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November 29, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver and Family
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

The death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has left our world and our people much diminished. His light shone so brightly that only the formation of the new and prophetic nation of Israel could be adequate to absorb his rays of hope and justice.

On behalf of the many Cleveland and Ohio members of the American Jewish Committee, I want to express our deep sense of loss and sadness at the passing of Rabbi Silver. We send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Our people have mourned the loss of a great President this week; today the whole world mourns the passing of a great Jew.

Sincerely,

Irving Levine
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November 29, 1963
Bham, Ala

My dear Haniel,

With a heavy heart, I sit here trying to find words to express to you our grief and heart-ache at the sudden passing of your father.

I am no stranger to sudden death and sorrow, therefore I know too well, how empty and hollow are the usual phrases of sympathy, they fall meaningless on the stunned mind refusing to accept the shattering blow.

So, dear Haniel, let me just say we share your pain and loss and weep with you, for your father was not just a man, a husband, father. He belonged to all the children of Israel, like Moses, our prophet, and shall live in our history, our hearts, forever.

Please convey to your mother and brother our love and prayers for your well-being. May God in His mercy give you all strength and courage to bear this terrible loss. With much love to Hel and the children.

Uncle Morris, Aunt Ida

Rev. and Mrs. Morris Fisher

1240 So. 29th St.

Bham.. Ala.



Nov. 29, 1963.

Dear Rabbi Dan;

I do join me in
extending our heartfelt sympathy
to you and your family. This
certainly has been a sad week
for us all - losing two
great leaders.



have always
felt it a great privilege to
be a part of the Temple family
and it is to our gratification
to be of service to our great
institution. Your father
has left his Temple in

strong and capable hands and
there is no fear about its
future.

Hopefully, we want you
to consider us not simply
members of your congregation,
but friends you can always
call upon to help you in any
way we can.

Sincerely,

May, to Liberman

Rose L. Halprin

*515 Park Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.
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November 29, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver:

We heard with a sense of shock and bereavement of the sudden passing of Dr. Silver. In his death another great Jewish and Zionist leader leaves the American scene bereft and poor. His magnificent voice, raised so often in behalf of the things he believed in, is now stilled but many will remember its magnificence as he fought for Zionism and Jewish survival.

Yours,

Rose L. Halprin
Rose L. Halprin

Mrs. A. H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

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New York, le 29 novembre 1963.

Madame,

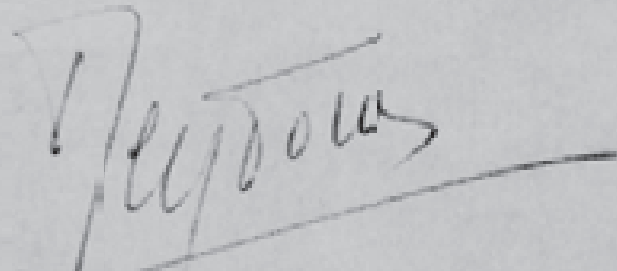
C'est avec une grande tristesse que j'ai appris la mort du Rabin Abba Hillel Silver. C'est non seulement une haute personnalité religieuse qui disparaît : c'est aussi un des avocats les plus ardents et les plus efficaces de la cause du sionisme dans le monde.

Sa perte sera particulièrement ressentie en France où ce grand citoyen américain jouissait du respect et de l'estime de tous.

C'est très sincèrement que je m'associe à votre chagrin dont je devine l'étendue.

Acceptez, je vous prie, Madame, mes très vives condoléances et veuillez croire à l'expression de ma profonde sympathie.

Veuillez, Madame, agréer l'hommage de mon respect.



Roger Seydoux
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November 29th 1963.

The family of the late
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

It is the course of Nature that every day of the year, some are born into this world and some pass away and leave us. We humans accept the fact in a rather impersonal way, unless it concerns a member of the family or a friend, and sometimes just a person we knew.

Last night, watching the television, I was jolted upon hearing the news: "Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver suddenly died, apparently from heart attack".

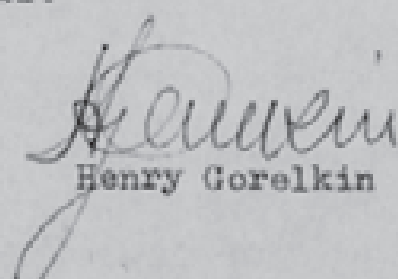
I don't know of being even remotely related to Rabbi Silver's family; I was not privileged to be counted among his friends. The only time I ever saw him in person and heard him speaking was in Beit-Ha'am in Tel-Aviv, sometime in the 1920's.

I came to Israel (then Palestine) towards the end of 1919, in a freighter "Russlan", hired by a group of Zionists-among them my father-in Odessa. That was the first boat to arrive at the shores of Jaffa after the first world war. As a school-boy, I learned Hebrew which eventually became my "mother's" tongue. When I heard the speech of Rabbi Silver in polished Hebrew, I was deeply impressed. As a youngster, I could hardly understand how a man who does not reside in the country but come from faraway America, could speak such flowless Hebrew. Starting the speech at a slow pace, it was sincere & forcefully convincing from the start. As the speech gained momentum, it was coming as a succession of waves, strong yet refreshing, and by the time he finished, I found myself enthralled, almost hypnotized.

Throughout my life I had the privilege to hear great personalities and renown speakers like Sokoloff, Weitzman, Zabotinsky, etc., yet, wherever I roamed, and whenever great Zionists and speakers were mentioned, invariably, the giant of them all to me, was Rabbi Silver. I saw and heard him only once in my life and somehow hoped to see and hear him again. Perhaps this explains why I was so moved when I heard the very sad announcement.

Forgive me, that in this hour of your sorrow I burden you with this letter. As a great admirer of one, who in my young years impressed me so deeply, with a remembrance which could not be erased in all these years, I felt an urge to relieve myself by telling you of my esteem for him.

I wish to extend my sympathy to the family and join the thousands of mourners who lament the great loss.


Henry Gorelkin

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November 29, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver:

The last time I saw Dr. Silver, at the Bond Conference in Washington a few weeks ago, I had occasion to remind him that I was present - not at his seventieth - but at his thirty-fifth birthday party. It was in 1927 and, as a cub reporter on the Cleveland News, I was assigned to report a dinner which, I think, marked his tenth year at the Temple. It was a memorable experience, my first of many many blessed contacts in which I came always under his influence, to be awed by his titanic strength, to be inspired and lifted by his prophetic mind, to be encouraged and emboldened by his inflexible will.

I cannot begin to record so many vivid memories - my pride, as a young liberal, when he addressed the Ohio Senate at Columbus and I was a legislative correspondent who believed, as he did, in unemployment insurance; his sage counsel when I came to consult with him before I left to take my post in the American Zionist Emergency Council; my joy, a few weeks later, when I learned that he was coming to New York to head that same body; my deep appreciation for the manner in which he trusted the people who worked under his leadership; the thunderclap impact of his American Jewish Conference speech at the Waldorf; the huge Madison Square Garden audiences in 1944 and 1945 and 1946 and 1947 which would have followed him, every man, and woman and child, had he told them to walk to Washington or Whitehall; his eloquent appeals at the United Nations - the bitter brevity of his response to the American reversal at the Security Council - my immense personal pride that he took my words and adopted them for his own in the hour of rejoicing when Israel was created.

All these intimate recollections are part of a personal treasury which I shall cherish and which I have often tried to impart to others.

Even in the hour of his death, on November 28 - last night - I told some 250 young girls at a convention of Junior Hadassah that American Jews played a decisive role in the creation of Israel, that Israel would not have been born and could not have survived but for the united and determined stand of the American Jewish community. More than any other man - I speak with years of knowledge based on first hand observation - and who will deny it - Dr. Silver was responsible for the strength of American Jews in that historic period. I spoke of Dr. Silver although I did not learn until a few minutes after I finished that he had died.

