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Death of Abba Hillel Silver, messages acknowledged by letter,
1963.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

8F-1201 (4-60)

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QQ A033 CTA205

NSA036 NS BMA860 PD BIRMINGHAM ALA 1 548A CST

RABBI AND MRS DANIEL SILVER

2841 WEYBRIDGE RD CLEVE

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU IN YOUR GREAT LOSS SINCERELY

GERTIE AND SOL BERRY

(55).

1119A EST DEC 01 63

1963 DEC 1 AM 11



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GQ A030 CTA202

NSA034 NS BMA057 PD BIRMINGHAM ALA 1 944A CST

THE FAMILY OF RABBI ABBA HI

1963 DEC 1 AM 11 13

LEL SILVER

CARE RABBI AND MRS DANIEL SILVER 2841 WEYBRIDGE RD SHAKER
HEIGHTS OHIO

WE WERE GREATLY SHOCKED AT THE SAD NEWS. YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY LOVE

CAROL AND MORTON
(50).

1112A EST DEC 01 63

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QQ A081 CTA298

NSA054 NS BMA103 DL PD BIRMINGHAM ALA 1 1206P CST

RABBI AND MRS DANIEL SILVER

2841 WEYBRIDGE RD SHAKER HEIGHTS OHIO

TODAY WE WITH YOU AND WORLD JEWRY MOURN THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER MAY YOUR CONSOLATION BE THAT THOUGH BODILY GONE RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER WILL LIVE FOREVER THROUGH HIS BRILLIANCE GOODNESS AND WARMTH WHICH GAVE SO MUCH TO OUR COUNTRY TO ALL MANKIND TO ISREAL AND TO WORLD JEWRY

THE RITTENBAUSM AND ROSENS

(06).

131P EST DEC 01 63

2600 Henderson Rd.

Mr & Mrs Alex Rittenbaum

" - Sal

3720-A

Country Club

J. Rosen

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3150 Overhill Rd

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GQ A157 CTA537

NSA113 NS BMA222 PD BIRMINGHAM ALA 1 510P CST

MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND FAMILY

19810 SHAKER BLVD CLEV

WE JOIN YOU IN MOURNING THE LOSS OF THIS GREAT MAN AND WORLD

LEADER OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

MR AND MRS MAX KIMERLING.

709P EST DEC 01 63

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GQ A032 CTA204

NSA035 NS BMA058 PD BIRMINGHAM ALA 1 942A CST

1963 DEC 1 AM 11 16

THE FAMILY OF RABBI AND MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CARE RABBI AND MRS DANIEL SILVER 2841 WEYBRIDGE RD SHAKER
HEIGHTS OHIO

WE ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED TO LEARN OF YOUR GREAT LOSS LOVE

AUNT JEAN AND UNCLE JOE AUNT BELLE AND UNCLE IKE
(51).

1115A EST DEC 01 63

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gattus
" " Ike Gattus

2605 Canterbury
2901 Canterbury

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GQ A003 CTA134

1963 DEC 1 AM 8 30

CT CDU227 WUB546 UWS3989 LRS42 25 PD INTL CD LONDON VIA RCA

NOV 30 1940

LT MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER

SHAKERBLVD CLEVE

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF A GREAT LEADER AND AN
OLD FRIEND

NATALIE AND LOUIS BING

(23).

(4)
San Francisco *1333 Jones St.*

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99 A001 CTA128 PA041 P

ZLA25 LA4 INTL FR ZL LONDONAIRPORT VIA WUCABLES 9 1 1155A

RABBI DANIEL SILVER

TEMPLE CLEVELAND(OHIO)

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

PAUL UNGER.

1963 DEC 1 AM 8 15

812A EST DEC 01 63



3113 Van Aken Blvd

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QB021 CTA498 MA295

M CA714 PD CHICAGO ILL 1 320P CST

THE FAMILY OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

19810 SHAKER BLVD SHAKERHEIGHTS OHIO

MY DEEPEST LOVE AND SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU AT THIS SAD HOUR

WV ANN BIRK KUPER 1368 EAST 52 ST CHICAGO 15

(44).

