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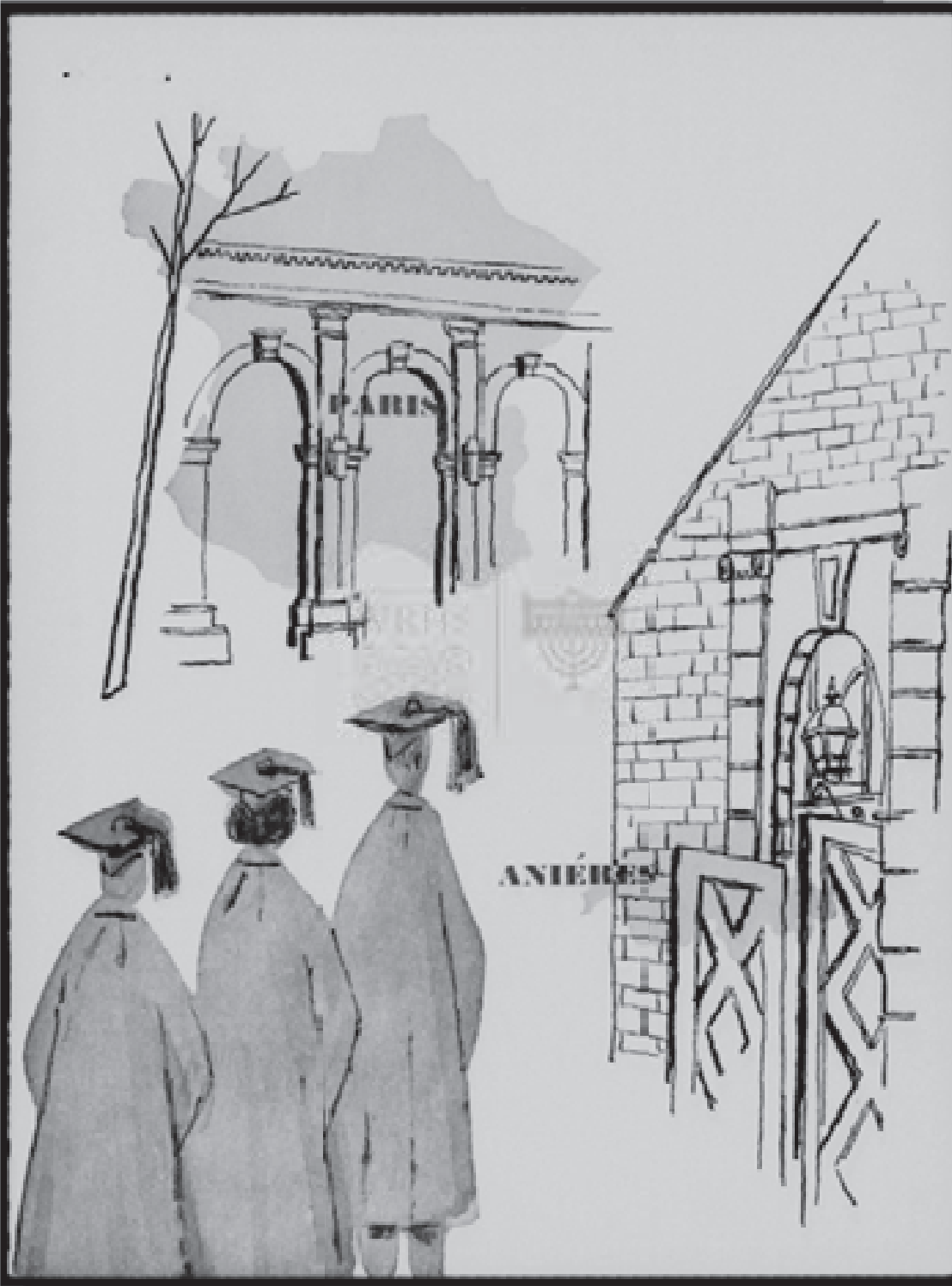
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In Honor

of your 70th Birthday


Among the many messages  
beaded your way, many  
ours add its bit toward  
a wonderful day.

Happy Birthday.





Congratulations



Dear Sir,

With sincere

congratulations

and the best

of good wishes.

Sincerely

John Bastian

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BROS.



Dear Rabbi Silverman, I have had the privilege of serving your charming wife and stalwart sons, at The Cleveland Trust Co. Safe Deposit Bldg. I enjoy knowing them very much and consider you very fortunate.

I send Birthday Congratulations and deep appreciation of your service to the Community. May you have many more healthful years ahead.

Sincerely,

Irvin Bactian

J. Bastron  
Safe Deposit Bldg  
Cleveland Trust Co. Main



WRHS  
Robert H. Silver,

19810 Shaker Blvd.,

Cleveland 22, Ohio.

RABBI EARL S. STONE  
TEMPLE EMANUEL  
DENVER, COLORADO

January 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle and Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dan:

I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed that memorable weekend. The only trouble with it was that it passed too quickly. It was also a thrill to be able to see all of you and to participate in that magnificent service and, thus, having the rare opportunity of being able to express a little bit of my overflowing love and respect for Dad. I do hope that we shall be able to visit together at greater length in the not too distant future. You really have a wonderful congregation, as Dad put it so succinctly. Even though it has been a number of years since I have left, I still feel a part of it and I hope to feel that way in the future.

It was a pleasure to have met your in-laws and I am only sorry I didn't get to meet your children.

I know that I join you in the prayer that Dad may be enabled to celebrate many more wonderful occasions in his distinguished life and that he will be enabled to continue to "shep nachis" from his wonderful family, as well as from Jewry, who owes him so much.

My travel expense to Cleveland and back amounted to \$134.00. I think it is very gracious, indeed, for The Temple to assume this.

Again my grateful thanks to you and the congregation for having afforded me that memorable weekend.

With fond regards to all, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Earl

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January 29, 1963

My dear friends:

I have been informed by the Women's American Ort that you have made a contribution to that organization in honor of my birthday. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and for your good wishes.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HLEL SILVER

AHS:bmm

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kane  
2870 Glengary Road  
Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

January 29, 1963

My dear Effie and Sam:

I have been informed by The Montefiore Home that you have made a contribution to them in honor of my birthday. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and good wishes.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vactor  
15810 Van Aken Boulevard  
Cleveland 20, Ohio

January 29, 1963

My dear friends:

I have been informed ;that you have had a tree planted in Israel in honor of my birthday. That is such a nice way of saying "Happy Birthday" and I am most grateful to you for your thoughtfulness.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain



Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mr. and Mrs. Max Apple  
3717 Washington Boulevard  
Cleveland 18, Ohio



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קרן קיימת לישראל

RICHARD H. KOHN  
1000 EAST 53RD ST.  
CLEVELAND

January 29, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Please accept my belated congratulations  
for your 70th birthday and my sincere wishes for your  
continued good health and happiness.

I was delighted to receive my autographed  
copy of "In the Time of Harvest" and there is no doubt  
but that the book will afford me an abundance of badly  
needed knowledge. I thank you.

In honor of your birthday, please accept  
the enclosed for the Foundation Fund of The Temple.

Cordially,



Richard H. Kohn

RHK  
cjd

Encl.

January 29, 1963

My dear Ruth:

On the occasion of my birthday, I received a large Uniongram signed by so many members of the Temple Women's Association. Through you, as president of the association, I should like to thank all of my friends who remembered me on my birthday and to tell them how deeply I appreciated their gracious act. They helped to make the occasion a very happy and memorable one for me.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Ruth Dancyger  
c/o The Temple  
Women's Association

January 29, 1963

Herbert Barrett Management, Inc.  
250 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Gentlemen:

Please pardon the delay in sending you the enclosed check.  
We have been swamped with work here.

Jennie Tourel sang beautifully and we were all delighted  
with her rendition of the Israeli songs and of the aria.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Enclosure

January 30, 1963

My dear friend:

I want to thank you for your lovely note of January 29th and the good wishes which you conveyed to me on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. I am also grateful to you for the generous contribution which you sent to the Temple Foundation Fund in honor of my birthday.

I know that you will enjoy at least some of the articles in "In the Time of Harvest". I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you some time in the near future.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Richard H. Kohn  
1600 East 55th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

# Herbert Barrett Management, Inc.

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The Temple-Silver Park  
Rabbi Silver  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

January 30, 1963

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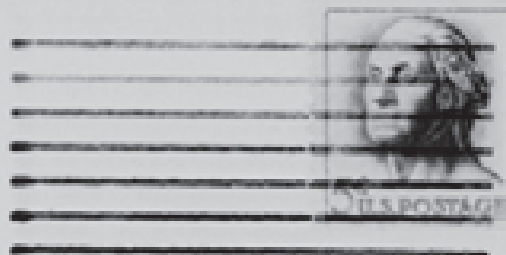
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paid on the day of the  
performance.

Frances Palisey,  
Bookkeeper

Our records show that we have not as yet received your  
check in the amount of \$1,200.00 as payment for the  
concert fee of Jennie Tourel which was held  
on January 20, 1963. The check should be made  
payable, and mailed to, the Herbert Barrett Management.  
We would appreciate your checking into this.  
With best wishes.

HERBERT BARRETT MANAGEMENT  
250 West 57 Street  
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Sh. 145, Ohio



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God Bless You on Your Birthday







MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Dear Rabbi,



What nicer time than birthday time  
 For offering a prayer  
 That God will bless you graciously  
 And keep you in His care

Sincerely  
 Samuel and Jeanne Doherty

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council of  
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*office of the president*

MRS. CHARLES HYNES  
2044 West Cedar Lake Boulevard  
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January 31st, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Anvil at 105th Street  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to extend to you my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your seventieth birthday.

You have given a great and dynamic leadership to the American Jewish community. On behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women and for myself, personally, may I extend very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

Cordial greetings,

*Viola Hynes*

Mrs. Charles Hynes  
National President

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January 31, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write in behalf of our community to congratulate you on your 70th birthday, and to wish you many more happy and healthy years of productive pursuit.