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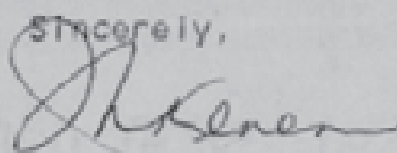
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I told these youngsters that our work has far from ended - that the continued support of American Jews is a major defense line, that Israel must have allies and the first of these must be the American Jewish community. But who is to lead us with his vision, steady us with his reason, reinforce us with his majestic strength?

I know that these are not words of consolation that one writes to a grieved family. I write words of sorrow which will find echoes in the hearts of all Jews who remember the ordeal, the vision and the victory of a decade illuminated by Dr. Silver's spirit.

Sincerely,



I. L. Kenen

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker
Shaker Heights, Ohio



STANLEY A. MEISEL

November 29, 1963

Dear Rabbi Dan,

I was very sad to learn of your father's sudden demise. At the risk of redundancy, the Jewish World has lost one its great, yet humble leaders.

I couldn't help but think how comforting you were at the time of my sister's sudden death. I am also familiar with the boost you have given other families at their time of great grief. I don't presume I can deliver such solace to you; but, I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

I sat with your father Monday last, and watched the Kennedy Funeral Proceedings on television. I was completely taken how consumed, and visually distraught he was. It was evident by his overt concern that he felt the gravity of this event more deeply than he wished to display. I was touched beyond words.

Yours is now the task of leadership. I can think of no one more capable of assuming the spiritual reins of our Jewish Community. May God be with you in the years to come.

Fondest Regards,

Stanley Meisel

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November 29, 1963

Dear Dan,

My deepest sympathy to you upon the death of your father. It is a great loss to all of us but especially to your family. We shall pray for you in your hour of bereavement.

It is comforting to know that "underneath are the everlasting arms" and that God holds us all in his steadfast love.

My love to you,

Russ.



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November 29, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Mrs. Silver:


B'nai B'rith Women District Two join you, your family, the Temple and the entire world in mourning the loss of your beloved husband and the greatest Jewish leader of our times.

His deeds and ideals will live on forever, not only in the minds and hearts of those whose lives were touched by his, but in all those men and women who shared his thoughts and hopes.

All our prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,


Elsa Peters,
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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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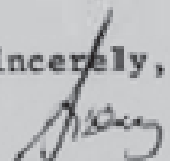
Dear Daniel:

I have written to your mother about our grief in the death of your father, but let me tell you, too, personally, as a colleague, of the deprivation I feel, as do all of our colleagues.

Your father was a man of extraordinary gifts which he devoted so magnificently and with such brilliance to his leadership in behalf of Judaism and the Jewish people.

I know how deep is your loss. I mourn with you, as do all of our colleagues.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Sidney L. Regner

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November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am deeply grieved by the death of your beloved and illustrious father. Your personal loss is shared by the American Rabbinate and the Jewish people throughout the world. May God be of consolation to you and may you rest in the knowledge of your father's great accomplishments for us all.



Fraternally yours,



Israel Koller

Major General Julius Klein (USA, Ret.)

250 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

One East Wacker Drive
Chicago 1, Illinois

November 29, 1963
IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Major General Julius Klein (USA, Ret.) of Chicago, past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, has issued the following statement on the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in Cleveland, Thursday:

Through the passing of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the cause of freedom, our nation, the people of Israel and Jews all over the world have lost one of their greatest and most courageous champions.

I worked with Rabbi Silver since 1920 for the cause that was to result in the birth of Israel. During this time he gave wise counsel to our national leaders. The late Senator Robert A. Taft, with whom he was closely associated, leaned heavily on Dr. Silver's advice in the struggle to create a homeland for the world's Jews.

No one has done more to bring about the independence of Israel, with the exception of those who fought on the battlefield under the leadership of David Ben-Gurion.

...more...

Rabbi Silver — page 2

I recall when the United Nations did not make an early recommendation for an Israeli protectorate, it was not a sovereign nation, but Rabbi Silver who led the fight.

With the United Nations failing to support the bid for an independent Israel, we had our meetings with President Truman and Secretary of State George C. Marshall. From these meetings Rabbi Silver came forth with a determination to arouse the American people in support of independence for the biblical land.

Dr. Silver was my leader. He called upon me, when I was National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans and asked me to organize huge parades in New York and Chicago. Many patriotic organizations joined in the parades which were the largest ever staged in the two cities for such a cause.

Dr. Silver's inspiration immediately changed sentiment. The public was aroused and 16 years ago today the United Nations voted to approve the partition plan that set Israel free.

I saw Dr. Silver cry in the United Nations' waiting room when he heard the vote; I recall Senator Taft saying to him, "Rabbi, you have accomplished your goal," and he answered, "No, this is just the beginning." Until his death he continued to work for the growth and development of Israel.

I am proud to say that I was one of the privates in his ranks. He will go down in history with names like Louis Marshall, Justice Brandeis and David Ben-Gurion as their worthy contemporary, and as one of the greatest spiritual, moral and political leaders of Israel and world Jewry.

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November 29, 1963

Dear Adelle and Danny:

At this time of sudden and unexpected sorrow our hearts go out to you. Your father was a very great man.

We realize that the stress of the next days and weeks will be heavy on both of you. We will not try to intrude now but hope you will think of us as good friends -- next door -- wishing there were something we could do to help.

A quieter time will come when we can better say to you how we feel -- across the back yard hedge.

Sincerely,

Margaret and John Marshall

and the boys,
Bill, Jim, John, and Tom

Supreme Court of the State of New York

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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November 29, 1963

PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

This morning I am shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of Dr. Silver, with whom I enjoyed a most intimate friendship for a period of 40 years.

Three events stand out in my memory in which your dear husband and I cooperated. First, when together with my family and Dr. Silver, I went to Europe on the SS George Washington. On a Friday afternoon my then young son spoke to me about trying to have a religious service. I suggested he speak to Dr. Silver and your husband readily consented and held a service down in the steerage - where there was a fairly good attendance. Here was a great man acceding to the request of a young boy for a religious service.

At the time of my retirement as President of Congregation Beth Elohim (better known as Eighth Avenue or Garfield Temple) in Brooklyn, we had erected a very large and beautiful community house directly across the street from our synagogue. As Chairman of the Committee having the dedicatory program in my charge, I invited two men to come to Brooklyn and be the guest speakers. One was Justice Charles Evans Hughes and the other was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Our synagogue was packed and I had the auditorium connected up with a loud speaker to the community house, which likewise was crowded. It was an occasion I never shall forget; and your dear husband would not even accept from us reimbursement for his travel expenses.

Now comes the third incident where Dr. Silver, the late Col. Fred'k F. Greenman and I worked together and that was when Maurice Eisen-drath of the UAHC tried to put through a so-called placement system which would have deprived our synagogues of their congregational background and would have made them and the rabbis subservient to the will of a small Placement Committee. I shall never forget how he joined with me in a powerful address which swayed the convention and we succeeded in our opposition. I am sure I could not have done it alone.

2.

Reform Judaism has lost a great leader and I, at the age of 34, can see no successor to this sainted and saintly man.

To you and all of your family, I extend my wife's and my own deepest sympathy, and together we can only bow our heads and say:

"Is there beyond the silent night an endless
day?

Is death a door that leads to light? We cannot say.

The tongueless secret locked in fate
We cannot know, we watch and wait."

Let us believe that what God decrees is for the best.



Very sincerely,

Isaac M. Wise

MORRIS SMELLOW
REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)
180 SOUTH CHERRY GROVE AVENUE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

November 27, 1963.

Mrs. Abba Hibel Brown
Mrs. Temple
10522 St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Brown,

It is with deep regret that Mrs. Smellow
and I read of the passing of Abba Brown.

We had the extreme pleasure of meeting him
during the war when I was stationed in
Cleveland. To us he was not only a most
outstanding rabbi, but he was a warm, personable
individual who endeared the lives of those who
had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mrs. Smellow joins me in extending my
deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Sincerely

Morris Smellow



PEBBLE BEACH
CALIFORNIA

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LODGE

3005 Yacht Street
Berkeley 5, Calif.
Nov. 29, 1963

Dear Virginia:

Gladys and I were
profoundly shocked to hear on the
air, the passing of your husband.

