition Cabinet. He said that the consequences of the formation of the coalition Cabinet would include an easing of Zionists' approach to investors in Israel enterprises, the absolute eradication of any possible reason for the continuing split between the Progressives and General Zionists and it should bring about coalition-mindedness in this country among the Zionist parties here.

He concluded his remarks by noting that there were still serious political problems faced by Israel and world Zionism and stressed that the leadership of the American Zionist Council must come from the ZOA as heretofore.

FUTURE CONFERENCES PLANNED:

Harold Manson, director of the Commission on Israel and the Middle East, announced that directives were being issued immediately for district and region action on Soviet anti-Semitism. He added that the Commission would sponsor a national conference in February.

Mr. Z. Sitchin, secretary of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, was introduced to the audience and reported that he was sent here to help organize an American-Israel Chamber of Commerce as a membership organization of American businessmen. He asked for full ZOA support of this venture.

Rabbi Miller followed with a discussion on the Economic Conference to be sponsored by the ZOA on March 7-8. He pledged the full help of the organization in setting up the aforementioned Chamber of Commerce and detailed the other economic programs to be undertaken by the conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Secretary

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. SIDNEY MARKS
TO THE
MEETING OF THE NEC AND NAC
January 18, 1953 - Hotel Plaza, NYC.

It has been said that a good report of an Executive Director is one which tells you something everyone knows in words that nobody understands. I do not believe that I have ever been obscure in my usages. And while I may not tell you anything today that you don't already know, I hope at least I can discuss it in words that we all understand.

The financial situation is not good. Abe Goodman will enlarge upon this matter. I can only speak of it in terms of income - of cash intake. I am somewhat one-sided on the subject but as long as the situation continues, I must belabor it.

You have been given two survey reports on Membership and American Zionist Funds. Membership at the end of December showed a drop of 9,315 from the previous year, 44,523 as against 53,568. Considering the increase in dues to \$10 - and the fact that there was no increase in 20 years, it was to be expected to have a bearing on membership. The loss of this number is not a serious one and our financial net results from membership is about the same. What bothers us is how to reduce the loss and convert it into a gain in membership. It is a simple matter of mustering workers. Our samplings have indicated that membership is there to be had.

Some of the techniques being employed include two "package" tours of artists and entertainers sent out by our Speakers and Program and Education Departments. Without expense to the Districts, they are expected to cover most of the main centers of Jewish population beginning in mid-February and continuing through March. Rabbinical meetings addressed by Rabbi Miller are being utilized in the New York Metropolitan areas, parlor meetings and the other techniques. Visits are being made to all parts of the country by staff and volunteers, and more volunteers are needed badly.

The total AZF income from September 1st to the present day is \$82,187.30. It is almost \$50,000 more than last year's AZF total income. While this amount is by no means sufficient, it is clear beyond a doubt that if we continue to consider the American Zionist Fund as the major fund-raising operation within the ZOA, we shall in the future be assured of a regular source of income.

In recent weeks, the AZF Department has supplemented its printed material by issuing special bulletins on the Prague Trials, the arms sales to the Arabs, and the revival of Germany's interest in the economic and military field in the Middle East. A further leaflet on the ZOA House in Israel has just come off the press explaining the manifold services which we offer through the House.

Four weeks ago we commenced with a new policy of mailing a copy of all printed material to the heads of Welfare Funds throughout the country explaining that this is a service of the American Zionist Fund. We shall continue with this practice which will help appreciably when it comes to the time of requesting allocations from Welfare Funds.

Once again, I call your attention to several abuses. First: American Zionist Funds must be received by National equitably and the deplorable tendency to divert major portions of the receipts to local needs, however important, is playing havoc with us. Second: Funds are being raised in large sums for other

Israel and National Jewish projects not directly connected with us. It is being done by our same Zionists who tell us that the Jewish community simply has no money for AZF. Third: When our application for AZF appears for allocation from your Welfare Fund, it should not be made the subject of individual generosity. Time and again, our own people loosely say "give them a little, it will be all right". That's the easiest way. The task is to fight for the full allocation and refuse to retreat.

Both Membership and American Zionist Funds represent the cash income we have. Unless you can provide these items for us, we cannot succeed in carrying out the program which you yourselves have projected.

It seems to me that a stronger weapon must be forged by all of us to combat the political horizon which confronts us. Arms, Soviet Anti-Semitism and its by-products repeat a familiar historical pattern. You can learn from the past by supporting ZOA in the present.

Consider our attempts at mass education. We project a radio record series. Two programs are published and distributed. 85 Districts are solicited and only 24 have accepted the program. Our information on the current political scene must come from stimulator materials produced by the AZF Department instead of an organized effort in these respects. Another number of the "Program and Education" Bulletin devoted to practical aids in District Programming will be reaching you.

Our Organization Department has re-established an office in Detroit for Michigan and Ohio Valley. We are putting a full-time man in the Seaboard, and Tri-State with servicing to include Cleveland. If we can get enough funds from the West Coast Silver Dinners, San Francisco will once again have a Regional office.

Our publications are making a real impact. The American Zionist, in both the magazine and News Reporter editions have taken on a vitality that has given encouragement to all of us. They are moulding Zionist opinion in the country. Dos Yiddishe Folk is now appearing regularly and has been well received. Our news releases have created an excellent press for us. The World Zionist Affairs Department has expanded the Zionist Information Service distribution. It is published in Yiddish, English and Spanish and is being reprinted in Brazil and the Argentine. The General Zionist Delegation from Israel toured 16 Regions and visited 86 Districts in six weeks.

Our Jewish National Fund and Bond Departments are spearheading their special interests and the results now. The Southwest is actively engaged in JNF work. We are embarking on a National Blue Box Month in March - and you will be able to earmark the money towards any ZOA-JNF project you desire. The constant prodding of communities continue to produce excellent bond sale results.

Our Speakers Bureau and Technical Department are doing a man-size job. Handling hundreds of speaking requests and processing the avalanche of requisitions and orders deserve a special note of commendation. Our Young Zionists are holding a National Educational Conference in Atlantic City on February 22nd.

The National Economic Conference for Israel scheduled for March 7 - 8 at the Waldorf is making excellent progress. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of International Trade, State Department, Technical Cooperation Assistance are working with us and it gives great promise of being a beginning of real economic uplift for Israel's economy. Big Business, labor every facet of the American Economy will be present including representatives of the U.S. and Israel Governments.

Our Book and Gift Shop should be visited by you. It is a revelation in enterprise. We do the biggest Israel Arts and book sales in the country. It actually pays its way.

Internally, the Organization Letter continues to give you technical news on a weekly basis. We are entering into labor union negotiations with our staff. The Inner Committee meets regularly, weekly, and the day-to-day happenings which are both complex and difficult, are being resolved by them.

In all these matters the staff plays its usual effective role.

We Zionists have not recently distinguished ourselves. Bold and helpful on the one hand, we have half-sullied our generosity by a trivial attitude towards the work of the Zionist Organization of America. We talk grandly about our accomplishments for Israel and the American Jewish Community, but commit the folly of letting our membership, our American Zionist Funds, our public relations work take their course - as if they operate on their own momentum.

It certainly suggests to the Community that we are either irresponsible, scared, hysterical or in a stampede. The suggestion is unjust; but it arises, from our own acts, our neglects and it does us damage.