We remember warmly the wonderful evening you provided us last year as our opening speaker in our Forum Series. We remain indebted to you for that inspiring and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

*Bernard Dickstein M.D.*  
DR. BERNARD DICKSTEIN  
Chairman, Cultural Committee

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*ack. 2/5/63*

[E January 7, 1963]

Dear Oms -

Had hoped to be  
with you - On this  
memorable occasion  
but neither my health  
or weather permit me to  
go out much -

Do wish you both  
the best of everything  
good - now & always  
to you and yours  
loved Oms

Lauri Jean Ackersrud  
was married to a Pitts-  
man last 5 or 6 - do  
hope & pray she will be  
happy -

nothing new or  
exciting in whg & get  
out so little -

I thank God for  
family & friends who  
are most kind

again love & many  
kind wishes to all  
of you

Sincerely, Hattie

Steinhauser  
3 Echo Terrace,  
Wheeling W. Va.

ack

*Especially for You*

*Happy  
Birthday*



May your  
birthday  
bring you the  
same happiness  
you give to all  
who know you!

Related but  
we never met.  
Best wishes on  
your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday

Mrs. Henry  
Leamon



[January?] 1903]

Judith the Widow of  
Benjamin

Mrs. Norman Abramson



Dear Rabbi,

Congratulations on  
this most happy occasion.

We are sorry we  
were unable to attend  
the dinner.

We enjoyed looking  
at this book and we  
hope you will too.

We are looking forward  
to seeing you and Aunt  
Virginia on our next trip to  
Cleveland.

Again our best wishes for  
the best 70 years.  
Truly,  
Tom and Mary

Abramox

1675 Ar. Concourse

Bront, N.Y.



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



WRHS  
Dear Rabbi A. H. Silver,

With many good wishes  
for your birthday

and the coming year.

"May all the blessings God can  
give, bring peace around you,  
while you live. I read this little  
verse somewhere, a long time ago,  
very befitting for you."

Sincerely  
Mrs. Jos. (Della) Bronstein

Dear Rabbi Silver - My son  
Dr. Arthur I. Froinstein, of Newark, O.  
sent me your new book, "Where  
Judaism Differs" as a "Chanukah"  
gift, and enjoying reading it.  
I am staying at The Commander Hotel  
while my talent Bill Goodman  
are going away.

Mrs. Joe Froinstein.





WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Dear Rabbi and Virginia,

We are thinking of  
you and extend our warmest and  
most affectionate greetings to you for  
these wonderful achievements.

May you continue to bring pleasure  
and comfort to all and may God  
grant you many more years of  
good health and happiness.  
Murray & Jack Simon

Mrs. Laurence E. Bloom  
73 Travels Road  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver,

We know that last Sunday was  
the big day, and we were sorely  
tempted to fly up for the celebration,  
but the children had so many plans  
that we decided we belonged at  
home.

Nevertheless we want you to  
know we were thinking of you  
late, and of all the richness you  
have late contributed to so many  
lives.

The festivities must have  
been thrilling and rewarding. Marquerite  
and I just raved about everything,  
and about Ray & Don especially.

We just want you to know  
that <sup>tho'</sup> we were not with you in  
body, we were in spirit also -  
we think of you on so many many  
occasions just because we love  
you.

With deep affection,  
Luzie Laurence



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February 1, 1963

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
COUNSEL

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

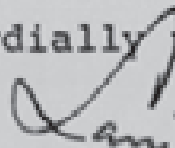
For some reason, I did not receive an invitation to the dinner in honor of your seventieth birthday recently held in Cleveland. You will recall asking me some months ago, while we were in Washington, attending the Bond Conference, whether I would be willing to serve as a sponsor and I gladly consented to do so. I would have been very happy to make the trip to Cleveland if I had known when the dinner was to be held. Apparently my name was not included in the mailing list.

May I extend these belated but none the less wholehearted congratulations and good wishes? You have been an outstanding leader and champion of our people for so long a time that it is difficult for me to realize that actually you are my junior (by a few months). Mrs. Levinthal joins me in extending to you and Mrs. Silver our affectionate greetings and fondest good wishes for many more years of happiness together.

I shall be leaving for Israel early in March to attend the sessions of the Actions Committee and the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University. Is there any likelihood of your being with us? Since this will be the first University Board meeting at which I shall serve as Chairman, I would be most gratified if you could manage to attend, so that I might have the benefit of your counsel and guidance.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Louis E. Levinthal

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February 1, 1963.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was absent from the city for some weeks and therefore unaware of the tribute which was paid you on the occasion of your 70th birthday.

I therefore hope that you will permit me to extend to you my belated felicitations and tribute for the great service which you have rendered to the Cause of our people. I feel that from afar I too, have been one of your disciples.

Through the scholarly volumes which you have authored, I have been privileged to derive a deepened insight into the faith of our fathers. For this and for the other significant contributions that you have made to the historic saga of the Jew, I would extend to you my deep appreciation.

May you carry on in health and vigor, "Ad Mayah Shanah".

With cordial greetings.

Heartily yours,

*S. D. Schwartz*

sds:fgs

*ack. 2/5/63*

February 4, 1963

My dear Judge Levinthal:

I was surprised to receive your letter of February first and the information that you did not receive an invitation to the Testimonial Dinner. I simply do not know how they overlooked sending you an invitation. I am enclosing one herewith which contains your name among the national sponsoring committee.

I deeply appreciate your statement that you would have been happy to make the trip to Cleveland. I would have been delighted to see you here. Many friends came from all parts of the country. The occasion turned out to be a very impressive one -- a religious service in the morning at the Temple and a civic dinner in the evening at the Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel. Your good wishes, I assure you, are most welcome.

It is my present intention to be in Israel beginning March 22nd, following a visit to England where I am opening the Joint Palestine Appeal. I will look forward to seeing you there and to attending one or two of the meetings of the Board of Governors of The Hebrew University.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Judge Louis E. Levinthal  
2635 Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Bldg.  
Philadelphia 9, Pennsylvania

February 4, 1963

My dear Prime Minister:

Let me thank you for the most cordial greetings which you sent me on the occasion of the Testimonial Dinner which was arranged in honor of my seventieth birthday. I am profoundly grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for the sentiments contained in your communication. Your message was read to the gathering and was most warmly received. It heartened me greatly and added much to the significance of the occasion.

I hope to be in Israel the latter part of March, following a visit to England where I shall open the campaign for the Joint Palestine Appeal. I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you in Jerusalem.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. David Ben-Gurion  
Prime Minister of Israel  
Jerusalem, Israel



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*Card*

February 4, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was thrilled to read in your bulletin about your 70th birthday celebration. May I add to your many letters of congratulations, my own expression of "Mazel Tov."

You became my hero when I heard you address a ZOJA convention about 20 years ago. In my humble opinion, Dr. Silver, you are the greatest living American Jew.

As a young rabbi, I was enthralled by your remarkable gifts of oratory. I shall never forget the late Stephen Wise saying to us that even he was no match for that "Silver-tongued orator from Cleveland."

In the words of Kohelet, "May you live many years and rejoice in them all."

I like the Karsh photo of you very much. Could you please send me an autographed copy which I would like to put next to the one of that other great American Jew, Stephen Wise? Thanks very much.

Your colleague,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Harry Lasker*  
Harry Lasker  
National Director  
Jewish Relationships Service

*ack. 7/3/63*

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STRENGTHEN AMERICA - CHARACTER COUNTS



February 4, 1963

My dear Toni and Norman:

I was most happy to receive the beautiful book which you sent me on the occasion of my seventieth birthday -- "The Book of Judith" from the Apochrypha -- so beautifully illustrated and printed. I shall treasure the volume.

The celebration here, both at the morning religious service in the Temple and the civic dinner at the Cleveland-Sheraton, was most impressive and memorable. Now I am having difficulty getting down to earth again and resuming the customary routine of work.

I trust that you are both well. Aunt Virginia and I are eager to see you again. We have been seeing your folks quite often in the last few weeks. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abramson  
1675 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, New York

VIA AIR MAIL

February 4, 1963

Radio Station WERE  
1500 Chester Avenue  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Harry Dennis

Gentlemen:

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the tape recording of the Testimonial Dinner which was given in my honor on January 20th. I shall treasure the record which you have made available to me. Indeed, I am very grateful.

Most cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

February 4,, 1963

My dear Winferd:

It was very thoughtful of you to remember me on my birthday and to send me the beautiful scarf -- a welcome gift for these cold and blustering days.

It was pleasant to be remembered by so many friends and to receive so many good wishes. Now I find it difficult to get down to earth and to resume my customary routine of work.

I send you all my good wishes in which Virginia warmly joins me.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Winferd G. Spiegle  
2995 Meadowbrook Blvd.  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

February 4, 1963

My dear Marguerite:

I received your lovely note of January 22nd and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed it. You know that you have been very close to us through the years. Thank you for thinking of me on my anniversary and for sending me that beautiful chess set. I have not played chess for a long time, but with your lovely set as a challenge, I think that I will return to this fascinating game.

Affectionately yours,



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Miss Marguerite Feder  
12931 Shaker Boulevard  
Cleveland 20, Ohio



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Dear Sir,  
Consul of Economic Affairs

February 6, 1963

My dear Mr. Klivans:

Thank you so much for your lovely letter and for your good wishes on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. The event was a very impressive and, to me, a very exciting one.

The Psalm which the Bishop read at the close of the evening was Psalm #71.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Jacob Klivans  
5 West Federal Street  
Youngstown 3, Ohio

February 6, 1963

My dear Elkan:

I need not tell you that I was delighted to receive your letter and your good wishes on the occasion of my seventieth anniversary. It brought back many pleasant memories to me. The celebration turned out to be a very beautiful and impressive one -- in the morning a religious service at the Temple with my former associates participating in the service and Sol Freehof delivering the main address. He was in fine fettle that morning. In the evening there was an extraordinarily fine civic Testimonial Dinner at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel in which the Mayor and the Governor of the State and Secretary Celebrezze participated. The latter brought a beautiful letter from President Kennedy. There was also a lovely message from former President Eisenhower and many other celebrities. At this evening celebration, a Festschrift, "In the Time of Harvest", was presented to me which contains contributions from some of the outstanding scholars of the world. Altogether, it was a memorable event.