We remember the
times we were together and the days
we spent together in Palestine
many years ago.

In join with his multitude of
friends and admirers - all over the
world - to extend to you and your
family our deep respect and our
hopes and prayers that God give
you the strength to live through
these difficult days.

Our thoughts are with you now
and always.

Sincerely
Harry & Sandra Bernstein

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RABBI DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER
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November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
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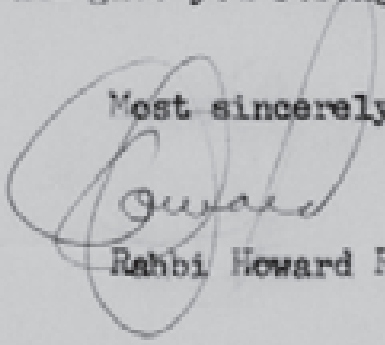
Dear Daniel;

I must share with you my profound sorrow at having learned of the passing of your dear father. Your loss, as you surely know, is shared not only by your family, but by the entire community of Israel, indeed by the entire world.

I pray that we may learn well from the life he lived, that we may take strength and courage from one who labored so faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord.

May God comfort you and give you strength.

Most sincerely,



Rabbi Howard R. Greenstein



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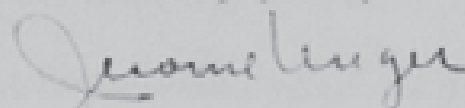
Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Silver Park and East 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Mrs. Unger and I were shocked and heartbroken as the news flashed across television last night of the death of your beloved husband, our mentor and friend.

What shall I say to you and the boys and all your family except that we are grateful to God that we were privileged to live in his generation. Enclosed is a copy of the obituary that we have printed in The New York Times on November 30, 1963, which tries to capture in a capsule what we feel. Words are so futile, however, that all I want to say to you and your family is that Mrs. Unger and I send you this sentiment of our deepest affection. All of the officers of the American Zionist Council join us in heartfelt condolences.

Affectionately yours,



Rabbi Jerome Unger
Executive Director

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SILVER, ABBA HILLEL

The American Zionist Council mourns the death of its Honorary Chairman who, as its Chairman in the nineteen-forties, forged a resolute instrument of a united American Jewish community to secure the establishment of the State of Israel. A scholarly and far-visioned teacher and rabbi, an intrepid leader of men, a warm and vibrant human being, he was in the vanguard of every good American social enterprise and Jewish cause. Architect of Israel reborn and eloquent spokesman of its cause at the U.N., leader of a forward moving America and American Jewish community, we shall miss his hearty presence as we give thanks for the blessing of the legacy he leaves to us. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion transformed by him and his life into the builders of Zion.



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The Mayfield Temple

3040 Mayfield Road
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

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JACOB SHTULL
Robbi

November 29, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland 22 Ohio

Dear Mrs Silver:

Members of the Mayfield Temple join me in expressing their deep sorrow on the death of your husband.

He had many friends in our congregation and all of us deeply lament and mourn his passing.

He will long be remembered by the Jewish people for his spiritual leadership and statesmanship and his eloquent voice will be recalled. His effective leadership was instrumental in bringing the Jewish Homeland into being and for this Jewish history will record his name indelibly in the annals of our people.

May the Almighty comfort you and the members of your dear family and friends.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Shtull
Rabbi Jacob Shtull

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
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NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

ב"שס"ה כ"ט

November 29, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver,

I have just heard the sad news of the sudden passing of your distinguished, beloved husband. In behalf of Mrs. Greenberg and myself I want to extend sincerest sympathies to you, your sons and all who mourn with you. He will unquestionably have a permanent place of honor among the great ones of our people, not only of this generation but of all generations. His leadership in so many areas, but particularly within the Zionist movement, have pleased all of those who dreamed the dream of Zion forever in his debt. There must be some consolation for you and your children in the knowledge that he was admired and respected by vast hosts here and abroad and that some expression of that admiration and affection he himself experienced in the celebrations marking his seventieth birthday.

May you and all who mourn with you
find strength and inspiration in the treasured memories
that must be yours, and may He who is the source
of all our joys and sorrows be ever at your side to
comfort, to sustain and to preserve you from all
further pain and grief.

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Sincerely

Edwin Sweeney.



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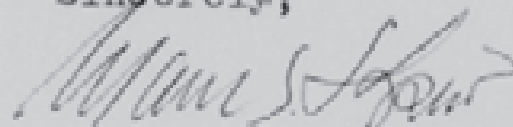
Family of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Friends:

In a peripheral, but yet very real sense,
I share in your loss, for it was nation-wide and
world-wide.

May time bring healing to you, and to us.

Sincerely,


Mark S. Shapiro

ISIDOR COONS
774 ADDISON STREET
WOODMERE, L. I.

November 29, 1963.

Dear Mrs. Silver :

In the passing of your dear husband I feel a deep personal loss. I sympathize sincerely with you and your sons in your bereavement.

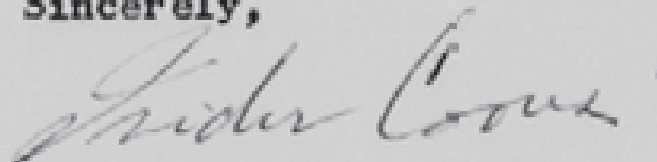
During my long career in the field of fund-raising for Jewish causes and institutions, I enjoyed a close association with Dr. Silver. This was especially so in the United Jewish Appeal National Campaign and in the campaign for new buildings for Bellefaire.

Dr. Silver's vision and understanding of the sometimes controversial problems involved never failed to resolve them for the ultimate success of these and of all movements to which he devoted his great talents. His vision transcended that of any leader of my knowledge or acquaintance during my generation which paralleled Dr. Silver's.

Most of all, I cherished his warm friendship for me personally. Throughout our respective long careers in related fields of endeavor for the welfare of our Jewish people at home and abroad, I leaned heavily for his wise counsel and, indeed, his active cooperation, which he always tendered with the generous and understanding spirit that was his.

I will remember Dr. Silver fondly.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

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29 November, 1963

Mrs. A. H. Silver,
c/o Rabbi Daniel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

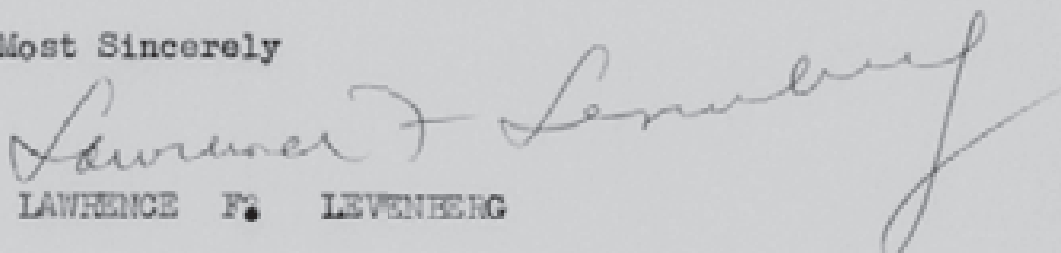
Dear Mrs. Silver,

It was with deep shock and sorrow that I read in this morning's Phoenix paper of the untimely death of Dr. Silver. Mrs. Levenberg joins me in extending heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you, to your family and the Congregation, which he served so nobly and well all these years.

Dr. Silver was my friend and I shall always be grateful for his help and advice during the time I was on the Cleveland papers. To all of ^{us} who knew him, he was, by all standards, a GREAT MAN, in the House of Israel, in the nation and in Cleveland.

Jewry has lost an inspiring leader, you and your family have lost an adored husband and father; the State of Israel must respect him for its labors in its behalf before and after its establishment, and his name will go down in history as one of the Founding Fathers of the State of Israel. As an American he was a patriot; as a Clevelander he always worked for everything that was right and good.

Most Sincerely


LAWRENCE F. LEVENBERG

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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Tifereth Israel
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Lillian and I were dreadfully distressed to read in the paper this morning the death of your beloved husband, Abba. It is really a shock to us.