1963 DEC 1 PM 6 02

602P EST DEC 01 63

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BQ A031 CTA203

CT CAA011 PD CANTON OHIO 1 1047A EST

FAMILY OF RABBI SILVER

SHAKER BLVD SHAKERHEIGHTS OHIO

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT YOUR GREAT LOSS

MARILYN LAVIN FISCHGRUND

(55).

Mrs. Robert

1114A EST DEC 01 63

1963 DEC 1 AM 11 16

*815 - 4th St. N.E.**Card sent 1/14/64*

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QQ A083 DEA020

DE LLB271 PD DL DETROIT MICH 1 107P EST

FAMILY OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER 19810 SHAKER

~~THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANGEL RD CLEVE~~

DEEPLY GRIEVED TO LEARN OF YOUR GREAT LOSS WE ALL FEEL GREATLY
DEPRIVED AMERICAN AND WORLD JEWRY HAS LOST A BELOVED AND DISTINGUISHED
LEADER HILLEL STUDENTS AND BOARD JOIN US IN EXPRESSION OF
SINCERE SYMPATHY MAY GOD SEND YOU HEALING AND STRENGTH

RABBI AND MRS HARRY KAPLAN

(29).

B'nai B'rith Hillel Fund

O. S. U. 46-16 Ave. Columbus, Ohio

138P EST DEC 01 63

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QQ A002 CTA129

SYA116 SY NA426 (WUA12 BIU821 1010) 45 PD INTL N NYANYA VIA

1963 DEC 1 AM 8 50

RCA 1 0810

LT MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVERPARK CLEVELAND (OHIO)

MOURNING THE SUDDEN PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND STOP HIS
DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF HIS PEOPLE AND HIS FRIENDS WILL BE
A LASTING MEMORY IN THE CHRONICLES OF ISRAEL

OVED BENAMI MAYOR OF NATANYA.

Ben-Ami

Israel

828A EST DEC 01 63

SY CLAC024 22 PD INTL

CD JERUSALEMISRAEL VIA MACKAY RADIO DEC 1 1920

LT MRS APPA HITLFL SILVER

CLEVE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEP CONDOLENCE BLESSED BE MEMORY YOUR DEAR

HUSPAND

RABBI ZAQUI WORLD UNION DELEGATE



André

Paris

943A.

*24 Rue Copernic
Paris 16, France*

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GQA013 CTA160

1963 DEC 1 AM 9 34

AA067 A MZA156 DL PD TDMZ MIAMIBEACH FLO 1 844A EST

THE SILVER FAMILY

THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK CLEVE
WE JOIN YOU IN YOUR SORROW WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND AND WORLD
JEWRY HAS LOST ITS PROPHETIC SPOKESMAN DOCTOR SILVER WILL LIVE
ON AMONG THE IMMORTALS OF HISTORY MAY GOD COMFORT YOU

RABBI AND MRS IRVING LEHRMAN

(52).

932A EST DEC 01 63

Temple Emanuel El
1701 Washington Ave

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630A EST DEC 1 63 CTA108

SYA096 SY NA315 NL PD TON NEW ROCHELLE NY 30 1963 DEC 1 AM 6 32

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER FAMILY

THE TEMPLE CLEVE

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF YOUR GREAT BEREAVEMENT.

YOUR LOSS IS A GREAT ONE TO YOU AND WORLD JEWRY.

ALICE AND JAN PEERCE..

g
% Metropolitan Opera Co
N.Y.C.

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614A EST DEC 1 63 CTA104 PA031

1963 DEC 1 AM 6 25

P-LLA109 NL-PD

PHILADELPHIA PENN 30 RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE AT SILVER PARK CLEM
DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER RABBI
HILLEL SILVER PLEASE CONVEY MY SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY AND
TO THE TEMPLE CONGREGATION I STILL CHERISH EVERY MEMORY OF
MY VISIT TO THE TEMPLE LAST FEBRUARY MAY GOD BRING HIS UNFAOLING
CONFORT TO YOU IN YOUR SOORW

EDWIN T DAHLBERG GROZER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CHESTER PA.

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QQ A019 CTA169

CT CDU269 WUD153 BIU902 1190 16 PD INTL FR CD ASHKELON VIA

RCA 1 1155

1963 DEC 1 AM 9 42

SILVER TEMPLE BEITHEL

CLEVE

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES PASSING AWAY OF ABA
HILEL

ASHKELON MUNICIPALITY

(27).

