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Seventieth birthday, messages (removed from notebook),
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Henry Cabot Lodge

Beverly
Massachusetts

October 26, 1962

Dear Mr. Clark:

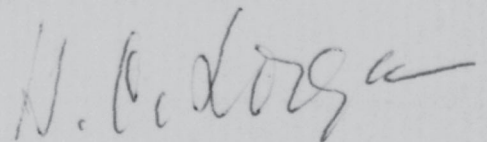
I am so sorry that long-standing engagements, to which I am compelled to adhere, make it impossible for me to be in Cleveland on the night of January 20. You may be sure that if I could be there, I would, because nothing would gratify me more than, in such a way, to pay my tribute of respect and friendship to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

My association with Rabbi Silver is unforgettable -- particularly the many occasions when he and I used to confer, just before the coming into existence of the State of Israel. During the course of my life I have seen many men with great persuasive power who have been able to win over to their side persons in all walks of life. But I have seen none who were quite in the same class with Rabbi Silver. His advocacy of the State of Israel was persuasive with all groups and with both political parties. Such intellectual capacity must command respect and the capacity to hold such a firm conviction and to lose one's self in it, must inspire deep admiration.

Please extend to him my best wishes for health and happiness and my compliments to all those who are gathered together to do him honor.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Harold T. Clark
Testimonial Dinner Chairman
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Jerusalem, December 18, 1962
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

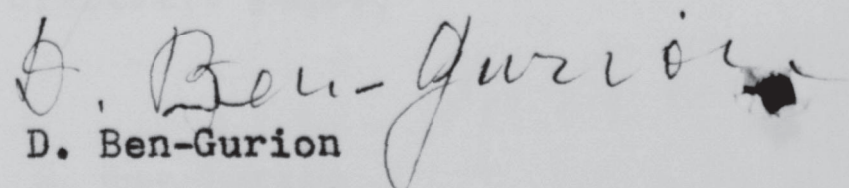
Dear Dr. Silver,

I have just received an invitation to attend a testimonial dinner in your honour on the occasion of your seventieth birthday. Since I shall not be able to convey my wishes to you in person on this occasion, I should like to take this opportunity of extending my congratulations to you.

Over the years you have played a unique and outstanding role in the enrichment of Jewish life in the United States, the building of the Zionist movement in America and throughout the world, and in the creation of the State of Israel.

Your twin attributes of scholarship and statesmanship have won you the admiration of many - both in the United States and in Israel. Let me, on behalf of the people and government of Israel, send you our very warmest wishes on the occasion of your seventieth birthday. May you have many more years of health and vigour in which to continue your fruitful work on behalf of the Jewish people.

Sincerely yours,


D. Ben-Gurion

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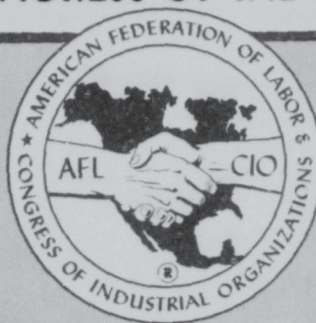
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January 17, 1963

Mr. A. M. Lunts
Chairman, Dinner Committee
Abba Hillel Silver 70th Birthday
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lunts:

I am delighted to join in the civic tribute being paid to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on his 70th birthday, and I regret only that I am unable to join you in person.

Dr. Silver's tremendous service to the cause of Israel is exceeded only by the contribution he has made to the spiritual enrichment of life in America. You in Cleveland can well be proud that this leader in national and world events has also devoted himself to your local well-being for nearly half a century.

Please add my warmest good wishes to all those that will be expressed to him on this occasion, and extend my congratulations to everyone who is taking part in this richly-deserved tribute to an outstanding American.

Sincerely yours,

President

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DEPLY REGRETTING INABILITY ATTEND DR SILVER ANNIVERSARY DINNER
SALUTE FROM AFAR MY LEADER AND LIFELONG FRIEND ONE OF GREATEST
FIGURES MODERN JEWISH HISTORY WHOSE GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS WILL
BE FOREVER INSCRIBE

IN THE ANNALS OF A GRATEFUL PEOPLE GOD BLESS ABBA
EMANUEL NEUMAN.

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THE TEMPLE EAST 105TH ST SILVERPARK CLEVE

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=IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO JOIN WITH THE HOST OF OTHERS
PAYING TRIBUTE TO RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER ON HIS
70TH BIRTHDAY. WHAT PROFOUND SATISFACTION MUST BE HIS
AS HE LOOKS BACK ON A LIFETIME OF =CONSTRUCTIVE AND
DEDICATED SERVICE. NOT ONLY TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE BUT
TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND THE WORLD. MAY HIS FUTURE
YEARS BE MANY AND AS FRUITFUL FOR HIS FELLOW MEN =

AS THOSE THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE

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OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN CLEVELAND. RABBI SILVER HAS PLACED HIS IMPRINT UPON THE CONGREGATION AND THE CITY IN HIS OWN FASHION, AND I KNOW THAT I REFLECT A BROAD COMMUNITY WISH IN THE HOPE THAT RABBI SILVER WILL BE ABLE TO CINTINUE HIS WORK IN SOUND HEALTH FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME. PLEASE EXTEND MY RESPECTS AND REGARDS TO ALL PRESENT

= JACOB K JAVITS USS.