I appeal to you to reform your course of conduct. Go out and do the job that has to be done. The times, the events call for it. With your help, Rabbi Miller and his Administration will move forward towards a constructive future for Jewry.



Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks

I want to take this occasion for a brief note of tribute to Charles A. Cowen who had been affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America in an Executive capacity and lectured extensively on behalf of our Organizations.

This great soldier who built so well for the future of Israel and the Jewish people passed from our midst last Monday in Tel Aviv, Israel. His whole heart, mind and soul were devoted to the problems of our people.

May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Dr. Silver

RESOLUTION ON THE SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
AND ON Kfar SILVER

Adopted by the National Administrative Council
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January 18, 1953

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63-94 Austin St.

Rego Park, L. I.

January 19, 1953

Dear Aunt Virginia and Uncle Abba

Marty and I want to extend our heartiest congratulations to you both at this time of wonderful anniversaries - Uncle Abba's 60th birthday, your 30th wedding anniversary and your 35 years with The Temple.

We are very proud of the many deserving honors being bestowed upon you and we wish you good health and

happiness together in
the fruitful years ahead.

And greetings also to
Raphael and Daniel who
must be thrilled to share
these joyful days with
their beloved parents.

We hope we can greet
you personally some time
when you are in New
York.

Love

Marion and
Marty

M.F.JR.

January 19, 1953

Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

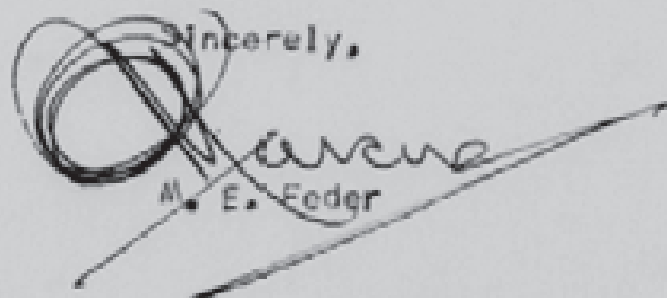
Enclosed please find my personal check for \$100.00 made out in favor of "The A. H. Silver Charitable and Educational Foundation".

Gertrude and I regret we will not be in Cleveland to help celebrate and honor you on the occasion of your 35th year as Rabbi of our Temple and your 60th birthday.

You have meant so much to the Feder family, always at our beck and call be it sorrow or gladness. I wish I could adequately express the appreciation and love that we have deep down in our hearts for you and your darling Virginia.

On this auspicious occasion Gertrude joins me in expressing congratulations and best wishes to you and your proud family.

Sincerely,


M. E. Feder

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January 19, 1953

The Temple
105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

The Jewish community of Detroit is happy to note that The Temple is honoring Dr. Silver on his double anniversary.

Please include the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, its board of governors and its members among those who are delighted to join in this tribute of respect and admiration.

While Rabbi Silver has been yours as a congregation he has been ours, too, and we have been benefited mightily by his visits to our midst. He has been a teacher and a guide to all of us, here and in countless other communities as well.

Please accept for yourselves and convey to Dr. Silver our congratulations and our best wishes for his continuing health and service.

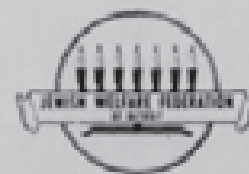
Sincerely yours,

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January 19, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
1372 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Friend:

On the occasion of your sixtieth birthday and thirty-fifth year as rabbi of The Temple, I wish to extend to you my heartiest good wishes. You have labored well in the vineyard of Judaism and have achieved much for our people and the Torah. May you be blessed with many more years of productive labor.

With cordial greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

Samuel S. Cohen

Samuel S. Cohen

SSC/mr

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RABBI WILLIAM B. SILVERMAN, D. D.

RESIDENCE
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January 19, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I join with your many friends and devoted members in expressing heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes on your sixtieth birthday and the observance of your thirty-fifth year of service as the Rabbi of the Temple.

Pearl joins with me in the prayer that God may strengthen your hands as you elevate the Torah of our faith on high and that He may grant you and your dear ones many more years of health, happiness and the joy of consecrated service.

With warmest personal regards and affectionate greetings, I am,

Most cordially,



Rabbi William B. Silverman

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D., Litt. D., D.H.S.,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Cleveland congratulates you upon your sixtieth birthday and congratulates our community upon your thirty-five years of service as Spiritual Leader of Tifereth Israel Congregation - The Temple.

We are very proud to be citizens of a community where you have made such a glorious record. Your brilliance has influenced many; your international reputation is one that very few persons ever attain. Your record of devotion to our people in helping to establish the State of Israel is one that will be recorded in the pages of history.

It is our prayer that you will have continued good health and that you may enjoy the harvest of all of your efforts.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

Bessie Goldstein

Mrs Hiram S. Goldstein,
President.

BHD/sbg.

✓ Cincinnati, Jan. 20, 1953

Dear Friend:

May I take the privilege and pleasure of adding to the many congratulations you will receive on the occasion of your sixtieth birthday and thirtieth anniversary as Rabbi of the Temple my own hearty good wishes.

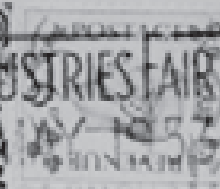
It is my fervent hope that the years that we shared may see you in good health and strength to ever greater and more fruitful service to Judaism and the Jewish cause, as well as to humanity at large.

Sincerely,
 Jake Schwarz

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Jan 29, 1953.

Dear Virginia & Abba;

Have thought of you so often and want to extend my heartiest congratulations to you first for your anniversary and now for your birthday. Rabbi Silver, hope you will have many more happy years together, and loads of good health. I too, celebrated my 60th birthday on November 12th, a couple of days before we left Rhein-Main Germany. Sheldon gave a lovely dinner party for me at the Frankfurt Officers Club-Casino and some friends gave a cocktail party at their home first, and we had the pleasure of having Ralph Weinman, as our house guest, as he flew

2 over from Washington, so it was grand
having some one from home with us.
We have been in "England" for a couple
of months now. - We have a charming
"English Country House" about a hundred
miles from "London" at "Thorham, Kings
 Lynn, Norfolk County," it has an exquisite
Terrace and walled garden. It's
ten miles from "Sculthorpe Air Force Base"
where Sheldon is stationed, and we
are on the "Coast Road" a half mile
from the "Sea." It should be very
beautiful in the summer time and
we are looking forward to Maise
and Florio's visit in May. I came
down to "London" for the week as
Sheldon is on a flight to Germany.
The Fog was so heavy all week.
He has not yet returned. Sadone
"London." It's so very interesting & so
many beautiful spots and places
to go. It's very, very expensive living



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in England as everything is so heavily
taxed and we have to pay 62 cts.
a gallon for very inferior gasoline.
In Germany we were able to buy 100 gal
for 16.⁰⁰ at the "Air Base" - but the English
won't allow the "U.S. Forces" to have their
own gas. The only thing that is
reasonable is from Belgium. They
get 2 shillings an hour - 28 cts. We
have excellent help in the country -
they were included with our house
but everyone says they are difficult
to get in London. Am waiting for
Edna Matlock for luncheon. Mr.
husband has been very ill, but
has had a remarkable recovery
and is up and around again.

⁴ I attended services Sunday at the
"Liberal Temple" here. Mr. Matthews'
son-in-law is the Rabbi. They have a
new Temple and it was dedicated
last Fall. The old one was destroyed.