I am very happy that you are getting along well and I am eager to see you. Please convey all my good wishes to Henrietta in which Virginia joins me most heartily.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Elkan C. Voorsanger  
42 Manzanita Avenue  
San Francisco 18, California



February 6, 1963

My dear Eliahu:

I want to thank you for your letter of December 28th and for the letter which you enclosed from the men and women who worked with me in the American Zionist Emergency Council which is addressed to the chairman of the Testimonial Dinner. I should like to acknowledge this letter to each one of the signers. Unfortunately, I have not the addresses of most of them. Will you not convey to them, when you have an occasion to write to them, my profoundest appreciation for their thoughtfulness in remembering my anniversary and for the beautiful sentiments which are expressed in their letter. They warmed my heart and added much to the joy of the occasion.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin  
639 West End Avenue  
New York 25, New York





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February 6, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Silver Park and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I admit to ambivalence about sending you the enclosed.

Your 70th Birthday, I understand, occurred a week or so ago. So, this communication is post-facto. But, I reason, the Testimonial Dinner in your honor took place on January 20, which was prior to the actual date of your birthday. So, if a pre-birthday event is valid, then perhaps a post-birthday note may also be in order.

Then again, the enclosed is but a collection of rhymes, certainly not a poetic flight commensurate with the inspirational qualities of the subject. But if I lack the skill to mount Pegasus, I hope a more pedestrian approach will be acceptable. At least, it won't be prosaic in form.

So, with my best wishes to you, as you start your 71st year, and to all your family, here are the rhymed lines.

Sincerely,

*S. J. Jaffe*  
S. J. Jaffe

Some Lines in Rhyme  
At Birthday Time

As the years moved on in measured tread  
You preached and wrote, and taught and led.

Your richly gifted tongue and pen  
Undimmed at three score years and ten.

Advocate of causes good,  
Building stronger brotherhood.

Inspiring and successful leader,  
For Israel's Home eloquent pleader.

To you our people's debt is great,  
An architect of the reborn State.

Steeped in Israel's ancient lore,  
Which you've enriched in ample store.

Devoted to your Congregation,  
Adding to its reputation.

Numbered 'mongst our people's sages,  
May your Book of Life contain more pages.

May you add three decades more,  
Rounding out a full five score.

Today--septuagenarian;  
Three decades hence--centenarian.

May you enjoy good health aplenty  
And may you add another twenty.

And as you reach the famed 70  
May you find the going not so rough.

To our Temple's renowned Rav  
A Happy, Hearty Mazel Tov.

Of course my wife and children two  
Join me in these lines to you.

2/3/63

Jim Jaffe

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Dr. Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been reading in the press about your 70th birthday and I wish to take this opportunity of sending you Nel's and my felicitations on this auspicious occasion in your life.

Certainly, your life has been full to the brim and overflowing with outstanding and remarkable services to your people and all mankind.

I trust that for many years to come, you will have much good health so that you can continue this exemplary service for a long time to come. With every good wish for continued happiness and success, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph Goldberg*  
Judge Joseph Goldberg

JG/ces

*ack. 7/13/63*

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## Columbus

February 8, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a member of the Cuyahoga County delegation to the Senate of the 105th General Assembly, I wish to add the good wishes of myself and my colleagues to the very deserving tribute recently bestowed upon you on the occasion of your 45 years as spiritual leader of The Temple.

Your years of unselfish and devoted service to your city, to your faith, and to men everywhere, is a source of pride to those who have been associated with you throughout the years. All men would benefit if they would emulate your goals and your conduct.

Seldom is the world fortunate enough to receive the humanitarian services which you so willingly contribute. Your work and your fine example to youth assures us that your high standards of leadership will influence and guide the world for many future years.

It is with a sense of honor that we can say your well-timed humor and enthusiastic optimism has lightened man's burdens and has multiplied the efforts of others towards this objective.

We extend our best wishes to you for many years of continued zestful leadership.

Most sincerely yours,

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*Anthony O. Calabrese*  
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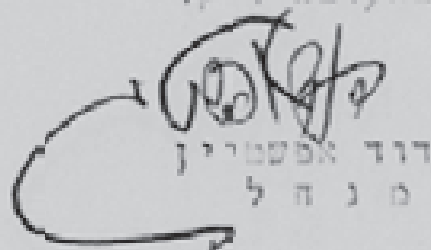
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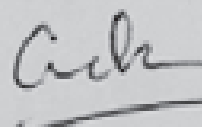
ד"ר פילבר היקר מאד שלום רב,

חנני מחברד לחמציא לפניך גליון "הדואר" של היום  
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בגליון הבא של "הדואר".

קבל נא בזה גב אח ברכתי ופונק חלב ליום הולדתך  
וחנני מחפלה שנוכת להינחה סגורד וספטיין הכבירים להורה  
ולתעודה עוד שניכ אין מספר.

שלך,  
בהערצה ויקר

  
דוד אפרסין  
סנהל



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February 8, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

*book sent*

May I congratulate you, dear Rabbi Silver, on the occasion of your 70th birthday. You have contributed so much to the Zionist cause, and I do hope that you have many more years of active and fruitful service.

I note that a book has been published in your honor, entitled "In the Time of Harvest." Would it be possible for you to arrange for a copy to be sent to the Zionist Archives and Library?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Sylvia Landress*  
(Mrs.) Sylvia Landress  
Director and Librarian

sl/rs



February 12, 1963

My dear Eddy:

It was so thoughtful and gracious of you to send me the lovely painting on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. It came as a complete surprise. Both Aunt Virginia and I love the painting and we have hung it in a prominent place in our home. It will always remind us of you.

The affair was a very beautiful one. I am sorry that you could not attend it. I trust that I will have the pleasure of seeing you before very long and with all good wishes to you and Morris in which Aunt Virginia joins me most heartily, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:bfm

Mrs. Eddy Lazon  
7711 Argyle Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia

February 12, 1963

My dear Jim:

I wish I had the gift of poetry so that I could tell you in verse how deeply I appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending me your beautiful poetic lines which conveyed to me your good wishes on the occasion of my anniversary.

Please convey to Mrs. Jaffe and your children all my good wishes. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. S. J. Jaffe  
Jewish Community  
Federation of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio



February 13, 1963

My dear Louis:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 22nd which I enjoyed receiving and reading. I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in writing and extending to me your good wishes on the occasion of my seventieth anniversary. The affair on January 20th was a very beautiful one beginning with a religious service at the Temple in the morning, and ending with a civic dinner in the evening. For me it was a memorable occasion and I am now trying hard to get down to earth and to carry on the routine work here of my ministry.

I trust that you and Natalie are well. I had hoped to visit the coast this spring when I would have given myself the pleasure of calling on you in San Francisco, but my travels will take me in the other direction. I am to be in England the middle of March to open their campaign for the United Jewish Appeal and from there, Virginia and I will be going to Israel for a few weeks.

Keep well, give my best wishes to Natalie in which Virginia joins me. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Louis S. Bing  
1333 Jones Street  
San Francisco 9, Calif.

ALAN J. BLAU  
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FEBRUARY 19, 1963

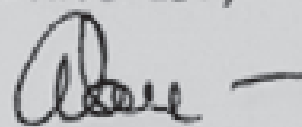
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

KAY & BOB TOLD US ALL ABOUT THE DINNER IN HONOR OF YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY AND ALSO MAILED ME THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK BEING PUBLISHED IN YOUR HONOR. ROSE AND I WANT TO ADD OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE MANY, MANY OTHERS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED. IT MUST BE VERY GRATIFYING TO BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK ON A LIFE AS FULL OF SERVICE TO OTHERS.

ABOUT THE BOOK: I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THIS TO OUR RABBI, HAROLD SALZMANN, AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AUTOGRAPH THIS FOR HIM. I IMAGINE YOU WILL BE GETTING WRITER'S CRAMP FROM THE MANY REQUESTS LIKE THIS. MANY THANKS -- TOGETHER WITH SINCERE REGARDS FROM THE BERKSHIRE BLAUS.

SINCERELY,

  
ALAN J. BLAU

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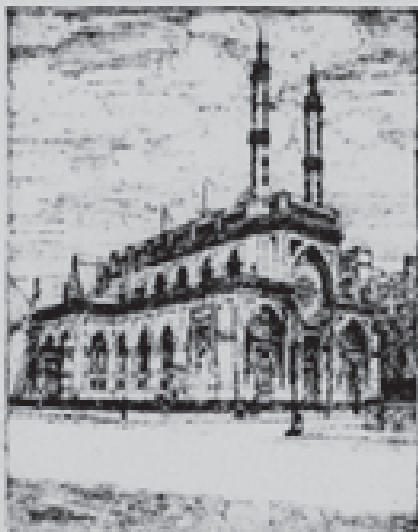
Feb 19 - 1963

Dear Dan  
May I ask you to do me a  
favor and send the Bulletin of Feb 3rd  
to Dr. Maurice E. Chermavitz of Bigaron  
1141 Broadway, N.Y. 10019.

He would like to have the  
messages sent to Rabbi D. H. Silver  
on the occasion of his 70th Birthday.  
I promised that I would write  
to you - Many thanks  
Sincerely  
Jacob Jack.

Aunt Rose joins me in sending  
love to you all.

mailed 2/21/63



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RABBIS

Samuel Wohl      Albert A. Goldman

February 20, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jermy Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street and Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Daniel:

I am delighted with the magnificent volume you sent me. It is really something to cherish. I may be a little bit partial, but I prefer the excerpts from your father's writings.

I am certain that the event that took place, to celebrate your father's birthday, will be remembered by all who were present, and I know it has enhanced the stature of the rabbinate to have him among us.