We were with him last when he visited Baltimore early in January, prior to his 70th birthday, to speak to the Advertising Club. On the night before his address we had dinner with him at one of the country clubs and had a grand time together. We were with him the next day when he spoke to the Club.

I need not tell you how greatly I admired your husband. I served with him on the Executive Board of the CCAR when he was Vice president and we were together when he visited Tulsa, Oklahoma during my ministry there and on a number of occasions since I have come to Baltimore. On one of these occasions he had dinner at our home.

Dr. Silver was one of the truly great rabbis of our generation and one of the great Jewish leaders. I always felt that he was a shy man, more retiring than most people believed it was possible for so great a man to be. For some strange reason our colleagues who did not understand this regarded him as aloof and somewhat cold. Lillian and I always found him warm and kind and interested in us. In fact, we felt that he was always able to relax in our presence much more than in the company of all the other people who were with him at these functions. I noticed that during his last visit to Baltimore he sought us out from among all the people that were at the reception in his honor and seemed to enjoy staying close to us. Needless to say, we were complimented and our hearts were warmed by these gestures of friendship.

Lillian and I will think of him affectionately and we will pray for your strength and the strength of your sons and the other members of the family. May God be with you in this dark hour.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Abraham Shusterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Abraham" being more prominent.

ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN
Rabbi

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29 Nov. 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Virginia,

If those who share your grief could
remove from you one fragment of your burden
you would have none left.

Your loss is the world's loss.

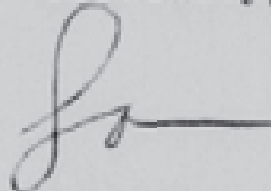
In the midst of our sorrow, we envy
you -- that you were lucky enough to have
enjoyed his love, his companionship and
his confidence.

May something of your husband's courage
be yours as you sustain the burden of
his removal from our midst.

And may God give you extra fortitude.

My family joins me in extending heartfelt
sympathy and the prayer that God will yet heal
your aching heart.

Cordially,



RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

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November 29, 1963

Mrs. A. H. Silver and Family
19813 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

The Heights Jewish Center and all the affiliates, join the whole nation in deep mourning at the unexpected loss of the Rabbi and great Sage, who made the name of the Cleveland Jewish community famous and respectable.

Let this be your consolation, that Rabbi Daniel Jeremy will continue to emulate and perpetuate the immortal image of his great father.

Sincerely,

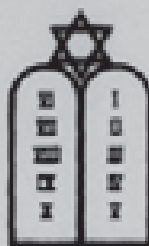


Morris H. Sudman, President



Israel Porath, Rabbi

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CHAPLAIN ROBERT D. SCHREIBMAN



23 Thayer St.
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

29 November 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver,

Though you do not know me, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Though I did not meet Rabbi Silver, I always admired him, and was privileged to hear him and Rabbi Freshof at the convention in June.

Words of comfort will be better spoken, but I do want you to know that you have been in my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Schreibman

23 Thayer St.
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To Rabbi J. Silver

all my sympathy
goes to you & yours we
all loved Ratha H
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heart attack

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on ice

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died of a sudden
heart attack
not so long ago
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his widow
Mrs L D

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

315 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

Nov 19, 1963
11:11 AM 10:30 PM

Dear Mr. Silver -

Please accept my very deep
sympathies on your husband's death
which came as a great shock -

For years, ever since high school days,
your husband's utterance touched me
deeply - He was one of my ideals.
As a Rabbi, as a Jew, as a Zionist
and as a human being. May God
grant you consolation in your sorrow -

Sincerely,

Rabbi Bernard

Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards

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Nov. 29 '63

Dear Danny:

Please accept my deepest sympathy -
to you - your brother - and your mother -
on the death of your father -
I was shocked to read the
terrible news in the morning papers.

What can anyone say? A terrible
loss to you and the family - and
a tremendous loss to Judaism and
the world -

My wife Margie joins in
deepest sympathy to you - and
the family.

Most Sincerely,
Bob

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November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Danny:

On behalf of Mrs. Katz and myself, I want to extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy on the passing of your distinguished father.

As a former Cleveland, I have been a friend and admirer of your father for the past thirty-seven years and I feel a poignant sense of personal bereavement. A great light of planetary magnitude and brilliance has been extinguished and world Jewry has suffered an irreplaceable loss.

May the Father of All console you in your bereavement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Irving
Irving I. Katz
Executive Secretary

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29 November 63

RABBI ELLIOT D. ROSENSTOCK
COLLINGSWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE
TOLEDO 10, OHIO

Dear Dan —

The sadness which has come to you came to me as a real shock. Through the years I have felt a keen admiration for your father and the high standards which he set.

This must be a most difficult time for you. The price we pay for love and devotion is high.

I do not wish to be sermonize, but do want you to know that I, too, am among the millions of Jews and human beings in the world who grieve with you and for you.

Hope to see you soon.

As always,

Elliot

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Rabbi Daniel Silver and Family
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Dear Friends:

Please accept our condolences upon the passing of your beloved father, Abba Hillel Silver.

We are well aware of the futility of words in the face of the unspeakable grief of a personal loss. We can only hope that you will find solace in good works and in the perpetuation of the faith of our fathers.

May the Lord console you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and may you know of no more sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Shubert Spero
Shubert Spero
Rabbi

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President

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RABBI

ARIEL L. GOLDBURG, D. H. L., D. D.

November 29, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver and Family
c/o The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Friends:

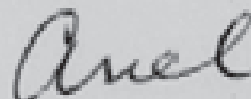
I was shocked and grieved this morning to read, in our newspaper, about the untimely passing of our great rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. I want to extend to you, his immediate family, our heartfelt sympathy. We know how great is your personal loss, but we, his colleagues and friends, feel that we, too, have experienced a very deep sorrow.

Dr. Silver was always our inspiration. From the time I was a youngster at the Hebrew Union College until this very day, I have looked upon him as a guide and teacher. He was a man who set the entire ministry a most notable example. Coupled with his eloquence and powers of persuasion was a heart of courage and a most rational and enlightened mind. We will miss him. We will miss his voice, his ideas, and his great ability to act for righteous causes.

I know that my entire congregation and my wife and daughters join in this sentiment of love and sympathy to you.

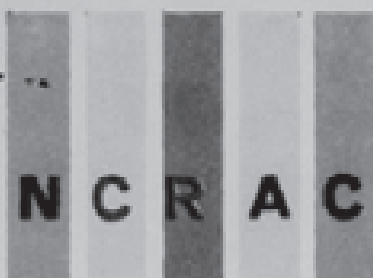
May God speedily bring you consolation and comfort.

Fondly,



ARIEL L. GOLDBURG
Rabbi

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November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Silver Square
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Danny:

The shocking news of your father's death has overwhelmed us at a time when we are still in deep grief.

He was the rare synthesis of eloquent spokesman, profound thinker, dynamic leader and warm and compassionate heart. He had the rare gift of articulate clarity of expression interwoven with tremendous emotional power, and no one can forget his moving statement when he presented the case for a Jewish Palestine before the United Nations in the spring of 1947.

To your mother, yourself, Raphael and all of your loved ones, as well as to the entire Jewish people, in America, Israel and elsewhere, go our very deepest condolences.