We are not very far from Sandring-
ham & the King's hunting grounds
are very close to us. It's nice to be
in a country where the language
is no barrier, altho' I don't along.

Beautifully in German as I had
studied German in school.

They are rebuilding rapidly here,
but this "Anticristo programme" is
awful and I don't see how they
all look so well-doing without
much meat-eggs-sugar & cheese
for so many years! The English
folks do not complain & certainly
make the best of their situation,
and they all feel they are getting



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back on their feet again. Some of their customs are still quite primitive - such as their heating and plumbing systems & refrigeration. I hope you can read this letter as I have an injured hand. A couple of weeks after I arrived here, I was going to stir up a cake & plugged the cord into the transformer & put my hand on the motor & the heater started twisting around & caught my middle finger in it & severed it to the joint. - the pain was so excruciating, I thought I would perish. - the Dr. had to take six stitches to put it together. It won't straighten out & the joint was injured & the tendon

"Torn away & now I'm losing the nail on
it. I consulted a specialist in London
yesterday and he doesn't think they
should open it up again & tie the
tendon, as one of the other doctors
had suggested as it might re-infect
and it might not improve it any-
so I'll have to make the best of it &
my hand looks awful with a bent
finger. It was in a curved splint
for about six weeks and I'm glad
that's off now, as it was so uncomfortable.
We were in London during the
big fog, the worst one they have
had in a generation. Never experienced
anything like that in my life.
How Sheldon ever drove back to
Norham I'll never know, as we
just groped our way in absolute
darkness & could hardly breathe
it was thick & black. It took us all
a couple of weeks to get over it.



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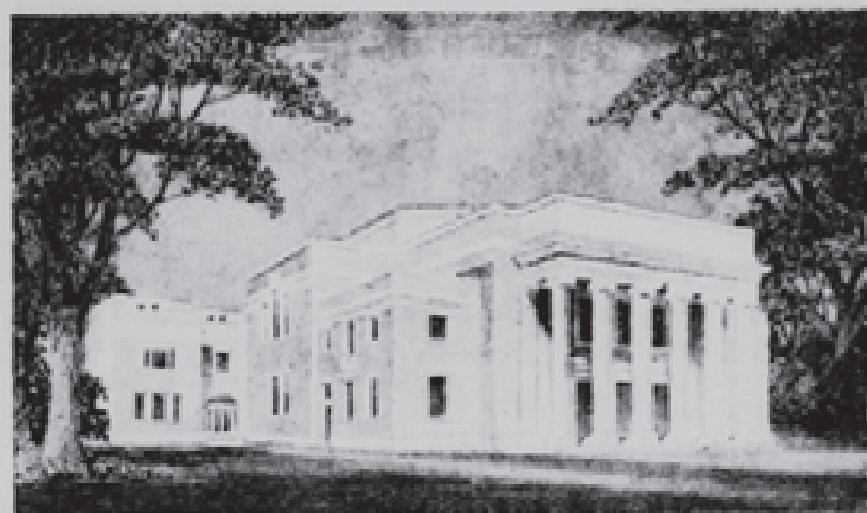
They have had a couple of bad days here again this week. The weather is not so cold, but very damp and penetrating & it's difficult to go about. On Feb. 8th it will be a year since I left the "Old Homestead." I can hardly realize it, as the time has passed so quickly. It's been wonderful being with Sheldon, so he could have a home life over here and a most thrilling year for me. The first time in many years that I have completely relaxed.

I wrote you a long letter last summer & asked the Temple Office to forward it to you while you were in France. Did you ever receive it? How does

Danny like San Diego? - That's a grand
place to be, in sunny California!
Where is Papa! now? Does he have
to go into service?

We were delighted with the
Eisenhower's Election and think he
will make a very good President.
He has been the lead lines in all
the Papers over here for many weeks.
Wish we could be with you for your
big celebration. Do let us hear from
you some time. Have fun together!
Sheldon joins me in sending love
heartiest congratulations and
best wishes to the boys, as always
Travelling yours
Miri Am.

P.S. If you are planning to come to Europe
this summer - I do hope you will visit us in England
Please excuse the
scribble.



THE LIBERAL JEWISH
SYNAGOGUE
LONDON

28 St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8
(Cunningham 5181)

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Secretary : J. M. Duparc

Assistant Secretary : J. Levinson

Organising Secretary : Miss Peggy Lang

OFFICE HOURS : Weekdays, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sundays, 10 a.m.—12 noon.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

Enquiries to the Secretary.

SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES—Enquiries to the Organising Secretary.

FUNERALS AND CREMATIONS—Enquiries to the
Clerk to the Synagogue : J. Foreman.

After office hours the Clerk to the Synagogue can be reached at his private address (Telephone : Chiswick 4440).

The Liberal Jewish Cemetery is at the junction of Pound Lane and Harlesden Road, Willesden, N.W.10.
(For map, please see page 10.)

THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE is still comparatively young; but its founders, of whom Claude G. Montefiore was the chief, have endowed it with a high tradition and an adventurous spirit.

Its history began with a manifesto issued in 1909 by the Jewish Religious Union (now the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues) inviting men and women "wholly or partly detached from existing Synagogues" to form a new congregation on Liberal Jewish lines. Eighteen months later, the first Liberal Jewish Synagogue was established in a building in Hill Street and in January 1912, Rabbi Dr. I. I. Mattuck was inducted as Minister. Membership increased steadily, so that accommodation in Hill Street soon became inadequate and a new and much larger Synagogue had to be erected.

In September 1925, the spacious building at 28 St. John's Wood Road was consecrated. Here the Congregation's activities grew and flourished. The Synagogue assumed a place of importance in the Anglo-Jewish Community and became the centre of Liberal Judaism as it spread throughout the country. As the leading constituent of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, it helped to establish, and has remained active in, the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

In the autumn of 1940, the building was severely damaged by bombing and the main part of the Synagogue was rendered unusable. The work of the Congregation, however, continued without interruption throughout the war and, despite the handicap of restricted space, has increased in scope and vigour in the post-war years.

The main Synagogue has now, except for the portico, been restored and was re-consecrated on September 23rd, 1951, so that the Congregation again has a place of worship of impressive beauty.

MEMBERSHIP

A Council consisting of lay men and women, elected by the Congregation, and of the Ministers, directs the affairs of the Synagogue. The principle which governs the Council in admitting members is that every person desirous of joining, whatever his or her financial position, shall have an equal opportunity of membership. Within the Synagogue, men and women have equal rights ; it is therefore particularly desired that wives as well as their husbands should become members.

Men and women sit together at all Services. Seats are guaranteed for all members (and their children under the age of 21) but no individual seats are allotted in order to avoid any differentiation between one member and another.

The financial system of the Synagogue is based on the voluntary principle and not on an assessment. The Council asks intending members to fix their subscriptions as high as possible in order that others who cannot afford to make substantial contributions may none the less be admitted to membership.

A member of the Council is always ready to give further particulars of the activities of the Synagogue and fuller details of membership to those who contemplate joining.

Forms of application for membership and, on request, particulars of burial rights and dues are obtainable from the Synagogue Secretary.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

Services are held at the Synagogue as follows :

SATURDAY MORNINGS at 11 o'clock

and on all

HOLYDAYS and **FESTIVALS**.