Some day in my "reminiscences" I shall elaborate on the story when I first heard your Dad speak at a memorial meeting for Rabbi Margolis. I was then sitting in the third gallery of the Hippodrome in Cleveland and heard him, what seems to me to have been his first public appearance.

I recall with gratitude much of his kindnesses toward me in the events in my life in which he participated. Some eleven years ago, when our Temple celebrated my 25th anniversary in the pulpit, your Dad came to the Temple on Plum Street to deliver a magnificent address. Some time in the future, when we have the opportunity to get together, I shall give you a bit of "memorabilia".

I was happy to be present and to see you in action and I know what it meant to your Mother and Dad to have Raphael and you at their side on this glorious occasion.

Fondest greetings to you and your parents.

Yours,

SW:AS

Rabbi Samuel Wohl

Ans. 2/4/63

30 Village Lane  
Daly City, Calif.  
Feb 25, 1963

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am writing to congratulate you on your seventieth birthday. I wish very much I had been able to attend some of the festivities and meetings given in your honor and been able to congratulate you in person. I read of the many tributes you received from all over the country and world. It has been a real privilege to know you, and having been confirmed by you was one of the unforgettable memories  
(over)

of my youth, and an inspiration to me.

If you and Mrs. Silver are ever in California, Larry and I would be so happy to see you again. We do hear of you from Larry's cousin Louis Bing, who now lives here. We keep busy with our five children (from two to sixteen years) and some community activities. We belong to Temple Judea here in Daly City. Our oldest son was confirmed last year by Rabbi Robert Shapiro, whom we liked very much. (He has since returned east). Rabbi Shapiro said he knew Daniel.

Again accept my warmest congratulations. Please give my love to Mrs. Silver and remember me to Daniel and Raphael. Fondly,  
Mary Ann Loeber Freiberg

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
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February 25, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

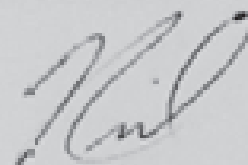
We arranged photographic coverage of your January 20th tribute dinner so that we would have the photos which we used in our February newsletter.

From all that were taken I have selected the ones enclosed as the best, and take pleasure in sending them to you as an enduring reminder of the great tribute that was paid to you that evening.

I particularly like the last photograph in the book, and suspect that it was taken at the moment Tony Celebrezze committed his now famous slip of the tongue and reserved for you an honored place in immortality.

With best personal wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Neil J. Carothers,  
President

NJC:g  
Encl

February 26, 1963

My dear Alan:

Let me thank you for your lovely note of February 19th and for your good wishes which you extend to me on the occasion of my seventieth birthday.

The book, "In the Time of Harvest", which was published in my honor and which you wanted me to autograph has been sent to you.

It is a long time since I have seen you. I trust that you are well and I send you and all the members of your family my warmest greetings, in which Mrs. Silver joins me.

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mr. Alan J. Blau  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts



February 26, 1963

My dear Joe:

I want to thank you heartily for your lovely note of congratulations on my seventieth birthday. It is nice to be remembered by friends. Since the occasion I have tried to get down to earth and to resume my routine of work. I wish I were with you in beautiful Florida. This winter has been among the worst that I remember here in Cleveland.

I trust that you are well and with warmest regards in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink  
La Fontana  
2700 N. Flagler Drive  
West Palm Beach  
Florida

February 26, 1963

My dear Mr. Carothers:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me the album of photographs which the University Circle Development Foundation took at my Seventieth Anniversary Dinner. They are excellent photographs and I shall treasure them. The account of the Dinner in the February "Newsletter" was fine and I enjoyed reading it.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:b/m

Mr. Neil J. Carothers  
University Circle Development  
Foundation  
2009 Adelbert Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

February 26, 1963

My dear Betty and Sandy:

I have been informed by the Cleveland Section National Council of Jewish Women that they have received a contribution from you in honor of my seventieth birthday. It was very thoughtful of you to remember me on that occasion and I am very appreciative of your gift.

With all good wishes, I remain



Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Mandel  
6768 Gates Mills Boulevard  
Gates Mills, Ohio

Cleveland Section  
National Council of Jewish Women

has received a contribution to the

*Council Section Bookplate Service Fund*  
in honor of

*Seventeenth Birthday*

from

*Betty & Sandy Mardel*

February 26, 1963

My dear friends:

I have been informed by Miss Leikind that the Temple Staff has made a contribution to the Temple Library in honor of my seventieth birthday. I am, indeed, deeply grateful and moved by your thoughtfulness and gracious act. Many thanks.

AHS:bfm



Most cordially yours,



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

The Temple Staff

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

Feb. 26, 1963.

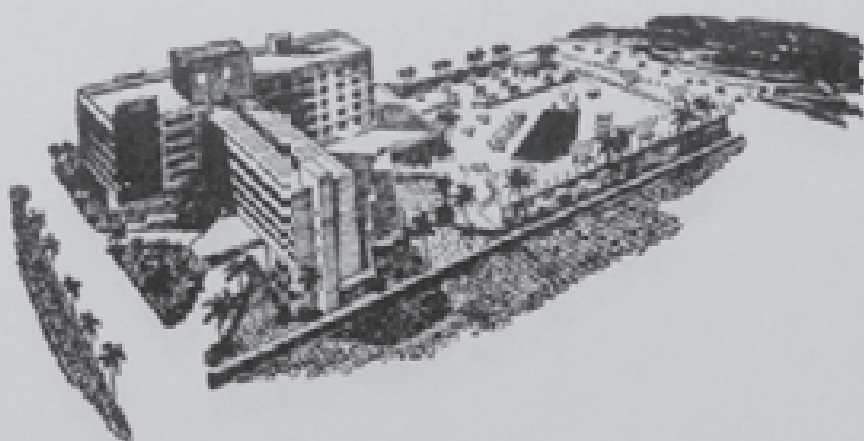
In this winter retreat, while I am recovering from a severe illness, I just learned of the celebration of your 70th birthday, and I want to join the many voices who hail your great work for Zionism and Judaism. Others may know you only as the incomparable orator and public figure, but as one who worked under your chairmanship on the Provisional Jewish Committee, I appreciate more than most your outstanding executive ability and inspiring leadership.

I hope you will have many years of service yet to give to our people and for the benefit of the State of Israel.

With kindest regards & best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ben Kneubla



Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt D. D., D. H. L.  
5200 Old Mill Road  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Feb. 26, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our mutual friend, Jake Marcus, was our house-guest this week-end. In the course of discussion, I spoke of your conception of the "Am Ha-arez" and "Haber" in the Mishna (as in your work Where Judaism Differed); and he mentioned that you had just recently marked your 70th birthday. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes of that significant landmark in your life.

While my direct personal contacts with you have unfortunately been few and only occasional, my spiritual and intellectual association with your life and work has been constant and intimate. Ever since I first heard you address the student body and faculty at HUC when I was only a sophomore there, I have read practically everything you had published; and your influence has been evident in my understanding of Zionism and Reform Judaism and the role and destiny of the Jewish People.

And so, I am happy to be in the "Haburah" of the many disciples which you established in a lifetime of service with love; and being of Hassidic descent, I am privileged to call you "My Rebbe". May God continue to bless you "Ad Me'ah Shanim".

Sincerely yours,

*Fred*

*Arch. 3/4/63*



[February 1963]

La Fontana  
2700 N. Flagler Dr  
West Palm Beach,  
Florida.

My dear Dr. Silver;

I just learned that you recently observed  
Your seventieth Birthday and I want to join your host of  
friends in sending best wishes to you. The number 70 is  
a beautiful one indeed but 120 is even more so. So I wish  
that you might continue to serve American and world Israel  
until that day. We are spending the winter in Florida. It  
is simply beautiful down here.

With the kindest personal greetings in which my wife joins  
me and with the heartiest congratulations,

I am,

Ever yours,

*JL*  
Joseph L. Fink



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לכב"ד  
הרב ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר נ"י  
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שלום וברכה!

יובל השבעים של כב' מהווה לא רק חגיגה משפחתית גרידא, אלא חג לאומי של כל היהדות הלאומית, ולכן גם אני רוצה להחכוון כלפי המברכים ולהביע לו מרחשי לבי בהזדמנות גדולה וחשובה זו.

כל יהודי הקשור לישראל ולשאיפת הגאולה של עמנו רואה בכבודו את אחד המנהיגים הדגולים שעמדו לעמנו בזמן החרש, עת כיסופי הפדות וההתחדשות הלאומית החלו לפעם בחזקה בלבות הנוער הרגיש לעלבו הגולה. בסו-חני כי בהעלות יהודי אמריקאי על דעתו את הציונות והשיגיה ההיסטוריים בשיקום מדינת ישראל העצמאית, מיד תופיע לעיניו תפונתו של המנהיג הדגול, הר"ר אבא הלל סילבר שי"; האומים הם במחשבת דורנו ובתחושתו.

זכורני ימים מקדם, כשהתהלך בקרבנו אותו אציל הרוח וגדול המעש, קבר-ניסה של היהדות הדתית-לאומית, הרב זאב גולד ז"ל, ואנכי זכיתי להס-תופף בצלו כמנהל המחלקה התורנית שהוקמה ביזמתו, וידי לא זזה מחוך ידו. - כמה הרבה האיש לדבר בשבחו של מר; כמה העריץ והלל אותו על מעשיו הכבירים לבנין הארץ! נפשו יצאה בדברו.

והנה זכינו לחוג את חג יובלו השבעים של מר, ואני מצטרף בחפלהי לה-פלת רבים: עוד ינוב בשיבה דשן ורענן יהיה בחצרות בית מ', ועוד רבות בשנים ישמש לנו כפנס-אור שיאיר את דרכנו לקראת הגאולה בשלמה ונזכה כולנו לראות באור החרש שיאיר על ציון.

כה לחי!

בידידות ניקר,  
*רח"ל*

הרב צבי חבורי, מנהל  
המחלקה לחינוך ותרבות תורניים  
הסועצה הציונית באמריקה

*Ruth Zari Tabor*

*1. 2. במענה מלא על היום זה הסע' יתקיים היום  
למקום זה יקרא אצל מלך המלך*

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Late For Your Birthday!