Sincerely,

Lewis H. Weinstein

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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
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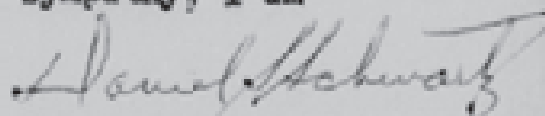
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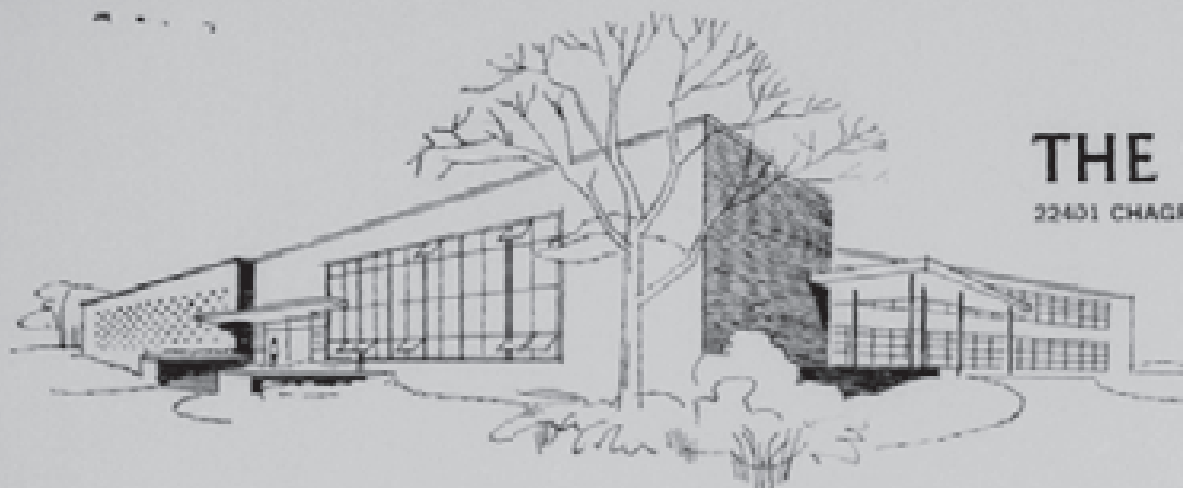
I was awfully, awfully sorry to hear of the demise of your beloved husband, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and, at this time, I remember, back in 1929 when we dedicated our Temple House, his stirring address at the ceremonies at that outstanding occasion in the life of our Congregation.

In behalf of the Officers, Trustees and members of our Congregation, I want you to know that we share your loss with you.

May you find some solace in the memory of his great works in the service of our Lord and in the service of his people, his country and of mankind everywhere and may our warm and heartfelt thoughts be of some comfort to you in the memory of his imperishable name.

With sincere sympathy, I am


Daniel S. Schwartz
President



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November 29, 1963

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

The Temple

Silver Park and University Circle

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of Suburban Temple and in the absence of our president, Mr. Morton Dworken, I want to express our deepest sympathies to your mother, Raphael and yourself.

Your father's death has deprived Jews of one of their ablest leaders whose talents and energies will long be remembered. We share your grief.

Sincerely,

THE SUBURBAN TEMPLE

Robert S. Garson

Vice President

RSG:ra



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UNIVERSITY CENTER ★ ★ ★ ★ CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All of us at Banks-Baldwin will feel the tremendous loss of this community and the world in the passing of your father and we extend our sympathy to you and the congregation of the Temple.

In addition to your father's greatness and purity of ideals he and his congregation exhibited a spirit of neighborliness and friendship. We shall always remember him with fondness.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Baldwin, Chairman

Banks-Baldwin Law Publishing Company

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RABBI MURRAY I. ROTHMAN
TEMPLE SHALOM OF NEWTON
175 TEMPLE STREET
NEWTON 65, MASSACHUSETTS

November 29, 1963

Dear Danny,

Charlotte and I were shocked at the news of your father's passing and we join in sending you our sincerest condolences.

His death is a loss to the world, and leaves a large void in our personal lives as well. Who is big enough to measure his greatness and wise enough to know the full impact of his personality upon the course of history? All I know is that we shall miss him.

May God grant you and your dear ones the consolation that comes from knowing that you were such an important part of his life.

ה'תשכ"ג כ"ט בנובמבר

May his memory be for a blessing to you, your family and the whole household of Israel.

With warmest personal regards —

Murray

THE SUBURBAN TEMPLE

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STUDY OF THE RABBI
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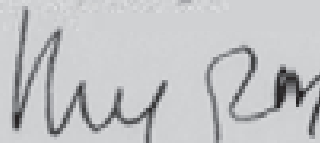
November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Silver Park and University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

We give our warmest sympathies to
you and yours in this great loss
which you and your family have
sustained.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Myron Silverman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Myron" being more prominent than the last name "Silverman".

Rabbi Myron Silverman

MS:ra

Edward J. Schweid

17300 Shaker Boulevard

Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Silver
c/o The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

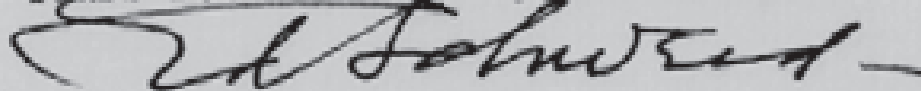
It is needless to tell you that we were shocked to hear of the passing away of your Father so suddenly. He was a great man, highly regarded and highly respected here and everywhere, and you and your family have good reason to be proud of the fine reputation which he made and the important part which he played in the history of this community and nation.

We hope his great works will be a source of inspiration to you in your life's undertaking, that his many friends will be of aid to you in these undertakings of the many good causes which you will espouse.

Please be assured that we stand ready to help you at any time you feel that we can be of assistance.

With kind regards from all of our family, I remain,

Yours most faithfully and sincerely,



Edward J. Schweid

RABBI JACOB M. ROTHSCHILD, D.D.
1580 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. W.
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

November 29, 1963

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

Dear Denny:

I have just this minute read the shocking news of your father's death. I simply want to express to you and your mother my deepest sympathy and convey to you the sense of shock which the realization of his loss has brought to me.

I needn't tell you how great a giant he was in the life of our times. I shall always cherish his friendship and the knowledge that I was privileged to know him.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Rothchild

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STUDY OF THE RABBI

November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Silver & Family
% The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

I was shocked to read of your father's passing. Having grown up in Cleveland, your Dad symbolized all that was eternal in Jewish life and seeing him at the Conference, though I noted the weight of his years, still there was springtime in his word and wisdom in his years.

He was an inspiration, not only to me, but to many who follow in his paths. He was my patron, encouraging me to go to Israel and learn. Because of him, I learned not only more about our tradition and its wisdom, but about our people, its greatness and its future.

He will be missed by his community and his people and all who seek to serve the values which guided his life.

I know that such words and feelings might be little consolation to you, your mother and brother. You had a special relationship which I was blessed to glimpse. I hope that the way he lived will help you overcome his passing that you might go on from strength to strength in the fulfillment of his unfinished work.

נ"א ז"ל ז"ל

Fondly,

Isaac H. Weissberg

Dear Rabbi Dan,

Nov. 29, 1963

All four of us were very sad to hear of your father's passing. As I listened to you and your father speak of John Kennedy last Sunday, I felt privileged to be a new member of your congregation. And at the same time, as I looked at your father, I thought what happiness this son has given this father.

The eloquence of your sermons, and your meaningful words, I am sure

have, many times in the past, given your
father much strength and peace in the
knowledge that his great works would
continue through his son, and that
his congregation would be well-provided
for by his son.

May God comfort you and
your family in your loss.

Sincerely,

Janet B. Sax, M.D.

Steven Sax

Richard Sax

Leonard Sax

Steven Sax
Richard Sax.

L (for Leonard)

Rabbi Bertram Klausner, D. D.
Bnai El Temple
622 Clara Avenue
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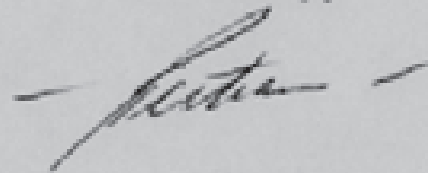
Dear Dan:

Helen-Rose and I were deeply saddened this Thanksgiving day when we heard over the St. Louis T.V. and radio that your father had passed away suddenly.

He was a great man. History already has acknowledged his greatness. We mourn for him deeply but will always remember this righteous champion for blessing.

Please convey our condolences to your dear mother and brother.

Sincerely,





The Rev. Dr. D. de Sola Pool
Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue
Shearith Israel
Founded 1654

91 Central Park West
New York 23, N. Y.

November 29, 1963

Dear Mr. Silver:

We all in America, in Israel, and everywhere
mourn with you in your loss and in our loss.

But Mr. Hillel Silver lives on and will
live on in blessing countless lives.