During the Winter and Spring months, Services are held on

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 11 o'clock.

There are also occasional Services on

FRIDAY EVENINGS

and

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

Particulars of all Services are given in the **CIRCULAR** sent weekly to every member of the Synagogue.

The Services are conducted in English and Hebrew. The Synagogue has its own Prayer Book, THE LIBERAL JEWISH PRAYER BOOK, copies of which are lent to congregants at Sabbath and Sunday Services. Prayer Books may also be purchased from the Synagogue office (see list of publications at the back of this booklet).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

CLASSES

Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10.10 to 12.20 for children from 6 to 16 years of age. Instruction is given in the Principles of Judaism, Jewish History, Jewish Literature and Hebrew. The Classes meet about 30 times during the year with holidays corresponding to the normal school holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS

Instruction by correspondence is provided for children at boarding schools or residing outside London. Lessons are posted to the children each week and their work is corrected by expert teachers.

CONFIRMATION

A special Service of Confirmation is held annually in April. Boys and girls of 16 years of age and over are eligible for Confirmation and a special course of instruction is given to them by the Senior Minister.

Enquiries regarding the Religion School should be addressed to the School Secretary, except those relating to Confirmation, which should be addressed to the Senior Minister.

Both the Classes and the Correspondence Courses are open to the children of non-members of the Synagogue.

The Ministers will gladly arrange to discuss with parents questions relating to the religious education of their children.

DISCUSSION MEETINGS AND STUDY GROUPS

FOR PARENTS

Meetings are held at which parents have an opportunity to discuss with the Ministers and teachers problems concerning the religious education of their children.

STUDY GROUPS

Study Groups on a variety of Jewish subjects are held at the Synagogue. Full particulars are given in the Weekly Circular which is sent to all members.

TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE

A Training Course is in progress for those wishing to become teachers in Liberal Jewish Religion Schools.

VISITS TO MEMBERS

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The membership of the Synagogue is now so large and so widespread that, in order to enable the Ministers to keep in personal touch with members, occasional informal meetings are held outside London and in the remoter suburbs.

IN CASES OF ILLNESS

Owing to the size of the Congregation, the Ministers are not always aware of cases of illness. If anyone in a member's family is ill and it is desired that a Minister should call, one of the Ministers, or the Synagogue Secretary, should be informed at once.

MEMBERS' SOCIETIES

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

This Society organises intellectual, social and philanthropic activities among the women members of the Congregation and is open to all women members of the Synagogue. It undertakes social service on behalf of the Synagogue, including the running of a weekly club for elderly people of the district and arranges, through its Sewing Guild, for the distribution of garments for relief abroad. The Society also serves the Synagogue by helping in the arrangement of social functions for the Congregation as a whole. It is affiliated to the Federation of Women's Societies in the Progressive Synagogues of Great Britain.

Particulars are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, Women's Society, 28 St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8.

YOUNGER MEMBERS' ORGANISATION

This Society is open to all members of the Synagogue who are under the age of 45. It arranges meetings of a religious, cultural or social nature and generally assists in furthering the aims of the Synagogue.

Particulars are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, Y.M.O., 28 St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE ALUMNI SOCIETY

This Society is open to all young people from 16 to 30 years of age who are in agreement with the aims of the Synagogue, whether they are members or not.

It has a wide variety of religious, social and intellectual activities.

The Alumni Society is affiliated to the Federation of Liberal and Progressive Jewish Youth Groups, which

unites the Youth Groups of all the Constituents of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues.

It also participates in the youth activities of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Particulars are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, Alumni Society, 28 St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES

The 9th St. Marylebone Scout Group and the 1st Regent's Park Girl Guide Company, with Cub and Brownie Packs, meet regularly at the Synagogue. Particulars are obtainable from the Organising Secretary.

UNITED CHARITIES FUND

This Fund exists to help members to allocate, in the most advantageous way, their contributions to Metropolitan Jewish Charities. It ensures that support is given to those Charities which need it most and helps to eliminate overlapping.

By careful analysis of statistical and other data, the Committee of the Fund annually decides how best to apportion the free funds at its disposal and, when making its allocation to any individual Charity, the Committee sends a list of the names of all its subscribers with a request that they are not approached directly by the Charity in question.

Although contributors to the Funds are invited to leave to the discretion of the Committee the allocation of their subscriptions, members are nevertheless fully at liberty to direct that stated amounts of their individual subscriptions be paid to specified Charities. In such cases, the Fund notifies the Charity of the name of the individual subscriber and the amount especially ear-marked and remitted on his behalf.

The Hon. Secretary of the Fund will be glad to send particulars on application through the Synagogue.

PRIVATE SERVICES AND CEREMONIES

BLESSING OF INFANTS

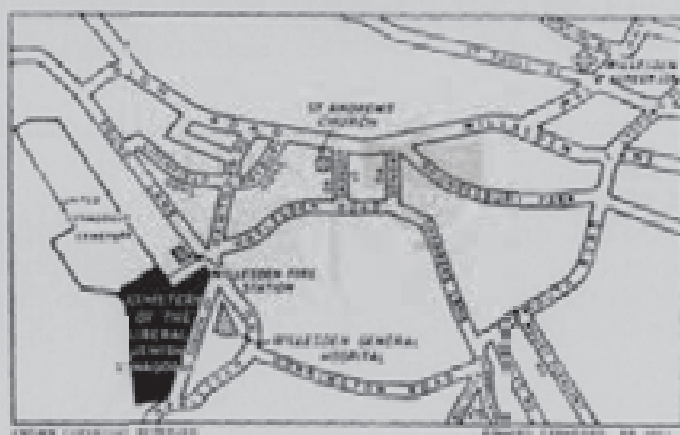
Private Services of Thanksgiving for mothers after child-birth and Blessing of the children are arranged on request to the Synagogue Secretary.

MARRIAGES

Applications for Marriage Ceremonies should be made to the Secretary.

FUNERALS AND CREMATIONS

Arrangements for Funerals and Cremations are made by the Clerk to the Synagogue (*see page 2*).



LIBERAL JEWISH CEMETERY

(at the junction of Pound Lane and Harlesden Road, Willesden. Request stop at St. Andrew's Church for buses Nos. 1, 8, 46 and 52, and trolleybuses 660 and 668).

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Where a Memorial Service is desired, arrangements should be made with the Secretary, who should also be notified of names to be mentioned at Sabbath Services in connection with the recital of the *Kaddish*.

LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS

Public lectures of Jewish interest are held at the Synagogue from time to time. These include an Annual Claude Montefiore Lecture, instituted in commemoration of Claude Goldsmid Montefiore, Founder and first President of the Synagogue.

A number of books and pamphlets on Liberal Judaism and booklets for the religious education of children have been published. A specimen list is given overleaf and a full list may be obtained from the Organising Secretary of the Synagogue, who will also be pleased to send particulars of further publications as they are issued.

The Liberal Jewish Monthly (annual subscription 3s. 6d.) contains articles on subjects relating to Liberal Judaism and news of events and activities within the Liberal Jewish movement. This publication is one of the many issued by the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues (formerly known as the Jewish Religious Union). This Union, of which the Liberal Jewish Synagogue is a constituent, was founded by the Hon. Lily H. Montagu, O.B.E., J.P., in order to spread a knowledge of Liberal Judaism and to help in establishing new Liberal Jewish congregations in Great Britain. Details of its work will be sent on application to the Organising Secretary of the Union, 28 St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8.