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This wish will be a little late,  
Don't know just what's to blame -  
Your birthday

slipped right by somehow,

But this comes just the same

To hope you had a happy day,

And then to tell you too,

No matter what the date,

the best

Is ALWAYS wished for YOU!

Many, many more "Happy"  
Birthdays & Good Health.

Lovingly yours  
Miriam B. Bann.

Ack. 2/1/03

Dear Rabbi Silver;

So sorry  
that I wasn't in Cleveland  
to celebrate your big  
birthday. And sure it was  
a galut affair. I had my  
big one on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Have  
them in "California" since  
December with Dottie, Sheldon  
and my adorable granddaughters  
two little curly haired girls  
ages 2 and 4 yrs. old. They  
have been so precious. They brought  
a home in (Cleveland) and they  
"Santa Barbara" & Sheldon  
a "Major" is connected with the  
Titan Missile Program and  
is stationed at Vandenberg  
Air Force Base & gives 50 miles  
to work each day. 700 lot going  
can live in a "Compass" while  
there is a temple & other Jewish  
affiliations. I have been fortunate  
to be away from Cleveland since  
the birth of the last one. I hope  
you and Virginia are well and with  
love many happy days together.  
Kindly yours  
William

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March 4th, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am privileged to extend to you, in behalf of the officers and Executive of Farband, and in my own behalf, heartiest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your 70th birthday.

We have followed with great admiration, your tireless efforts in behalf of Zionism, Israel and the well-being of our people. We take deep pride in your leadership and pray that you may be endowed with many more years of fruitful work for the causes which you hold dear, in the midst of your family and friends.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL  
General Secretary

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March 5, 1963

Rabbi Samuel Wohl  
The Isaac M. Wise Temple  
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Wohl:

Many thanks for your kind note of February 20th.  
It was a pleasure seeing you, however briefly, and  
I do hope that our paths will cross far more often  
in the immediate future.

Cordially yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

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 לאת ט"ו שנה לתקומת מדינת ישראל

להרב ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

לחממת האמץ וחבלתי-גלגלה של תקומת ישראל.

ליוכלו השבטים — ברכת: חוק נאמן!

חיים ואפיפת אורלן



May 3, 1963

My dear friends:

It was good of you to remember me on my seventieth birthday and to transmit, through the HADOAR, your good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

B-Dan  
AHS:bfn

Mr. and Mrs. Haivim Orlan  
3214 Yorkshire Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

WRHS  
ABBA HILLEL SILVER

August 2, 1963

My dear Professor Goitein:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of July 24th and for sending me your new book, "Jewish Education in the Time of the Gonim and of Maimonides", as well as the three other brochures, as a token gift on the occasion of my seventieth birthday. I am deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness and know that I shall read the books with a great deal of pleasure and profit.

I trust that you are well and that you have enjoyed your visit to Israel. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bim

Professor S. D. Goitein  
The Graduate School of  
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## CHIEF OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY SERVICES RESIGNS; GERMANY IS THE ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, attending his first Cabinet meeting in a month, today, announced to the Cabinet that he has accepted the resignation of the chief of Israel's security services--an official whose name is never disclosed.

The Premier told the Cabinet and, later, a special meeting of Parliament's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, that the resignation of the security chief was due to the fact that the Prime Minister did not accept the security chief's "political evaluations" of recent events in connection with the revelations concerning the employment of West German scientists on nonconventional projects being conducted in Egypt. A temporary chief of the Israel security services has been named, Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

Mr. Ben-Gurion explained that the security chief resigned after he was told by the Prime Minister that the latter disagreed with his "political assessment." Voicing his high esteem of the security chief's past services, the Premier praised the high official for "excellent work done together during the years." The Cabinet's approval of the resignation was not necessary, since the post is within the jurisdiction of the Premier's office.

At the Cabinet session, Mr. Ben-Gurion reviewed the issue of the German scientists employed by Egypt as well as the question of publishing further details on this entire matter. A spokesman for the Cabinet said after the meeting that Mr. Ben-Gurion had reiterated that he stands behind all actions taken until now as well as behind the statements on the issue made until now by the Foreign Ministry.

The latter assertion was understood to constitute additional refutation of earlier intimations that Foreign Minister Golda Meir might resign. Rumors of differences inside the Government, over the policy to be followed in the case of the German scientists at work in Egypt, have persisted here during the weekend. It was alleged that Mr. Ben-Gurion had transmitted to the Cabinet his dissatisfaction over the "dangerous" turn in Israeli policy from anti-Egyptian to anti-German.

### Ben-Gurion Approved of Golda Meir's Statement in Knesset

Mr. Ben-Gurion tried last night to dissipate reports about a "near crisis" in the Government. He denied all press reports which indicated possible resignations from the Government. But even today, reports still persisted that Mrs. Meir supports the anti-German policy--while Mr. Ben-Gurion opposes that line, and that she might resign.

A communique issued by the Premier's office today stressed that Mrs. Meir's statement on the German scientists issue in Parliament last week had been fully approved beforehand by the Premier and that there was no foundation for reports about a split in opinion between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mrs. Meir. The communique also stated that the Government has no intention to publish a "white paper" about the work of the German scientists in Egypt.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement, supporting Mrs. Meir's stand, was thought necessary in view of the fact that he was on leave when the entire issue became public. He remained on leave during a debate on the issue in Parliament and during two Cabinet meetings where the matter was discussed.

### Interrogation of Arrested Israeli Starts in Switzerland Today

BASLE, Switzerland, March 31. (JTA) -- Interrogation by Swiss officials of Joseph Ben-Gal, the Israeli arrested here on charges of threatening the daughter of a German nuclear scientist working in Egypt on nuclear weapons, will start here tomorrow. Mr. Ben-Gal is being held in Lornhof prison here and the probe into the charges against him is expected to last one or two weeks.

It was indicated that the principal problem which Ben-Gal was facing was not the relatively minor Swiss charge of "coercion" but the likelihood of extradition to West Germany at the demand of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg. Under Swiss law, the order from the West German judge is sufficient for extradition, since no prima facie evidence is required against a suspect for extradition. Moreover, the Swiss-West German extradition agreement does not require the country seeking extradition to present evidence against the suspect.

## GERMAN NUCLEAR WORK FOR NASSER DESCRIBED BY ENGINEER WHO LEFT EGYPT

MUNICH, March 31. (JTA) -- Large groups of German scientists and engineers are working on non-conventional armament programs in Egypt, thereby "violating Germany's basic law" which forbids postwar Germany to undertake any actions "designed to disturb the peace or the full co-existence of nations or to prepare war of aggression," a noted British journalist, Sefton Delmer, reported here today after a lengthy interview with a German engineer who has just resigned from the Egyptian projects.

The projects employ "leading Nazis who are helping Gamal Abdel Nasser with a plan to liquidate the survivors of Hitler's terror and the State they built in Palestine," Mr. Delmer stated.

The British correspondent, who had acted in the same capacity 30 years ago when he followed Hitler's career intimately, had just interviewed an engineer who had insisted on anonymity. The engineer was, until two months ago, a member of a team of 300 German aircraft technicians working in Egypt under Hitler's ace aircraft designer, Prof. Willy Messerschmitt.

Jet fighters which the Germans are building for Nasser, according to this information, are being constructed at two vast factory complexes at Helouan, on the Nile. The planes are designed as powerful weapons of attack, with a Mach-2 speed capability, the informant told Mr. Delmer.

### Factories in Germany Produce Parts for Egypt's Warplanes

Mr. Delmer revealed that the Messerschmitt works in this country, which are producing essential parts for the American F-104, multi-purpose fighter-bombers under a NATO contract, have also been manufacturing and sending to the Egyptian plant parts vital for the German-designed Egyptian fighter planes being made there. He disclosed that other German and Swiss firms are also manufacturing machine tools for the Messerschmitt operations in Egypt.

"I find it unthinkable that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Government, which always shows itself fully aware of the Federal Republic's need to atone for the crimes against the Jewish people, could have authorized the Messerschmitt exports," Mr. Delmer stated. He reported that Nasser has poured almost \$280,000,000 of Suez Canal revenues into the Helouan project, and that Messerschmitt insists on "cash payment for every screw delivered."

He quoted the engineer whom he interviewed as declaring: "I quit the work in Egypt because of my growing misgivings concerning it. I couldn't stand the everlasting fulminations of the ex-Nazi laments among my colleagues. Above all, I felt it was morally and politically indefensible for Germans to be associated with this enterprise which, one day, is bound to end in conflict with Israel, in view of our very special situation with regard to Jewry."

### U. S. Jewish Groups Ask for Action on German Scientists in Egypt

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- West German Ambassador here, Heinrich Knappstein, received representatives of B'nai B'rith who appealed for "speedy and affirmative action" to effect the withdrawal of German scientists engaged in developing weapons of mass destruction for Egypt.

The B'nai B'rith delegation conveyed "grave concern over the shocking circumstances and the threat of genocide they indicate." The Ambassador said he would convey American expressions to his government regarding this issue.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk was urged by the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. to intercede with West Germany and Egypt to halt production of weapons of mass destruction. In a letter to Secretary Rusk, JWV National Commander Morton London stressed that German nationals employed by Nasser "whether motivated by Nazi philosophy or by financial incentives, are fully aware of the identity of the intended victims of the devices they are perfecting."

### Z. O. A. Calls on Bonn to Ban German Nuclear Work for Nasser

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America, the ruling body of the organization between annual conventions, today unanimously approved a statement by its president, Dr. Max Nussbaum, calling upon the West German Government to ban what he termed "the nefarious activities of a group of German scientists and technicians engaged by Nasser to produce nuclear weapons designed for the destruction of Israel."

Some 300 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country are attending the two-day meeting of the ZOA executive council. Dr. Nussbaum, in his address, said: "It is the duty not only of the West German Government to ban these activities by its nationals or citizens but the entire Western world, particularly the United States, which has supported and encouraged Nasser all these years, must without delay put an end to this grave peril presented by the manufacture of bacteriological weapons, chemical poisons and the use of atomic waste materials for military armaments."