David S. Pinner de Sola Pool

WILLIAM G. BRAUDE

TEMPLE BETH EL
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Nov. 29, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver: -

Your husband's
talents and devotion shed
lustre not only on the
rabbinate but on all
of Israel. פירא פירא פירא
פירא פירא

Faithfully,
W.G. Braude



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מועצת כתר הכנסיות באמריקה

November 29, 1963

Family of the late
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple Tifereth Israel
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Friends:

In behalf of the Synagogue Council of America
I wish to express our sincere condolences on the loss
that is yours — and ours.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a source of
spiritual strength and inspiration to all of Jewry.
Jewish life is different — more positive, more creative
— because he lived and worked amongst us — and for us.
His vibrant personality, his commitment to the Jewish
people and his inspiring leadership enabled Israel to live
up to the challenge of a period of peril yet creative
opportunity. A Prince in Israel has fallen. We are all
bereaved.

May his soul be bound up in the bond of Eternal
Life and may The All-present comfort you amongst the
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Respectfully yours,

Uri Miller

URI MILLER
RABBI

UM:b



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RABBI NATHAN HERSHFIELD
701 FARMINGTON AVENUE
WEST HARTFORD 7, CONNECTICUT

November 29, 1963

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

Dear Danny:

I was shocked to learn from Rabbi Feldman, this morning, of the passing of your beloved father. I add my voice to thousands of others who at this moment feel a deep sense of loss.

Your father was a great man, a man who wrote history. His life and works will live on in the continued progress of mankind.

May you, by following in his footsteps, honor his memory, and find some measure of consolation.

Sincerely, yours,


Rabbi Nathan Hershfield

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The Cleveland Press

Jack Hume
Religion Editor
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Friday, Nov. 29-63

Dear Rabbi Dan,

My wife and I wish humbly to join with all of Cleveland in sincerest sympathy in the loss of a great man. We direct this both to you and yours and to your mother.

In the annals of history, "The Legacy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver" will rank with ~~the~~ "The Legacy of the President."

Sorrowfully yours,

Jack Hume

Jacob Rader Marcus 401 MCALPIN AVENUE - CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

Dear Dan

I cannot express the sorrow
that filled my heart when I heard
the almost unbelievable news of
the passing of your dear father. As I
wrote mother I looked upon ^{him} as
one of the imperishable mortals.
What a shock this has been to you to
lose such a wonderful father. I can
truly feel for you and extend to you
the hand of sympathy and understanding.
Believe me when I say that we shall
never see his like again. All
Israel is saddened by his passing.
May God comfort you in the days that
lie ahead.

As ever

Jack

November 29, 1963

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November 29, 1963

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

Dear Danny:

Words are completely meaningless at a time like this, but nevertheless, please allow me to extend my sincere sympathy to you and your family.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to meet your Dad and hear him speak, if only at a Wigwam Sunday Service many years ago.

I just wanted you to know that we in Bridgeton are thinking of you and your family during this sorrowful time.

Very sincerely,

Jerome

Jerome M. Rovner

JMR:br

RABBI DANIEL L. DAVIS
320 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

November 29, 1963

Dear Daniel:

With sorrow added to the sadness of these days we have received the unhappy news of the death of your dear father and the loss of a great man in Israel. It seems as if it were only yesterday when we heard your father at the Central Conference, Sessions in Philadelphia. So much of his wisdom and his spiritual force won our love and admiration for him.

But even more than friends who knew him, colleagues who admired him, Congregations who loved him, all

Israel is bereaved at losing him.

To you - dear Saml who stood so near and worked so closely with your father, may you be comforted that you may be permitted to - carry on in his spirit and work and keep to continue his influence.

Louie joins me in sending to Mother and brother - as to yourself - our deepest sympathies and prayers that you may be comforted and strengthened.

Sincerely,

Samuel D.

TEMPLE BETH-EL OF ROCKAWAY PARK
445 BEACH 135TH STREET
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DR. ROBERT GORDIS, RABBI

November 29, 1963

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In common with world Jewry and a host of your father's friends and admirers, I was deeply shocked to learn of his passing. I shall not attempt to offer you any comfort, knowing that your own faith in God and His purposes, and your high appreciation of his extraordinary life, will speak to you far more eloquently.

"Abba" is the Rabbinic diminutive for "Abraham". Like our father, Abraham, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver lived a life that was full, rich and complete, and a blessing to his people and all mankind. It is given to few men to combine so many distinct gifts, and to almost none, to be pre-eminent in them all. He was a thinker as well as a scholar, a practical leader and a prophetic voice. In him the finest ideals of our tradition were blended into a triumphant unity. The conflicts which lesser men found between faith and reason, between universalism and particularism, were transcended by the genius of his spirit. He takes his place among the immortals of our people.

Setting down these few lines is an act of homage in an hour of sorrow after the recent tribute paid him at his seventieth birthday celebration. His memory will be an inspiration forever.

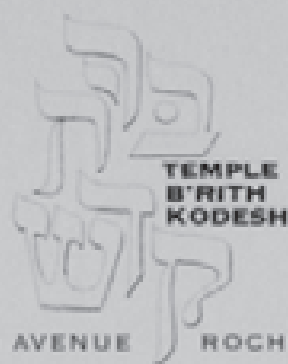
May I ask you to extend my deepest sympathy to all the members of your family, and my prayer that God may be your Comforter.

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Robert Gordis
Rabbi

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio



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THE RABBI'S STUDY

November 29, 1963

Dear Danny,

How sad Tamara & I were
to read of your father's passing.
You have lost a father, we have
all lost a rabbi and teacher.
We join in your grief.
מנחם ורחמי

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Bernard T. Lomas, Minister

November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple,
University Circle at Silver Park,
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dan:

It was a shock to hear the news last evening concerning your beloved father's sudden passing.

All of us at Epworth-Euclid sense this loss in a very real way, as a spiritual giant has been called from our midst. His intellectual genius in translating the problems of our day and stepping them down into a voltage for all of us to utilize in the improvement of our world gives us an enduring legacy. His prophetic insights will continue to stir our minds and hearts into action as we share our common concerns.

As you join together at the Temple in Sunday's memorial service, Epworth-Euclid will also pause in the midst of its worship to honor Rabbi Silver whose spiritual life was always at a high peak.

May God's richest blessing be upon you and yours.

Most Sincerely,

Bernard T. Lomas,
Minister

BTL:pb

Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights

November 29, 1963

Mr. Bertram J. Krohgold, President
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Mr. Krohgold:

On behalf of the officers and members of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, may I express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your great spiritual leader, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

He was, indeed, a giant among men, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. He was regarded by people of all faiths as a truly outstanding spiritual leader. His voice has carried far beyond the confines of his own parish, not only throughout Cleveland but throughout the whole world. He was not only a prophet in Israel but also a prophet to us all.

It has been my great good fortune to be associated with Rabbi Silver in a small club called the Alathians for the past ten years. He was the only Rabbi among thirteen Protestant ministers until his son, Dan, became a member of the group about a year ago. He left the imprint of his unique personality on the hearts and souls of all of us privileged to share his personal friendship. Our lives have been enriched by the warmth of his heart, the keenness of his mind, his sympathetic understanding, and his ever-ready wit and refreshing humor. The strength, the force, and the tenderness of his nature made him one of the most honored and beloved members of our group. Cleveland is, indeed, a better place because he passed this way.

We do want you and the members of his family and the Temple to know that we are thinking of you in this hour of your great loss.

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Dear Dan:

KID:fm
My first impulse was to call you but decided you would receive too many calls. Do want you to know we are thinking of you in this difficult hour. Later on will be in touch with you. Having recently lost my own Dad I can appreciate what this experience means to you -
With kindest regards
Faithfully yours
Bob Chabinsky

November 29, 1963

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All the world knew your father as a Man of God and a leader among men. I had the privilege of knowing him as a friend. Through my years in Cleveland he treated me with the utmost kindness and consideration. From the first I respected him. Soon I began to have affection for him, an affection which grew with the years. I am a better man for having known him. I shall treasure a letter he wrote me when I resigned from The Plain Dealer.

It is both in a public and a personal sense, therefore, that I share your loss.