PUBLICATIONS

All the undermentioned publications are obtainable at the Synagogue, where a complete list may also be obtained.

THE ESSENTIALS OF LIBERAL JUDAISM. By Rabbi Dr. I. I. Mattuck. (*Routledge*, 8s. 6d.)

LIBERAL JUDAISM: ITS THOUGHT AND PRACTICE. By Rabbi Dr. I. I. Mattuck. (2s.)

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS: A RECORD of Liberal Judaism in England, 1900-1950. (2s. 6d.)

THE LIBERAL JEWISH MONTHLY. (3s. 6d. per annum for ten issues.)

MARRIAGE—DOCTRINE and PRACTICE of Liberal Judaism. By Rabbi Dr. I. I. Mattuck. (3d.)

THE LIBERAL JEWISH PRAYER BOOK, Vol. I: Services for Sabbaths, Weekdays, etc.; Vol. II: Services for New Year and Day of Atonement.

SERVICES FOR TABERNACLES. (2s. 6d.)

SERVICES FOR PASSOVER. (2s. 6d.)

SERVICES FOR PENTECOST. *To be reprinted.*

HAGGADAH: PASSOVER EVE Service for the Home. (1s. 6d.)

A BOOK OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION. (1s. 6d.)

THE SHEMA EXPLAINED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. By The Rev. Leslie I. Edgar, illustrated by Julia Lowerthal. (3s. 6d.)

GREAT JEWS: Biographies for Jewish Children. (1) ABRAHAM. (2) MOSES. By Josephine Kamm & The Rev. Philip Cohen. Illustrated (1s. each.)

SABBATH EVE HOME SERVICE BOOK FOR CHILDREN. Illustrated by Greil Kahn. *In preparation.*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It pains me to think that I will not be able to take advantage of your kind invitation to attend your Testimonial Dinner the evening of January 28th.

I've been trying the last couple of weeks to change a very important meeting in Harrisburg and I have not been successful in doing so and that will keep me away both the 28th and 29th of January.

Since I am not going to be in the city for the 28th, I do want to send you my best wishes and congratulations for these joyous occasions, namely your thirtieth wedding anniversary, sixtieth birthday and your thirty-fifth year in the ministry. Please accept my best wishes and may you be blessed with good health so that you and Mrs. Silver will enjoy many more years together.

We Clevelanders have been most fortunate to have had you in our midst through these years and may we too have the good fortune of having you with us for a long time to come.

With my best wishes again both to you and Mrs. Silver in which Florence joins me I am

Sincerely,

James H. Miller

James H. Miller

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אישנו הנערץ
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר.

אנו, חברי ההסתדרות הציונית במכסיקו,
מצטרפים לקהליטוריקיך הגדול, המביע לך את
ברכותיו ואחוליו במלאת לך ששים שנה.

אתה, שהיית ממניחי יסודות בקרקע חיינו
בארץ ובגולה, זכית בצדק לרגשי חודה על כל אשר
עשית.

עמידתך האיחנה בסערות הזמן היא לנו
דוגמא ומנחה.
הנועתנו ככל אתר ואחר זוכרת לך ביום
זה את הצובדה, שאתה נחת לה ארשת ואמונה בורכה
לקראת המסרה.

ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר היקר, חברי ההסתדרות
הציונית במכסיקו אינם רוצים להסתפק בסגור אגרת
זו: רצונם לראותך כאן בקרבנו, ולו רק לימים
מספר, כדי שיוכלו להביע לך בעל-פה את אשר עם
לבבם. הן הנסחח בהזדמנויות שונות לבקר את מכסיקו.
אנא, קבע את המועד הנוח לך. למוחר לציון, כי
בקורך עשוי לחזק את שורוחינו ולחם הנופה חודה
להסתדרותנו.

תהא נא נאמנותנו לך מקור השואה בפעולותיך

להבא.

חיים טייכמן
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER
RABBI

LEO S. BAMBERGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 20, 1953

Dear Hostess:

Mr. Santo, the Maitre d' of the Statler Hotel, would like to meet with all of the Hostesses for the Testimonial Banquet for Rabbi Silver at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28th. We hope that you can plan to be in the Main Ballroom at that time.

Looking forward to seeing you then, we are

Cordially yours,

CO-CHAIRMEN OF HOSTESSES

Mrs. S. M. Friedman
Mrs. George Furth
Mrs. Sydney N. Calvin
Mrs. Eugene Geisner
Mrs. L. W. Neumark
Mrs. V. L. Wise
Mrs. Irwin E. Teelton

P.S. If you have not yet made your reservation for the Banquet, please do so at once, as we are reaching capacity attendance.

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Study of the Rabbi

DAVID H. WICE, M. A., D. D.

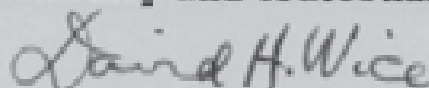
January 20, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague and Friend:

Personally and on behalf of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, the oldest Ashkenazic congregation in the western hemisphere, I salute you on the occasion of your sixtieth birthday anniversary. May God spare you in health and vigor for many years, to be a continued blessing to your dear ones, your Congregation and community, and the whole household of Israel.

Faithfully and fraternally,



Rabbi David H. Wice

DHW:Y

Temple Israel

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CAPE TOWN JEWISH REFORM CONGREGATION

Upper Portwood Road, Green Point,

Rabbi
DAVID SHERMAN

CAPE TOWN.

Secretary
R. R. HAYDEN

.20th January, 1953.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th at Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6,
OHIO.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I just received a notice of the Special Service to celebrate your 60th birthday and 35 years with the Temple.

It hardly seems that long, but when I think back I cannot remember the time when Rabbi Silver was not the leading figure in American Jewry.

It marks a generation of leadership during the most eventful period of Jewish history - for which our people must remain forever indebted to your vision and energy.

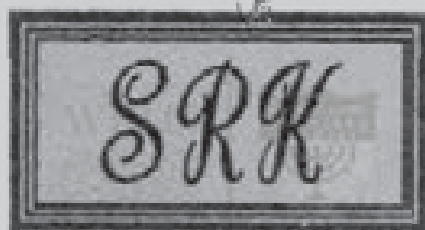
Your many friends and admirers in Cape Town would like to be remembered to you and join me in wishing you Mazel Tov and many years of health and service to a far-flung Israel.

With warmest regards and all good wishes to you and Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely,

David


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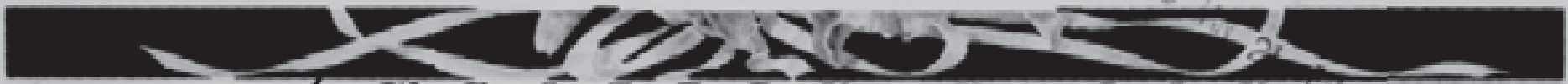
Dear Rabi and Mrs Silver,
Since I
am leaving for Los Alamos
to see Bill and his family.
I regret I will not be able to
attend the various events to
celebrate your anniversaries
so I extend to you my heart-
est congratulations and
sincere wishes that you
both will be with us for
many years to come in
good health.

Sincerely,
Dorita R. Keller

January 22nd.