#### FIVE-MONTH 'CHELMNO TRIAL' ENDS; SIX IMPRISONED FOR KILLING JEWS

BONN, March 31. (JTA) -- Sentences ranging from 15 years at hard labor to verdicts of nominal guilt without penalty were handed down yesterday by a jury court here in the five-month trial of 12 former SS guards accused of participation in the murder of 180,000 Jewish men, women and children in the Chelmno concentration camp during the years 1941 to 1943.

Gustav Laabs, 60, and Alois Haefele, 69, each received terms of 15 years at hard labor. Walter Burmeister, 56, was given a 13-year term. Kurt Moebus, 57, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. Karl Heintz, 50, received a seven-year term. Ernest Burmeister, 63, received a three-and-a-half-year penalty.

Herbert Schroeder, the jury court president, also announced that while the other six defendants were found guilty of complicity in the mass murders, the court did not impose any sentences on them, in accordance with a provision of West German penal law. Under that provision, sentence was not imposed because their crimes were not regarded as sufficiently grave to merit the minimum three-year prison term for such crimes. The trial lasted about six months. The Chelmno camp was located near Lodz in occupied Poland.

Laabs was charged with murdering 100,000 Jews in gas vans and with personally shooting survivors. Walter Burmeister was accused of beating Jews and with fooling Jews in incoming transports as to their exact fate. Haefele's assignment was to fool Jews about their fate and with shooting Jews personally. Moebus frequently forced Jews into the gas vans. Heintz was charged with using a leather whip and a club on the doomed Jews. Ernst Burmeister supervised herding of Jews into death vans and either killed or assisted in the killing of sick slave laborers.

Those not punished in the verdicts were Martin Meier, an assistant gas van driver; Walter Bock, a guard who forced Jews into the gas vans; Wilhelm Heuckelbach, Friedrich Maderholz, Wilhelm Schulte and Anton Mehring.

#### J.D.C. DIRECTOR FORESEES 'FORMIDABLE RELIEF BURDEN' IN FRANCE

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- Charles Jordan, overseas director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, warned today that welfare agencies in France, including the Jewish agencies, will face a formidable relief burden when special French Governmental grants to Algerian repatriates are ended on July 1.

Mr. Jordan, who is also chairman of the governing board of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, based his statement on a report from the JDC representative in Marseilles. The report cited critical housing shortages in France for the newcomers and the difficulties of fitting the Algerian newcomers into French employment patterns. Nearly 180,000 North African Jews have come to France as refugees, most of them from Algeria in advance of that country becoming independent last July.

The Jewish welfare programs are administered by the Fonds Social Juif Unifie and financed jointly with the JDC. This year, the two agencies set up a budget of \$5,000,000 for 1963 but this sum, Mr. Jordan reported, would be far from enough to meet the needs.

Mr. Jordan emphasized that the July 1 cutoff date for government grants will probably bring vastly large burdens to voluntary welfare agencies "but it will bring special problems to the Jewish agencies." He said that about 15 percent of the repatriates are Jewish and they have swelled the local Jewish population by more than 40 percent. "When one adds to this the fact that more than 50,000 Jews from other North African countries--who are not entitled to any government grants--have entered France during the past three years, one begins to see what a formidable problem faces us," he stressed.

"There is every indication that in one area alone, that of cash relief, there will be at least 2,000 cases added to the 3,600 now on Jewish relief rolls in France--a contingency that was not anticipated when the JDC and the FSJU set up the \$5,000,000 budget for the 1963 program," he declared.

He also pointed out that in addition to the housing and welfare needs affecting all repatriates, there were specific Jewish needs which had swelled to large proportions "and have swamped every Jewish facility in France." This, he added, is natural and understandable when it is realized that synagogues, religious schools, community centers, homes for the aged, children's homes, day care centers and fresh air camps, set up for a community of 300,000 must now serve a population of 500,000.

#### HEBREW UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS ESTABLISHES STUDENT LOAN FUND

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi was reelected honorary president of the Hebrew University and Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen as chairman of the executive council in final proceedings of the Board of Governors' regular meeting. Several new governors also were elected. The Board approved establishment of a \$250,000 student loan fund.

## BRANDEIS PRESIDENT REPRIMANDS PROFESSOR FOR ANTI-AMERICAN TALK

WALTHAM, Mass., March 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, today said he had received almost unanimous support from his board of trustees in his action of reprimanding a faculty member who told Brandeis students during the height of last fall's Cuban crisis that she hoped that America would be defeated and shamed before the world in the event of war with Cuba.

The reprimanded faculty member is Dr. Kathleen Gough Aberle, a British anthropologist, who submitted her resignation earlier this month. Her husband, Dr. David Aberle, an American citizen who is also a professor of anthropology, tendered his resignation along with hers. The Brandeis president said he reprimanded Mrs. Aberle "not because she expressed a dissenting opinion, but because of the recklessness and the irresponsibility of her language."

The Student Council voted 8 to 7 to censure Dr. Sachar for "violating academic freedom." The 262-member faculty who voted on the matter admitted that Dr. Sachar "had the right to disassociate the university" from Mrs. Aberle's speech to students; however, it approved a prepared statement by the Faculty Senate terming Dr. Sachar's reprimand "an error of judgment that could be interpreted as an infringement of academic freedom."

Dr. Sachar, in his statement today, said: "As president of the university, I had the responsibility to reprimand her." He pointed "with pride" to Brandeis' record, during its 15 years of existence, in regard to faculty freedom. He noted that the very vote by those members of the faculty who disagreed with him on the Aberle issue "vindicates our contention that the faculty is not only competent in their fields of specialization but are independent in spirit and judgment."

## UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA EXPELS CONGREGATION FOR PLAYING BINGO

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- One congregation in Brooklyn was expelled from membership in the United Synagogue of America this weekend for refusing to drop the practice of playing bingo for fund-raising purposes, according to an announcement by George Maislen, president of the United Synagogue. Immediately after the announcement, a second congregation, in suburban Queens, voted to discontinue bingo. A third congregation on warning against bingo is still considering the issue.

The United Synagogue, which represents 764 Conservative congregations in the United States and Canada, had voted a resolution at its convention in 1961, forbidding the use of "any form of fund-raising not in keeping with the spirit of Judaism." The measure was aimed primarily at forbidding bingo.

Last week, according to Mr. Maislen, the United Synagogue put three congregations on final notice against continuing bingo games. The Jewish Center of Kings Highway, in Brooklyn, refused to heed the order, and was therefore expelled from membership. A general meeting of the congregation of the Rosedale Jewish Center, in Long Island, voted last night, by a ballot of 123-2, to discontinue bingo immediately. The third congregation warned, also in Long Island, is expected to make a final decision on the matter this week.

## 100 PARENTS WHO GAVE SONS HEBREW EDUCATION HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Parents who have educated their sons "in the highest traditions of Hebrew culture" were honored here by Histadruth Ivrit, the National Hebrew Culture Association, at its annual banquet today.

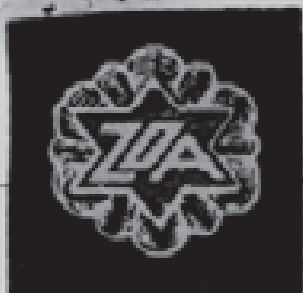
Included in the group of 100 parents honored were Samuel Berastein, father of Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; Joseph Bikel, father of the singer, Theodore Bikel; Albert L. Berkowitz, father of Rabbi William Berkowitz, spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, oldest Conservative congregation in the United States; and Mrs. Rae Kapelman, mother of New York Civil Court Justice William Kapelman.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. Thomas Clarke Pollack, vice-president and secretary of New York University. He is also vice-president of American Christians for Israel. More than 900 members of Histadruth Ivrit and guests attended the event. Rabbi Berkowitz was chairman of the banquet. The president of the organization is Morris B. Newman. Histadruth Ivrit was founded in 1916 by Ishak Ben-Zvi and David Ben-Gurion now, respectively, President and Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

## RUSSIA PERMITS TRANSFER OF BOROCHOV'S REMAINS FROM KIEV TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- The remains of Dov Ber Borochoy, the founder of Zionist Socialism, are en route to Israel from the Soviet Union for reinterment, members of his family said here today.

Borochoy was buried in 1917 in a cemetery at Kiev. His family, which lives in Israel, heard that Russian authorities were planning to raze the cemetery to make room for a housing project. They appealed to President Ben-Zvi who sent a personal letter to L. I. Breshnev, chairman of the all-Soviet Presidium. A reply was received last month that permission had been granted for re-burial in Israel. Joseph Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to Russia, is accompanying the remains back to Israel.



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April 2, 1963

Mrs. Lee Goldstein  
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

On January 18th we sent Dr. Silver a copy of the letter we sent to Mrs. Helen Davis of 327 Central Park West, New York, acknowledging her contribution of \$50.00 which she made in Dr. Silver's honor. Since Mrs. Davis has not received any communication from your office, we are wondering whether you had received our letter.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Irwin Stahl*  
Irwin Stahl  
Comptroller

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April 3, 1963

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

Dear Doctor:

I must have missed it in the Jewish Press,  
but I learn now of your 70th birthday.

Belatedly, but sincerely, my warmest best.

Your Colleague and Friend,

Rabbi Wm. Mordecai Kramer

WMK:p



April 5, 1963

Dear Mr. Stahl:

Your letter of April 2nd to Mrs. Goldstein has been turned over to me. Mrs. Goldstein is Rabbi Daniel Silver's secretary.

I have been unable to find a copy of your letter to Mrs. Davis. Perhaps it went astray. Had it been received, Mrs. Davis would have been advised of Dr. Silver's appreciation of her thoughtfulness. Dr. Silver is out of the country at this time, to be gone until the middle of this month. Upon his return, I am sure he will write to Mrs. Davis.

Thank you for calling this to our attention.