Mrs. Bryan and I send to you, your family, and your Congregation, our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

Sincerely yours,
Wright

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
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November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

I am inexpressibly sad to learn of the death of your dear father. I knew him since my boyhood. He was an inspiring theologian; a distinguished intellectual; a fighter for the right causes; a warm, kindly, ennobling man. I shall miss him very much.

I mourn with you and your family.

It indeed has been a tragic week.

Sincerely,

Burton

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Joseph D. Herzog, Rabbi

November 29, 1963

Dear Danny:

I have just learned of the death of your father and I hasten to assure you of our sympathy and esteem. I know that words mean nothing at such a time, but the affection and regard of your friends, and the high place your father held deservedly in so many hearts, may be later some source of comfort.

Sincerely,
Joe



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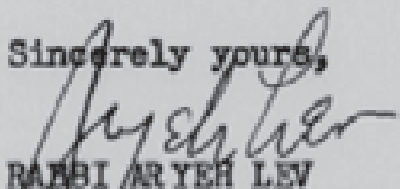
Dear Danny:

While it has been known for some time that your father was not in the best of health, word of his death comes to his fellow-rabbis as a grievous shock and a personal tragedy. For the overwhelming majority of our colleagues, as for me personally, Abba Hillel Silver was the rabbinic giant of our time, the "gadol ha-dor" who guided and inspired us in every aspect of our professional undertakings, both personal and communal, national and international. The death of your father leaves a spiritual and intellectual void in the American rabbinate which is not likely to be filled for many years to come.

It has already become clear that you will not allow yourself to be overshadowed by your father's greatness but, inspired by his teachings and his example, you will make an important contribution to American and world Jewry through the thoughts and deeds which are uniquely yours. Throughout your service in the chaplaincy and in the years that have followed, you have shown the same independence of mind and spirit which always have been the hallmarks of your beloved father's character. I am sure that this must have been, for your father, a source of deep pride and satisfaction. I am also sure that you will continue to emulate and to honor your father in this way in the years to come as you have during the years of his life and thus will strengthen the spiritual foundations upon which he built so faithfully and so well. Zecher tsafik livrachal!

The members and staff of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy join me in sympathetic greeting to your mother and your family.

Sincerely yours,


RABBI ARYEH LEV
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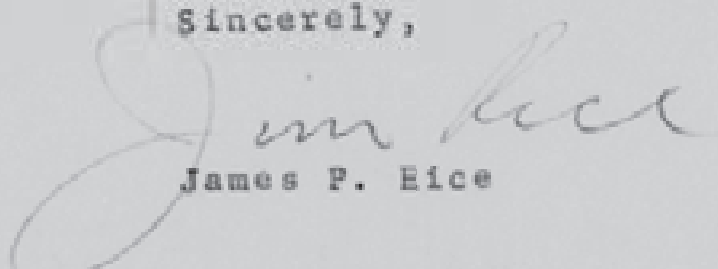
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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Mrs. Rice and I were shocked and grieved to receive the news of the passing of your beloved husband. He has been a unique and great leader of our people and our country for many years and he will be sorely missed in the difficult days ahead.

Although no one can find words to assuage your great loss, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and all of the members of your family at this time.

Sincerely,


James P. Rice

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November 29, 1963

Mrs. Abba H. Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

On behalf of the officers and Directors of the Effective Citizens Organization, may I express sincere sympathy to you and your family in your great loss.

As a member of our organization's Advisory Council, Rabbi Silver lent his support and prestige to this, as to many other worthy causes. His deep and abiding interest in all efforts to better our society and the lot of mankind generally earned the respect and sincere admiration of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

A formal resolution of condolence will be presented to our Board of Directors meeting in January. Until that time, please accept this inadequate but deeply felt expression of those who share your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Leonard E. Pasek
Leonard E. Pasek
President

1130 Keith Bldg.
J. M. ULMER
CLEVELAND

Answered personally 12/6/63 DJS
November 29-1963

Dear Rabbi Dan: Today is really a dark one - The skies weep as it were on the passing of your beloved Dad. Need I say what is in my heart? My condolence and sympathy goes out to you and all the family with the hope that I thus may in a small way help you bear the grief that is yours. You and all of us who knew your Dad had great respect and affection for a stalwart among men - Such men are rare in this dizzy world. We shall long remember his contributions over the years to make this a better world - We shall thus in these memories keep alive our thoughts of him which would well serve to mankind. This is his monument. All of you who loved him dearly will be comforted. My Dad was his friend - so was I - Perhaps the tangled words out of the long ago will be of interest now that your Dad has gone the long-long road - Sincerely
Yank Ulmer
Rabbi Dan Silver -

Answered personally
12/6/63 - IJS

הרב ישראל פורת

RABBI ISRAEL PORATH

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To The Family of Rabbi A.H. Silver ז"ל

Dear Family;

Words from my poor vocabulary could add very little to the universal Tribute, grief and sorrow at the sudden and untimely departure of the Rabbi. The feeling is transcending local and racial boundaries. I mourn the loss of a personal and sincere friend. The Almighty grant you physical strength and moral courage to bear your sudden loss.



Mendel

Respectfully
Israel Porath.

Answered personally
12/6/63 - 1028

ROBERT K. ADAMSON, M. D.
2232 CARLETON STREET
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA
THORNWALL 8-5330

November 29, 1963

Dear Dan,

Today's newspaper carried the news of your father's death. Though I knew him only by reputation and through you, I believe the world has lost another great man, and I am sorry. The terms "sympathy" and "condolence" tend to be meaningless, so may I send you my warmest wishes that you may find some good in this event - which seems on the surface only a loss.

It is natural and human for us to look upon the end of a relationship with a sense of tragedy. In that death stops the growth of the deceased this is true. However, in the survivors the relationships may continue to grow - and the deceased find greater expression, growth, and a true immortality - if the survivor can learn and grow from the seemingly "lost" relationship.

It seems most likely that your father's absence will mean new challenges and opportunity for you. I trust that you will undertake to make them a meaningful and gratifying part of your life — a memorial to him, and in doing so, find a new dimension in yourself.

Peace be with you, my friend.
Bob.



RABBI MORTON A. WALLACK
2419 ARLINGTON AVENUE
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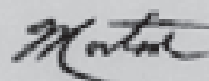
Dear Daniel:

My entire congregation joins with me in expressing our sincerest sympathy and condolences on the passing of your beloved father.

Dr. Silver was one of the great Jewish leaders of our generation, and his passing has left an immense void in the hearts of the Jewish communities of America and Israel. I am sure that the great monument of his life will ever serve you as an inspiration in your own service and dedication to our people.

May the Almighty be with you in your sorrow, and may He grant you the faith to look beyond the troubles of this present time. Amen

Sincerely,



MAW/ge

Rabbi Morton A. Wallack

HARRY A. BLACHMAN

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November 29, 1963

Dear Rabbi Daniel Gruen Silber:

I note Mother as follows:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will
always be with us.

On his 70th Birthday, my greeting
to him was:

"May your sense of prophecy
and your ever resurgent optimism
be ever with us.
Again, Amen

Blessings to you and your family.

Harry and Sarah Blachman

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Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
Anselrod & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As former Clevelanders, Mrs. Goelman and I were saddened to learn of the passing of your father.

I was fortunate in having known Dr. Silver over the years. I shall always recall with gratitude the fact that he brought back regards to my wife in Cleveland after having seen me at the Zionist Conference in London in August, 1945. I happened to have come in from Germany on a furlough and went up to the College of Physicians and Surgeons where the first international postwar Zionist Conference was held. The following year as National Executive Director of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, I invited him to address the IZFA Convention at Severance Hall.

This past year it was my good fortune to meet him again twice; once at the Bond Dinner in Philadelphia, and later in Jerusalem at the opening session of the ZOA Conference this summer.

While the Jewish world will mourn "A Prince in Israel" you, as one who is following in his footsteps, will miss him most deeply. May the Comforter of all those who are bereaved, also comfort you and the other members of your family in this hour of grief.