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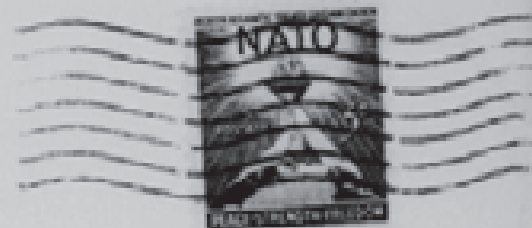
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For Your

Anniversary





Dr. Abba H. Silver

The Temple

E. 105th and Amsel Rd.

Cleveland

Ohio.

Congratulations on this day
That means so much to you,
May it recall old pleasures
And bring others
that are new;

And may the happy future years
That you anticipate
Bring many more
such days as this
For you to celebrate.

Dear Rabbi,

Regret I will be unable to join
in the celebrations, but want you to
know I'll be with you in mind and
heart. May all these wishes be granted
to you and your dear family. Sincerely,

Elean Butad

From 507 W. Latham St. Phoenix Arizona



EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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January 21, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

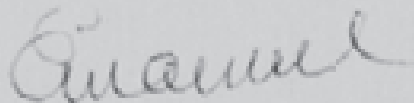
I would have liked very much to attend the dinner in Cleveland on your birthday and thought I might do so, but I find it will not be possible. Not only am I terribly crowded for time, but it so happens that I have Yahrzeit for my father on that day.

You know that our warmest good wishes and felicitations go to you and Virginia on this joyous occasion. Yours is a long-lived family and your friends may reasonably expect of you a great many more years of vigorous activity and active leadership. The rest I will reserve for my speech at the New York dinner on February 5th.

Could we arrange to have a couple of hours to ourselves here in New York around that time - the day of the dinner - the day before - or the day after?

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann



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JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION *of Cleveland*

Successor to The Jewish Community Council and The Jewish Welfare Federation

January 21, 1953.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at E. 105th St.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

It is a great pleasure and a personal privilege to inform you officially that the Federation membership elected you as an honorary trustee for life at the 49th annual meeting on January 18th. Henry Rucker read your letter of acceptance which made a deep impression on all those present.

I can think of no person who is more deserving of this highest honor which the membership can pay to any Clevelander. Your service to the Jewish community of Cleveland in any one of several capacities would be sufficient to merit this recognition. We all recognize, of course, that this service is dwarfed by the historical contribution you have made and are making to world Jewry.

I have started several times to write you another kind of letter to add my congratulations to the thousands of others you are receiving this month. I want especially to congratulate Mrs. Silver and you on the occasion of your thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

May the Good Lord grant you many, many more years of good health, happiness, and continued leadership in the interest of all of us.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Zucker
Henry L. Zucker
Executive Director

hlz:rs.

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ד"ר אבא הלל סילווער

האלדארן אסמאר"א

נו"ארק

השובער ד"ר סילווער:

צו דער בעלענעוהייט פון אייער מערען א בן-שטים
און צו דער פארדינסטער באעחרונג האט מערס איינגעפירט לכבוד איין
האט דער צענטראל קאמיטעט פון דער ציוניסטישער פערעראציע אין אר-
בעטיגע דעם כבוד אויסצורייקען איין די אויפריכטיגע און הארטיגע
אנטליסונג און די סימבאליע-געפיהלען.

אין דער ציוניסטישער העלט האט אייער נאמען שטענ-
דיג באדייטעט דער סימבאליע פון דער אומשולדסטער און אויפריכטיגער
איבערגעבענקייט צו די רייע איידעלעך פונם היסטארישען ציוניזם און
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ציאנאלער אויפגאבע פון זיין פאלק.

דערפאר האט דער אלגעמיינער ציוניזם געקענט שטאל-
צירען מיט איין איינער פון די גלענצענדסטע מנהיגים און אומשולדער דער
השפעה פון אייער איידעלעך און מערען א באדייטענדע נייל פונם
קאמף אין די לעצטע צענדליגער יארהען פון דער היסטאריע פונם ציו-
ניזם.

מיר הייסען, אז מיט דער אומשטאנד פון מדינת ישראל
האט זיין דער דאזיגער קאמף נישט געענדיגט און אז אונזער באהענגונג
און איידעלעך מנהיגים האבען זעהר היכטיגע אויפגאבען צו דערפילען, און
איידער זענט איינער פון יענע העלכע, במשך אסך און לאנגע יארהען, דארף
פארזעצען אונז צו אריבערגען אומזענדיג דעם ריכטיגען וועג צו דער
פולשטענדיגער באפרייאונג פון ישראל.

אין דער זיכערקייט אז אזוי וועט עס געטעהען, היידער-
האלען מיר אונזער חברליכען

שלום

י. וואלף
ד"ר ישראל אנוכסקי
פרעזידענט

י. וואלף
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Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President

838 Fifth Avenue - New York 21 N. Y. - Regent 7-8200

January 21, 1953

Dear Abba

I wish with all my heart that I could be face to face with you to give articulate rather than written expression to the fond sentiments which, along with myriad others, I entertain. But since that is not possible, I take this means of extending to you, on behalf not only of myself as friend and admirer, but of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its four hundred and fifty-five member congregations, our warmest felicitations on this occasion of anniversary and festivity, and our deepest appreciation for all the rich blessings which your years of unparalleled service have bestowed upon all of us.

Thirty-five, or even sixty, years are few indeed in which to have achieved such measure as you have of spiritual and intellectual strength; in which to utilize, as you have, your unique talents and genius in selfless dedication to our sublime Faith and our deathless heritage. All Judaism, and all Jews everywhere, are your grateful beneficiaries.

May God grant you undiminished strength of mind and heart and body over yet unnumbered years so that you may abide among us in full vigor -- a blessing to our people and our Faith, a never-failing inspiration to your Congregation, an intrepid and ever-challenging and prophetic leader among leaders, a friend to all mankind.

Faithfully yours

Maurice

Maurice N. Eisendrath

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It seems doubtful
if I can be with you on the
28th but I have made bold
again to try to express some-
thing of the regard I have for
you.

Accept it with any apology
it needs. Cordially
Fred G. B.

To my friend, Abba Hillel Silver.

To build a road for freedom, truth and light,
You pass today this milestone far along,
But still press on with courage high and bright,
To serve great causes and to conquer wrong.

Your words have sounded brave and wise and clear,
To move men's hearts by sure and wise appeal,
And bid us falter not, nor yield to fear,
When victory fails man's earnest hope to seal.

Across the seas a people build once more
Upon the treasured memories of the past,
And thank the God they worship as of yore
That to their heritage they come at last.

And you, whose help has served them in their need,
Here in this land you love keep sure the gleam
Of constant hope to conquer hate and greed,
Until the passing shadows clear in Life Unseen.

F. Q. B.

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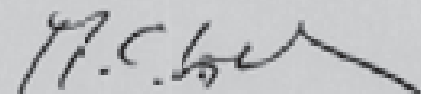
Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have just read in the daily bulletin of the J.T.A., which I receive from New York, that next Wednesday you will be celebrating your 60th birthday. May I take this opportunity on behalf of our community and myself to congratulate you on this important occasion. I trust and pray that you will be spared many more years in the service of our people, who are in great need of your services.

May I say in passing that I greatly appreciate and will never forget the warm tribute you paid ~~to~~ me when you occupied the pulpit of Temple Israel eighteen months ago during your sojourn in Johannesburg.