Cordially yours,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

Mr. Irwin Stahl  
Comptroller  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

B. Day

April 17, 1963

My dear Helen:

Upon my return from a trip abroad, I was informed of your generous contribution to the Zionist Organization of America in honor of my birthday. That was a lovely gesture and I am very appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

With all good wishes, I remain



Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfn

Mrs. Helen Davis  
327 Central Park West  
New York, New York



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER  
GOVERNOR

April 18, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is highly appropriate and significant that the Louis D. Brandeis Medallion is being awarded to you on this occasion which celebrates the fifteenth anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel, and your 70th birthday.

This is a timely and appropriate recognition of your lifelong service as a spiritual leader of American Jewry, dedicated humanitarian, and dynamic protagonist in the historic struggle which led to the establishment of the State of Israel, which has earned for you the respect, admiration and friendship of men of good will throughout the world.

On this happy occasion, it affords me great pleasure to join with your many friends in honoring you for your tireless labor toward fulfillment of the American democratic ideal of social justice for all; as well as for your invaluable and unique contribution to Jewish causes.

Please convey my cordial greetings to all present at the American Zionist Council's gala celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of Israel's independence with my best wishes for a happy evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. A. Rockefeller", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o Dr. Miriam K. Freund  
American Zionist Council  
515 Park Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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HAROLD B. WAINTRUP, Rabbi

June 10, 1963

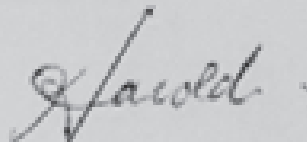
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My belated but sincerest greetings to you  
on the occasion of your 70th birthday celebration.  
I am indeed sorry that I was not able to be present.  
However, I know that my cousin (and brother-in-law)  
Samuel Givelber was present. May you enjoy many,  
many years of creative achievement that will be  
of continuing benefit and value to our Jewish  
Community.

I'm looking forward to meeting with and  
hearing you at the CCAR Conference. #Please ex-  
tend my mazel tov to Jeremy upon his doctorate.  
Blessings and good health.

Sincerely,



Harold B. Waintrup, Rabbi

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July 24, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
University Circle & Silver Park  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I still vividly remember the keen interest you showed in my work on the Judaeo-Arabic documents from the Cairo Geniza which we discussed when I had the privilege to visit you in your office in Cleveland.

I have allowed myself to send you a new book of mine called JEWISH EDUCATION IN THE TIME OF THE GONIM AND OF MAIMONIDES, as well as two papers on Jewish Community Life and on the Title and Office of the Nagid.\* I wish you also to accept this as a belated offering on the occasion of your 70th birthday, with every good wish and many happy returns.

I am leaving for Israel next Sunday but hope to be back on August 20th and to stay here for next year.

Sincerely yours,

*S. D. Goitein*

S. D. Goitein  
Professor of Arabic

\* also an autograph of Maimonides

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four decades. As a member of the Palestine government he was, in fact, one of the pioneers of the country and also served as an officer in the Jewish Legion. Thus he possesses a vast source of first-hand material from which he draws with great skill. Of the seventeen stories in the volume, thirteen are either located or in some way linked with Israel or Palestine. Of the remaining four, one belongs to the science fiction category, two to the detective story class, and one comes closest to a horror story.

In his Israel stories, the author unveils a gallery of interesting characters — crackpots and dreamers, bureaucrats and heroes, tragic lovers and symbolic ghosts, and—tourists. He brings them forward with a chuckle, a pat on the back, a proud fatherly smile, a hidden tear and in one instance — "Beautiful City" — a frown. Viscount Samuel is clearly allergic to tourists, organizations, speeches and fund-raising, all of which are caricatured in "Beautiful City." "My Friend Musa," which gives the book its title, is a good story, though it conveys the impression of a documentary. Musa is the trustee of a contested rent account which over several decades grows into a fortune. The rentals derive from stores belonging to the Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, whose ownership is claimed by the Russians, Greeks, and, after the partition of the country, by Jordan. The long diplomatic and ecclesiastical struggle makes a bit of interesting history and its final outcome—far away from the Holy Land—is amusing.

By far the best story is "Home Again!" It is a satiric sketch which does more to reveal the true nature of the so-called Arab refugee problem than many a learned volume. This is the story of Yusuf Hamdan, a young Arab refugee taxi-driver who lives with his wife in Jordan, enjoys the benefit of his own ration cards as well as those inherited from his deceased parents. Yusuf hates Israel, but owing to the negligence of the frontier guards he finds himself across the border in Israel and he is stuck there. Mistaken for a recent North African Jewish immigrant he is befriended, given work, advanced from job to job and finally becomes B.G.'s gardener. His situation is grotesque and the possibilities that lie open before him are thrilling. What does he do? How does it all end? For the answers and proper appreciation of this story it should be read.

ELIAS GILNER

## Tributes to Rabbi Silver at 70

Reviewed by PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN

IN THE TIME OF HARVEST. Essays in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Edited by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver. Macmillan. 459 pp. \$10.00

How does one measure the value of a Rabbi's life? Fame, success, influence, affluence, learning, spirituality, happiness, health, usefulness? There is hardly a category in which Abba Hillel Silver does not rise to the top. A strong robust man, with a hearty appetite and a tremendous capacity for work, he has reached threescore and ten—happy, healthy and with ongoing usefulness. He can look back on a career in which he built the largest Jewish congregation in the country, became Cleveland's leading citizen, was spokesman for the Jewish people in a most crucial hour of its history, and won immortality for his role in bringing the Jewish state into existence.

All through these crowded years he continued to study and to write. He has produced six serious books, all worth reading. Two, in this reviewer's judgment, are of outstanding merit: *Messianic Speculations in Israel* and *Where Judaism Differed*. For such a man at seventy the conventional public demonstrations of esteem are not enough. His son, his congregation, his associates, his friends and admirers collaborated to produce, in his honor, a book of essays entitled *In the Time of Harvest*. This splendid volume deserves, on its own merits, an honored place in any library of Jewish interest.

It contains original essays by a number of leading Jews, and two by non-Jews. Ben-Gurion and Sharett present their basic Zionist philosophy. The late Ben-Zvi, a lover of the Eastern Jews, and his successor Shazar, a disciple of Hasidism, write on their specialties. Abba Eban, Nelson Glueck, Emanuel Neumann, Robert Gordis, Walter Lowdermilk give expression to their lifetime interests.

However, for this reviewer, the scholars who presented original contributions in the fields of their expertise were the most interesting. The comparatively recent origin of the *Chuppah* is demonstrated by Solomon Freehof with his usual erudition and charm. Ellis Rifkin maintains, contrary to a generally accepted view, that at the time of Ben Sira (180 B.C.E.) there were no synagogues, "only sacrifices and priests and the literal law." The non-

Jewish Morton Enslin concludes his discussion of the founder of the Christian church, "To his dying day Paul could say—and did—'I am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham' not, I was."

The fascinating failure of a baptized Berlin Jew to establish a Jewish state in Midian is colorfully depicted by Oscar K. Rabinowicz. Gershom Scholem publishes and interprets a recently discovered document concerning the Doenme, the sect of Jews who followed the renegade Sabbatai Zevi into Islam. Another scholar, Jacob Marcus describes the oldest known synagogue record book of continental North America which an ex-parnes, Nathan Simson, took with him to London in the early eighteenth century.

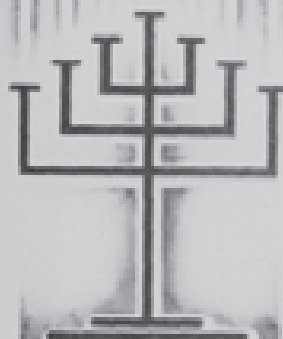
Professor Harry Orlinsky shows how the encyclopedically ignorant Toynbee uses the term "Syriae" instead of "Hebrew" or "Israel" or "Jew." This is sheer anti-Jewish prejudice, for there was no Syrian society in the period he is describing. Then Orlinsky quotes experts who seem to have a high opinion of the ten-volume *A Study of History*, but each admits that in his own field of expertise Toynbee knows very little. Pieced together, the picture is one of vast, all-encompassing ignorance. Orlinsky predicts that "many, many years from now the author of *A Study* will be remembered not as a historian, or even as a theologian or a prophet, but as a confessedly 'ignorant' and 'irrational' disparager of the Jews and remembered only by the Jews."

Confirming this estimate of Toynbee is a new book just published, *The Appeasers* in which the authors, Martin Gilbert and Richard Gott, recall that Toynbee was favorably impressed by Hitler and "convinced of his sincerity in desiring peace in Europe."

*In the Time of Harvest* opens with a warm appreciation of Rabbi Silver written by Harold P. Manson, obviously a devoted disciple. Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, the son, has distilled his father's wisdom in excerpts from forty-five years of preaching at the Cleveland Temple. Here in his own words are testimony to the eloquence, the erudition, the clear-headedness and the prophetic Jewishness of one of the great Jews of our time.

# U N I O N G R A M

Oct. 1/24/13



"....SPEECH IS  
THE MESSENGER  
OF THE HEART"  
THE TALMUD

Our warmest thoughts are  
with you as you celebrate your  
seventeenth birthday and forty-fifth  
anniversary as Rabbi of the Temple.  
May God grant you many more  
years of health and strength to  
continue your good work.  
Sincerely Bessie Seligman





ah. '124/03

WRHS  
Dear Rabbi Silver.

Please accept belated but  
none the less sincere  
Congratulations upon your  
outstanding accomplishments,  
and Birthday anniversary.

May God's Grace make each day  
of the year bright for you  
and yours. Maud Liebenthal

An Official Welcome  
into the  
Milestone Club



Know all by these Presents that on this 20 Day of Jan. 1963

(NAME) Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

attained the Age of..... and thereby

(LINE A)

became a Member in good standing of

## The Milestone Club

and while Age is only a State of Mind, and Whereas LINE A above is to be filled in only at the Discretion of the Recipient, it should, nevertheless, always be remembered that the benign old Gentleman with the Hour Glass, who calls regularly Once every Twelve Months, has evolved an infallible Formula for ascertaining how many Years the Member has made this Terrestrial Planet a better Place on which to Dwell. If, therefore, said Member will carry out Father Time's Calculations below, He/She will become duly Enlightened.