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=BERTRAM J KROHNGOLD, PRESIDENT=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST & SILVER PARK CLEVE

=I AM HAPPY TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI ABBA
HILLEL SILVER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION. HIS DEDICATION AND COMPLETE SELFLESSNESS
IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY, HIS PEOPLE AND HIS FAITH
OFFER A RARE EXAMPLE FOR OUR TIMES. HE HAS BROUGHT
EXTRAORDINARY DEVOTION AND FEARLESSNESS TO HIS MANY
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE TEMPLE, WHICH HAS A TRADITION

פאראייניקטע אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע

הסתדרות ציונית כללית-ליברלית המאוחדת במכסיקו

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מכסיקו, ה' בשבט תשכ"ג
30. 1. 1963

לכבוד

רבנו ומורנו דר. אבא הלל סלבר הנכבד והיקר;

עדיין שמור בזכרוננו בקורך המכובד לפני עשר שנים
ושבתך עמנו ביוכל השישים שלך.

זיכנו הבורא וזכינו לברכך ליובל השבעים, כן יאריך
אלוהים את ימך.

כיום חגך זה שהוא חגנו, עולה בלבנו המשאלה הגדולה
לשוב ולראותך כאן במכסיקו מסב עמנו ומזכה אותנו
ברוח אישיותך.

היינו מאושרים אילו קבלת את הזמנתנו שיא הזמנת כל
חבריך ומוקירי שמך במכסיקו לבקרנו האביב הזה. המחצית
השניה של חודש מרץ הוא המועד הטוב והמתאים גם מבחינת
האקלים וגם מהבחינה הציבורית.

אנא קבל נא משאלתנו זו הבאה מקרב לב והשב נא דעתך
החיובית, בהקדם.

ושוב הפעם, מיטב ברכותינו לבריאות ואריכות ימים.
מי יתן ותוסיף מהשראתך הפוריה עד מאה ועשרים.

בברכות נאמנות

הסתדרות ציונית כללית-ליברלית המאוחדת

מנחם פורמן, נשיא
אליהו סורסקי, סגן נשיא

ישעיהו פורמן, נשיא

שלמה קוצ'ר
מזכיר כללי

MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR HARMAN

✓ I deeply regret that I cannot be with you tonight as I had planned. I am in Israel on a brief visit and am unable to return in time. It is perhaps fitting that I should greet Rabbi Silver from Jerusalem. It was there that I first had the privilege of meeting him. It was in March 1948, just two months before Israel declared its independence. Travel to Jerusalem in those days was fraught with physical danger. But Dr. Silver found his way to us and his presence in our midst lifted our morale and strengthened our capacity to face the future. I remember thinking at the time that it is in things such as this that true leadership finds its expression. It is not just the ability to seek out and define the central historical trends of a people; not merely to give eloquent and moving expression to a people's vital aspirations; not only to bring to bear sound skill and judgment in the pursuance of a policy aimed at realizing those aspirations - with all these qualities Dr. Silver has shown himself to be endowed in a measure unmatched in our time. But over and beyond these qualities, leadership and the acceptance of leadership by a people, are dependent on intangibles, such as that visit of Dr. Silver's in the spring of 1948 to a beleaguered Jerusalem.

It is difficult to think of Dr. Silver as being 70 years old. In our days this is no longer to be thought of as old age. Many of us who are younger than he cannot equal him in vigor; certainly we are in need of the wisdom and experience which his long years of leadership and devotion have accumulated for him. So while this is a birthday to be celebrated, it is, I am sure, appropriate that it be celebrated as but a stage, a significant one to be sure, in the unfolding of a career far from being over.

Ambassador Harman's message cont'd

In wishing Dr. Silver long life and health, may I therefore express my hope and conviction that the years ahead will see him where we have grown accustomed to seeing him - at the head of a people's struggle for freedom and dignity, for security and for spiritual creativeness.

✓ I am sure that you will be hearing tonight of the milestones in Dr. Silver's long career of service, in your community, for America and for Israel. For myself, as an Israeli and as a Jew, I would say just this. ^{5127 -} We Jews are engaged in a great historic transition, from a status of inequality and rootlessness to a condition marked by rooted citizenship. In this century the larger part of the Jewish people has succeeded in making this transition and the most striking evidence of that is the existence of the great Jewish community of free America and the existence of a free Israel. ~~When~~ When the history of these developments is written the name of Dr. Silver will be recorded as one of the central and decisive elements. I am equally sure that in the effort that still lies ahead to bring this transition to its point of culmination he will be out there in front, inspiring us by his eloquence and his courage and moving us forward by the force of his noble example. It is in this spirit that I think of Dr. Silver tonight in Jerusalem and wish him continued health and vigor for many years to come.