Kindly remember me to your wife and to your son, Daniel, whom I met in Cincinnati two years ago.

Yours very sincerely,



MOSES CYRUS WEILER

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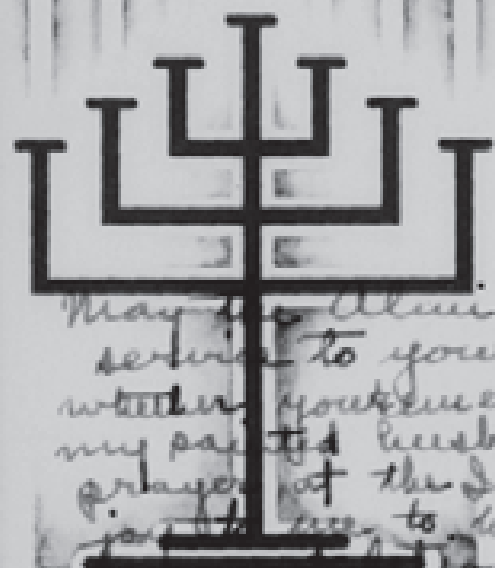


To Rabbi and Mrs. A. H. Silvers,

Address The Temple, Angel at 105th St.

City Cleveland, Ohio.

Date Jan 21st '53



Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silvers, My hearty congratulations to the double celebration - your sixtieth birthday and your thirty five years tenure as Rabbi of the Temple. May the Almighty grant you many more years of health and service to your community and the world at large. I do not know whether you remember me. But I will never forget your graciousness to my sainted husband Marcus and myself. I was thrilled to hear your prayer at the Inaugural Ceremonies, it was inspiring and thrilling. It is to hear your voice that Mrs. Henry Sampliner asked me to bring her congratulations with mine she sang in the choir of your Temple when

".... SPEECH IS RESIDING IN CLEVELAND.
THE MESSENGER
OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

With sincere and cordial greetings Sincerely

Signature Nell J. Samplinger
(Mrs. Marcus)
Address Warwick Apts Raleigh Ave,
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Father & Virginia:

I just received word from home that you were celebrating many anniversaries.

May we be added to the list of well wishers, and extend our Heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes for years of continued good health and happiness together!

I just returned last week from a year's visit to Santiago, Chile which I enjoyed so much, especially being with Virginia who is betrothed to Hans Levy of Santiago. She was born in Berlin and came to Chile when two years old. It was grand being able to know and love my new daughter

to be. We are very happy to
welcome her in our family circle,
as she is not only beautiful but
charming and intelligent.

I trust you are all enjoying
the best of health and with loving
regards in which Betty joins all.

P.S. Very cordially
We were so happy and Pontouck
proud to see Rabbi on T.V.
at the presidential inauguration!!

Mrs. Samuel H. Kleinman

Jan. 21st
6707 Atlantic Ave
Baltimore, D.C.

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January 22, 1953

Dear Dr. Silver:

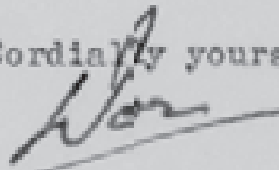
In honoring you in celebration of your notable anniversaries, the members of your splendid congregation and friends are paying tribute to one whose friendship I cherish and one whom I recognize as among the great and most constructive leaders of our time. As a first citizen of your community, as an outstanding American and as a distinguished Rabbi and spiritual leader of our Jewish people at home and throughout the world, you merit the deep appreciation and lasting gratitude of those of us who like myself have been privileged to know you and to follow your leadership in, at least, some of the vital programs which you have so courageously and unfalteringly championed during your extraordinary career.

Your achievements in so brief a span as three score years have been monumental. You have always fought for the right as you have seen it and in all of the titanic battles in which you have been engaged, you have conducted yourself with a dignity that elicited universal admiration, even though some may not have been in agreement with you on the problems at issue. You have, with the utmost generosity, made available your great talents for assisting the weak and giving hope to the persecuted.

I had not intended to express myself so fully, but it is in my heart to tell you what I think of you. I wish you many, many more years of rugged good health and fruitful years for the continuation of your great works.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours



Isidor Coons

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

MOSES JUNG
386 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

Jan 22, 53.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As one sexagenarian
to another — I am really only two
years older than you are — I am sending
you my warmest wishes.

I have followed your
activities throughout the years with
genuine satisfaction & profound
admiration.

Yours very sincerely
Moses Jung
(Columbia Univ. Dept
of Religion & Consultant
on Catholic Jewish Relations
to Amer. Jew. Comm.).

P.S. The last time we met was in
1939 or so on the Campus of State
Univ. of Iowa.

ELIAS GILNER
1009 PRESIDENT STREET
BROOKLYN 23, N. Y.
STERLING 3-7342

January 22, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On the occasion of your sixtieth birthday - the exact date of which is unknown to me - I wish to extend to you my warmest wishes. May the Almighty who so frequently hears your powerful voice raised on behalf of others, grant you many more years of good health, bounty and happiness and above all - of fruitful endeavors for the good of our people and America.

As a token of my admiration, I have taken the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, an inscribed copy of my book PRINCE OF ISRAEL, published a few days ago.

Sincerely yours,

Elias Gilner (Ginsburg)
Elias Gilner

RABBI BERTRAM KLAUSNER

Congregation Beth Israel
Austin, Texas

3206 Kerbey Lane
8.6043

✓
January 22, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note with joy that the Temple is honoring you on the occasion of your sixtieth birthday and your 35th year as Rabbi of the Congregation. As summer worshipers at the Temple, my wife and I include ourselves as your congregants and share in this Simchah.

In reality, your congregation encompasses World Jewry and this occasion is, therefore, one in which we all join.

May God bless you with health and long life that you may continue your labors of Redemption and Salvation.

Sincerely yours,

Bertram Klausner
Bertram Klausner

✓ Jan. 22, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver -

This is to wish you a
Happy Birthday - and many
happy returns of the three
anniversaries you are celebrating
this month.

Ben Kling

CANTOR MOSES J. SILVERMAN
THE *Anshe Emet* SYNAGOGUE
PINE GROVE AT GRACE • CHICAGO 13

✓
January 22, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Before coming to the two-fold purpose of this note, may I express the hope that it finds you, Mrs. Silver and all your dear ones in the very best of health.

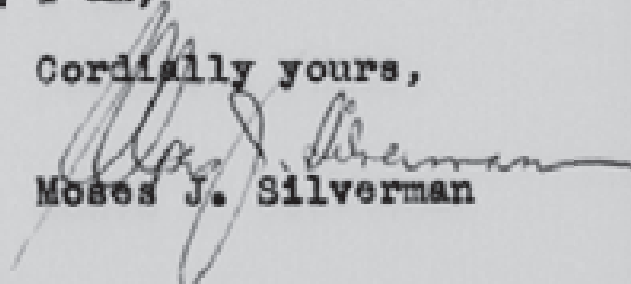
Firstly, may I tell you that I and every Jew in this vicinity with whom I spoke, were thrilled as I was with the magnificent invocation that you gave at the inauguration ceremonies of our new President. I know that I shall always remember that occasion with great pride and pleasure.

Secondly, on the occasion of your approaching sixtieth birthday, which will be marked by Jews and non-Jews all over this country, I want to take this means of expressing heartiest congratulations and every good wish to you. May you continue on for many years in good health, leading your people in the brilliant manner that you have these past years, and may you go "meychayil el choyil!"