After LINE A has been filled in, it shall be the Member's prerogative to (1) Deplore the Passing of the Years by secretly filing this Certificate beyond the reach of all Eyes, or (2) to Revel in Youth by proudly displaying same to Confidants.

With genuine Affection the Undersigned Congratulates the new Member on having passed another Milestone, and Hopes that Father Time will Reward Him/Her with many and many another **Happy Birthday!**

from Mary Belle Grossman

### Father Time's Formula

Multiply your age by 2 and add 5. Multiply by 50. Add the amount of change in your pocket or purse (if less than One Dollar). Subtract the number of days in a year (365). Add 115. Now write your answer here.....The two right-hand digits will be the amount of change in your pocket. Transfer the first two digits (your age) to LINE A above.



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# Birthday Wishes for You





Feb. 1/24/03

Dear Rabbi

Hoping that your birthday  
Is so perfect from the start  
That you'll enjoy its pleasures  
With a light and happy heart  
And hoping, when it's over  
That the nicest things there are  
Will make the year you've just begun  
Your finest one so far

Many Happy Returns

and many many  
more healthy happy  
birthdays. Sincerely  
Mrs Sylvia Bedford

Very sorry I had to miss  
the big celebration

BIRTHDAY  
THOUGHTS

*of You*



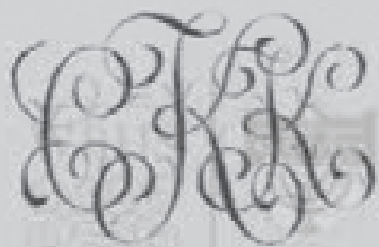


This warm  
and friendly greeting  
Is coming just to say  
That many special thoughts  
Are there with you today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
70 years young  
Dr MB Galvin

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ack. 1/21/05



Monday.

Dear Virginia and Rabbi Silver.

We, too, want to extend  
our beautiful congratulations  
and best wishes.

Listening to the many tributes  
and to your two fine sons, we  
thought, verily your cup runneth  
over.

Truly Fondly,  
Mrs. Wm. Kane  
#219 - 1922 Van Allen  
Lamelle and Bill

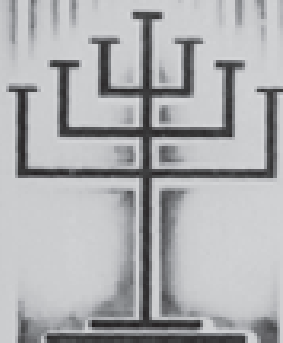
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Dear Rabbi & Mrs. Silverman



To see the span  
of life is now to instead of 70 yrs.  
of age therefore we wish you many  
many more years of health and  
happiness with your family.  
At the same time wishing you  
many more years of leadership  
of this temple. If our tickets  
come we hope to see you Sunday.  
All our love  
Mr. & Mrs. Al. Schen  
Marion O.



"....SPEECH IS  
THE MESSENGER  
OF THE HEART"  
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 =ON YOUR YOUTHFUL BIRTHDAY OF SEVEN DECADES FROM BOSTON VIA  
 =MIAMI WHERE I AM ON ZIONIST TOUR. YOUR AMAZING, HISTORIC  
 SERVICE =TO ISRAEL, ZIONISM AND AMERICA AND THE CAUSE OF  
 ELOQUENCE, LEARNING, FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND MORALITY  
 GUARANTEES YOU A ROYAL =ETERNAL PLACE OF HONOR IN THE HALL  
 OF WORLD FAME. =FAITHFULLY =

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## RESOLUTION

The Alathian Club herewith extends its congratulations to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver upon his seventieth birthday anniversary on January 20, 1963, and also expresses its appreciation of his membership in the club. A member of many years, he has been faithful and regular in attendance, in reading and entertaining in his turn. He has been stimulating in thought, informative in discussion, and inspirational in the chosen topics of his papers. He has endeared himself to all members of the club and upon this occasion, the present membership desires to wish him many years of health, happiness, and continuing usefulness as rabbi in his congregation, citizen in the land and good friend.



My dear Rabbi - Tuesday.

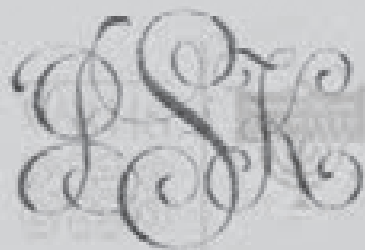
Was so sorry we could not attend your testimonial dinner, but stayed up until midnight watching it on television. It was a wonderful sight. You looked majestic and Mrs. Silver was radiant in her "simcha".

May you and Mrs. Silver celebrate many, many more happy birthdays, in health and joy with your lovely families.

Affectionately

Malvin & Charlie Kramer

Charlie is feeling fine.







Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver,  
We want to extend  
our best wishes and heartiest  
congratulations on this  
momentous occasion.

Fondly,  
Jean & Rick Stewer

Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Haigim Orlan

3214 Yorkshire Rd.

Aug. 2/5/63



אברהם

היה ר' אשה חל' קאהר,  
חתן יאח' הערשם טאנלא.

נפ' ב' ה'תר,


הרב מר' האבית מרבה, חזקא,  
למרבה אולם זה כל קהל ועדוץ,  
העשרת האבנים ואלו גידים אף מרבה  
אבנים: חזקא לאלף חב' ה'תר ט"ט  
למר' אברהם! בהקרה אהרן צ' רבה,  
חיים למעשה אלה.

Happy Birthday  
to a Very Special Person





Feb. 1/1903



Dear Rabbi Silver

It's hard to know  
the phrases

And all the things to say  
To such a special person  
On such a special day,  
But somehow it seems only right  
To say, today of all days,  
You're someone close in thought  
and heart  
Not "now and then" but--  
always!

Happy Birthday Happy Year  
Julius Gold-



# A BIRTHDAY PRAYER



God bless you as  
your day begins





WILEY  
SON  
OF  
JOHN

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways."

PSALMS 91:11






Dear Rabbi Silver

God bless you  
as your day begins,  
God bless you  
all year through,  
And may you know  
that constantly  
He loves and cares for you!

Mrs. & Mrs. E. Raymer and  
son, Paul

2185 Taylor

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Happy  
irthday  
to  
You

May you be blessed  
with many more years  
of health & happiness

Dear Rabbi

With every wish  
for happiness  
Today and all  
year through

Mrs. Edward H. Kaplan  
Miss Jean Halpern

Aug. 124/63

*To Wish You Birthday Happiness*



*And Happy Days  
all Year*



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May you count your Birthday hours  
By joys and carefree laughter  
And very many pleasures  
You'll remember warmly after —  
May you count your days the year around  
By your cherished hopes come true —  
By the loyal friends and the happiness  
That will be waiting for you

Lena G. Robinson.



Aug. 1/24/03



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My dear Mr. Silver

To let you know

I am

thinking of you

on your

Birthday

+  
extend to you my very best  
wishes for many years of  
good health & happiness.


Elara E. Weber



FOR YOU

Now That  
You're 70

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





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Dear Rabbi Silver

For you, the best of wishes

Not for this day alone

But for one of the happiest

And best years you have known —

For health, bright days,

good fortune

And friendships, warm and true

For everything

that makes life good

Especially for you

Yin Cereby

Sylvia R. Keller

Many  
Happy Returns  
of the  
Day





Feb. 1/24/63

With  
best wishes  
for a very

happy Birthday  
And many happy  
returns of this  
memorable one  
Mrs. Minnie Feldman



Happy  
Birthday

ack. 1/24/03

With all  
best wishes  
for your birthday  
and the  
coming year.

May you enjoy many  
many more in good  
health.

Sophia Levine

A  
Prayer  
on your  
Birthday



Dear Patti Anna Keller Wilson,  
continue your good work  
and

May God  
whose loving  
hand bestows  
All blessings  
great and small,  
Look down and make  
this birthday  
The happiest one  
of all.

Feb. 7/1963

Mrs. L.C. Merrill

(over)



O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good: ...

PSALM 107:1

"A rose is the most  
perfect autograph of God."

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My very best love for  
our wonderful Rabbi -  
Nora, I will be here to  
help celebrate your 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday. I shall love  
you & your dear wife  
very much -  
God bless you & your  
devoted family - Jessie





The Women's Auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital of Cleveland  
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Mr & Mrs Chayall

Happy Birthday  
Sept 1945

Many more

Irene and Victor

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Dear Rabbi:



May we join with all the others to congratulate you on this very important birthday. We wish you good health and much happiness for many years to come.

Sincerely

Yours and Abe L. Nebel

HAVING ANOTHER  
BIRTHDAY?  
WELL...



IT COULDN'T  
HAPPEN TO A  
NICER PERSON!

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

Howard D. Illman



# A BIRTHDAY NOTE

With Our  
Best Wishes





Arch. 11/20/03

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

You'll hear it many, many times  
Before this day is through  
From the many friends and dear ones  
Who think so much of you -  
And we'll repeat the good old wish  
And add another phrase

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....MAY YOU HAVE  
A YEAR OF HAPPY DAYS"

Mrs. & Mrs. J. E. Davidson



*To a Special Someone Who Is  
Always Young at Heart*





"A moment's insight is sometimes  
worth a life's experience."

This is the "moment" for  
blessings and good health,  
fervently expressed to you,  
our dear Rabbi, on this  
very important day-- and  
may share many, many  
more with Virginia and your  
family - With love

from  
Jack & Lindsey Bernstein

# Happy Birthday



*Life cannot be measured  
In terms of years alone,  
It's all the little deeds of love--  
The kindnesses you've shown,  
And these outweigh the years by far  
For you have made an art  
Of living warmly, giving much,  
And staying young-at-heart!*

Happy Birthday

May you continue for one hundred  
and twenty years in health, happiness and  
. די'ל'י'ן

The Temple Choir