Sincerely yours,

Elazar Goelman
ELAZAR GOELMAN
Dean

P.S. You will be interested to learn that the Isaac M. Wise Department of Gratz College, which trains teachers for Reform Religious Schools, will hold a Memorial Service in memory of Dr. A. H. Silver on the occasion of the "sheloshim" of his passing.

Shaker Savings Association
Shaker Heights, Ohio

ALEXANDER MINTZ
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November 29, 1963

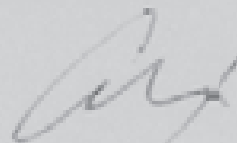
Dear Dan:

There are no words at my command sufficient to express the dreadful feeling of loss upon the death of your beloved father.

Enclosed is a copy of the book "Genesis" in parallel Jewish and Samaritan texts as prepared by Ratzon Sadaka, the Samaritan leader in Israel. This book more properly belongs in The Temple library than in mine.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Alexander Mintz

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

TEMPLE SHOLOM



The Temple-on-the-Lake

3480 LAKE SHORE DRIVE, CHICAGO, 13

FREDERICK A. EISENBERG

Assistant Rabbi

November 29, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Silver
Tifereth Israel
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Danny:

It was with great sorrow that I heard of the passing of your beloved father, Abba Hillel Silver. I recalled his most recent discussion with Solomon Freehof at the CCAR Convention and could not bring myself to believe that such a strong and viril man had been removed from our midst.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on his passing. With warmest personal regards, I am

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fred'.

Rabbi Frederick A. Eisenberg

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

JOHN SCHOFF MILLIN
President

November 29, 1965

Dear Mrs. Silver:

I have heard of the death of
Patric Silver with the greatest
saddness. It was my good fortune
to know him as a friend as a
fellow citizen working for our
city, for the University Circle, and
for the betterment of man. His
loss is a deeply personal one.

No words are adequate at
a time like this. Grief always
comes as a shock and our feelings
are beyond words. However, I
do dare to thank you of the
joy and dignity with which
your husband lived and worked.

He knew the joy of dedicating his life
to the service of his God and his
fellow men. He shared in his
life the great dignity which can
be the lot of those who know and
understand God's purpose for
his Creation. The world is a
better place because Alva Hilbel
Silver lived and labored in it.

Please accept my heartfelt
sympathy in your time of loss.
You and your children are in
my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
John S. Mills

ANSWERED



Mr. Alta H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

HERBERT H. STRAUSS
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November 29, 1963

Dear Dan,

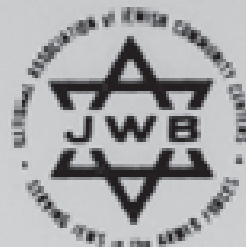
I was in the process of writing you a note of thanks for the beautiful words about my father in The Temple Bulletin of November 17, 1963, when I received the news of your father's untimely passing.

The immediate world-wide observance of his death in all the media gave eloquent and profound indication of the meaning his life held in the existence of so many. And at this time I cannot help but recall his moving words to us just seven weeks ago concerning the understanding of death in Jewish life: That at the time of death we light a candle to symbolize the immortality the memory of a man's life on earth can have.

Your father's life has given power of illumination to millions of such candles in countless places. We want you to know that our home is one of them.

Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Evelyn & Herb



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Dear Mrs. Silver:

I should like to convey to you the deep sense of personal loss which I have sustained from the sad word of the passing of your dear husband. For the officers, members of the Board and staff of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and for myself, I wish to extend to you and your sons, Daniel and Raphael, our heartfelt sympathy.

Rabbi Silver's countless distinguished achievements, both in behalf of his own people and in the furtherance of the interest of all of mankind, long since gained for him a place of honor internationally, nationally, and in his own community of Cleveland. Every American Jew has a deep sense of pride over Rabbi Silver's outstanding leadership in many spheres of human endeavor. His passing leaves a void which will remain unfilled since the position which he held was unique and distinctive to him. The Jewish people and the world as a whole are profoundly the better for the fact that Rabbi Silver labored in our behalf during his rich career of service.

Mrs. Solender joins me in offering deepest condolences to you and to your sons and in expressing the hope that you will find consolation from your grief in the knowledge of the great esteem and respect in which Rabbi Silver was held by all, and in your loving memories of the years that you shared together.

Sincerely yours,


SANFORD SOLENDER

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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver and Family
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Dear Friends,

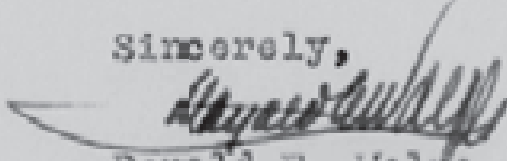
I want to express to you the deep, heartfelt sympathy of our entire membership on your sudden and tragic bereavement.

We in the Nation's capital were particularly thankful that Rabbi Silver's dedication to the Zionist movement and every worthwhile Jewish event caused him to visit Washington frequently - and enabled us to renew our friendship - to receive the enthusiastic elevation of spirit and mind that was the reward of listening to him.

I don't know how the world Jewish community can ever survive his loss; but I am equally convinced that we have the best possible chance because the Almighty put him in our midst to inspire this generation - and all who will follow!

We pray that you will find comfort in the firm knowledge that so many in this world loved and revered Abba Hillel Silver.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Wolpe
President

RABBI JACK J. HERMAN
THE COMMUNITY TEMPLE
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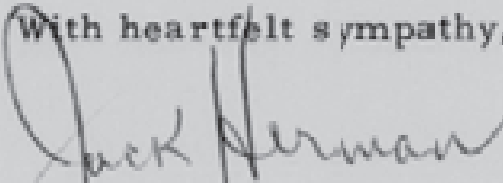
Dear Friends:

Allow me to extend my personal sense of loss, and the Congregation's grief, upon the death of Dr. Silver. Death has brought to a stand still the productivity, wisdom and creativity of a sage and a voice in Israel.

Of Dr. Silver, I can say that his eyes were not dimmed, nor was his force abated. His dynamic and unswerving devotion to what he felt was right--his eloquence as a spokesman for Klal Yisrael, will long be a sustaining and guiding light in the history and annals of Jewry. He constituted a compendium of knowledge, and his written word will always find understanding in the hearts of a people who cherished and loved him so dearly.

I share with you personally in your grief. May his soul ever be bound up in the bond of ever-lasting and eternal life.

With heartfelt sympathy,



Jack J. Herman
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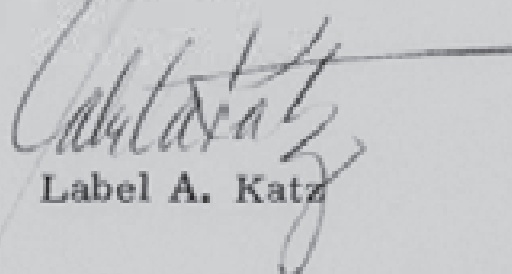
Dear Mrs. Silver:

It is with deep sadness that I write to offer my condolences to you and your family.

In this time of profound national sorrow, the loss of Abba Hillel Silver is yet another blow to the community. Is there no balm in Gilead?

B'nai B'rith, whom Abba Hillel Silver greatly honored by his affiliation with it, joins me in the hope that you will find a great measure of solace in the knowledge that his life's work is imperishably a part of our people's history, and that humanity, dignity and scholarship remain a source of inspiration to all who were touched by his magnificent leadership.

Sincerely,



Label A. Katz

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

RABBI HUGO GRYN

11/29/53

Dear Danny:

I want to join the many Thousands in expressing my sorrow over the sudden and untimely death of your father. To the family, to yourself and to the congregation I send sympathy and condolence on your very great loss.

Some years ago we enjoyed the visit of your parents in Bombay and during their stay we visited a neighborhood Hindu Temple. We could enter it barefoot only and when we finished the tour we found a crowd of about a hundred worshippers gazing in awe at your father's shoes left at the entrance. They were the biggest pair they ever saw and a crowd of men followed for some distance in order to be near a man great enough to fill those shoes!

Indeed none shall take his place in ranks of Jewry and his memory to all who knew or read him will be a true blessing. May God comfort and strengthen you —
as ever,
Hugo