My only regret is that the celebration in your honor is being held in New York, for were it in Chicago, I would seek and almost insist on the privilege of singing for you.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Moses J. Silverman

MJS/e

THE TEMPLE

Isaiah Israel

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STUDY OF THE RABBI

January 22, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Abba Hillel Silver:

My heartiest congratulations, in which Elaine joins me, on the occasion of your 60th Birthday and your 35 years as Rabbi of the Temple.

Yours has been a rich and full, creative life, which history alone will be able adequately to evaluate. Your work for our people, America and humanity at large, has brought countless blessings for which generations to come will be increasingly grateful.

If your life had been marked only by the service you rendered in helping to make possible a Jewish state, we could all say "Dayyenu", but there are so very many other accomplishments for which we can praise God. May He grant you many more years in which to multiply your contributions for the blessing of all. May these years, too, be marked by gladness and peace for you and Mrs. Silver and all who are dear to you.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 1953


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I extend every warm and hearty greetings upon your forthcoming birthday. Your congregation and community are giving you a party but no matter how they might honor you, it would still fall short of what you merit. You have led and inspired a generation and your stature among us increases from day to day. May God double your blessings and years -- "until one hundred and twenty!"

Mrs. Siskin joins me in these wishes and also in kindest regards to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely,


EDGAR E. SISKIN
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the officers and membership of Bnai Zion, I wish to extend to you our heartfelt greetings and best wishes for a very Happy Birthday.

On this occasion, when you celebrate your 60th birthday, we would like you to know again and again how honored the membership of Bnai Zion feels to count you among its members.

We feel extremely proud of your accomplishments on behalf of the Jewish people, the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.

I am enclosing our current issue of our monthly publication, the Bnai Zion "Voice", in which one of the two editorials attempts to give expression to some of the above sentiments.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, Mrs. Silver and your family, I am

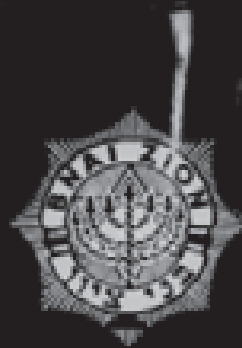
With fraternal Zionist Greetings,

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P.S. We all look forward to the pleasure of greeting you at your Birthday Dinner on February 5th, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Harold Z. Quityman



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Editorials

Yitzhak Ben Zvi, President of Israel

We send our felicitations and best wishes to Yitzhak Ben Zvi, second President of Israel. He is a worthy successor to the immortal first President, Chaim Weizmann.

It was inconceivable that during his lifetime any one but Dr. Weizmann would be President. The immutable law of life and death decreed that he who inspired, planned and guided the consummation of the Zionist ideal must pass into history. Life must and does continue. There is not another like him in our generation. This does not detract from but rather emphasizes the worth of his successor.

Life long Zionist, *halutz*, soldier, scholar and historian, he is withal a man of peace and contemplation and a dreamer. His talents and fervor in youth, young manhood and mature years have been devoted entirely to the twin ideals of social justice and Jewish national renaissance. Not only in the ivory tower of the scholar and philosopher but also on the highways and by-ways, among the Jewish masses, in the *kibbutz*, on the farm, on guard as a *shomer*, as a soldier on the field of battle with the first Jewish Legion in 1918

and in the *Haganah*, and in the War of Independence, he epitomizes the ideals of modern Israel. Although a member and leader of the Labor Party *Mapai*, Yitzhak Ben Zvi was never a participant in violent partisan political strife. He views Party loyalty as a means toward a happier and fuller life for all citizens. The *Knesset* acted wisely in selecting a man for President who will be, as he should be, above fluctuating and shifting partisan politics and his understanding and objective patriotism will be a steadying and soothing influence on the stormy and complex course of the Ship of State.

It is unavoidable in the history of nations which establish their independence after many years of striving and struggle that the early leaders of the new Government are advanced in years. The President of Israel is close to the Biblical age of three score and ten. May the blessings and affections of the Jewish people add to the number of his years, to his health and strength and may he continue to lead his countrymen on their journey to national well-being, fulfillment and *shalom*!

H.G.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

It is a rare person indeed who becomes a legendary figure in his lifetime. Such a person is Dr. Abba Hillel Silver whom Bnai Zion honored on the occasion of its 38th Order Day, and whose sixtieth birthday is now being celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

How inspiring were his addresses at the Zionist Conventions, the United Palestine Appeal and Jewish National Fund Conferences! What a thrill the Jews all over the world had when on May 8, 1947, Dr. Silver, as the Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and as the first representative of the Jewish people, appeared before the World Tribunal, the United Nations General Assembly, and voiced the demands of the Jewish people for national recognition, and for the right to re-establish their national State in their ancestral home. What pathos was poured into the ending plea which follows:

"Permit me to conclude with this observation: The Jewish people places great hope upon the outcome of the deliberations of this great body. It has faith in its collective sense of justice and fairness, and in the high ideals which inspire it. We are an ancient people and though we have often, on the long, hard road which we have travelled, been disillusioned, we have never been disheartened. We have never lost faith in the sovereignty and the ultimate triumph of great moral principles. In these last tragic years when the whole household of Israel became one great hostelry of pain, we could

not have builded what we did build had we not preserved our unshakeable trust in the victory of truth. It is in that strong faith and hope that we wish to cooperate with you in this task which you have undertaken.

The Jewish people belongs in this society of nations. Surely the Jewish people is no less deserving than other people whose national freedom and independence have been established and whose representatives are now seated here. The Jewish people were your Allies in the war and joined their sacrifices to yours to achieve a common victory. The representatives of the Jewish people of Palestine should sit in your midst—the representatives of the people and of the land which gave to mankind spiritual and ethical values, inspiring human personalities, and sacred texts which are your treasured possessions. We hope that that people now again rebuilding its national life in its ancient homeland, will be welcomed before long by you to this noble fellowship of the United Nations.

The Silver tongue was silenced temporarily. His dynamic leadership in American and World Zionism was greatly missed. His philosophy has been vindicated by the recent events in Israel. Now Dr. Silver has been brought forth from comparative retirement and is being feted by the Zionists of America. Bnai Zion extends, on behalf of its National Administration and its entire membership, its best wishes for many more years of continued service to the cause of our people. God bless you, Dr. Silver! H. J. F.

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Abba Hillel Silver
Testimonial Dinner Committee
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Dear Sirs,

The fad to celebrate anniversaries, I fear, is being a bit overdone by American Synagogues and Rabbis. Local occasions are trumpeted and are made to appear to have national significance.

The celebration of the Temple however is not to be identified with the others. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is a unique personality and his achievements and gifts are unique. American and World Jewry are greatly indebted to him. His understanding and love of Judaism and those who are committed to its survival and enhancement - and his intense devotion to their good entitle him to a signal honor.

May God grant him length of days and good health to continue his labors and to see his efforts crowned with success.

Very sincerely yours,

Bernard Heller

Visiting Professor of Ethics and Philosophy of Religion
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.



Jan. 22, 1953.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

May every hour for many
anniversaries and birthdays
be filled with golden hours
of health and happiness.

It is with sincere
pleasure and pride that
we share the joyous
occasions, of this month,
with you.

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