Israel

942A EST DEC 01 63

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QQ A024 TA183 PA062

P PGA097 PD PITTSBURGH PENN 1 1002A EST

1963 DEC 1 AM 10 31

THE FAMILY OF DOCTOR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVE

WE IN PITTSBURGH JOIN JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD IN MOURNING LOSS
OF OUR GREAT LEADER. GOD COMFORT YOU

DR MORRIS LANDES MAURICE E RUDIN PRESIDENT CONGREGATION ADATH

JESHURUN

(06).

1024A EST DEC 01 63

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233A EST DEC 1 63 CTA054

1963 DEC 1 AM 2 35

--6T CLA042 (DE LLB044) NL PD DETROIT MICH 30

RABBI DANIEL SILVER--

CARE THE TEMPLE CLEVE

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES FORTH TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON
THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF YOUR FATHER. WE HAVE ALL SUSTAINED
A GREAT LOSS. MAY HIS MEMORY EVER BE A SOURCE OF BLESSING TO
YOU AS IT WILL BE TO US

RABBI AND MRS M ROBERT SYME.

*Temple Israel
17400 Manderson Rd.*

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00 A115 CTA412

CT CDU419 IT830 399 X 4001 87 PD GOVT INTL CD JERUSALEMISRAEL
VIA MACKAY 1 1615

ETAT MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVE

19810 SHEKE-BLVD CLEVE

DEEPLY GRIEVED TO LEARN SAD NEWS STOP YOUR LATE HUSBAND WAS
A FIERY LEADER OF ZIONISM A GREAT JEW AND A BRILLIANT AND SUPREMELY
DEVOTED SPOKESMAN OF HIS PEOPLE STOP OVER THE YEARS OUR ACQUAINTANCE
STRENGTHENED THE FRIENDSHIP AND RESPCT I FELT
END ONE

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EQ A018 CTA167

SSA136 CT CDU253 WUB48 BIU876 JEC361X40 23 PD INTL FR GD JERUSALEM

ISR VIA RCA 1 1205

MRS SILVER THE TEMPLE

CLEVE

JERUSALEM MOURNS THE DEATH OF A GREAT ZIONIST LEADER RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MORDECHAI ISHSHALOM MAYOR OF JERUSALEM

1963 DEC 1 AM 9 42

(04).

940A EST DEC 01 63

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GQ A109 CTA392 PA161 P

JMA016 TDJM PHILADELPHIA PENN 1 234P EST

MRS ABBA

1963 DEC 1 PM 3 32

HILLEL SILVER

DLR 19810 SHAKER BLVD CLEVE

YOUR HUSBANDS PASSING LEFT COUNTLESS FRIENDS IN MOURNING.
IN THIS GRIEF OUR HEARTS TURN TO YOU IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY
ABRAHAM A NEUMAN.(52).

318P EST DEC 01 63

*Dropie College for Hebrew
Academy Learning
Broad & York Sts*

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1963 DEC 1 PM 4 00

CL CT CDU419/2

FOR HIM STOP HIS DEATH IS A HEAVY LOSS TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
IN AMERICA THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE
STOP I SEND YOU AND THE FAMILY MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES

PINHAS SAPIR

(27).

357P EST DEC 01 63

*Minister of Commerce & Industry
Palace Hotel - Jerusalem*

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606P EST DEC 1 63 CTA5 12

CT CDU479 WUA 107 BIU937/1229 55 PD INTL CD RAMATGAN VIA RCA

1 1315

ET-MRS SILVER AND FAMILY EST

105THST AT ANSELROAD CLEVE

THE-ENTIRE POPULATION OF RAMATGAN AND ITS CITY COUNCIL MOURN
DEEPLY THE DEATH OF THE GREAT LEADER OF JEWRY COMMA OUTSTANDING
FIGHTER FOR ISRAEL THE HONORARY CITIZEN OF RAMATGAN ABAHILEL
SILVER AND EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON YOUR

BEREAVEMENT

A KRINIZI MAYOR ~~COMMA~~ SHALOM ZYSMAN DEPUTMAYOR.

1963 DEC 1

PM 6 40

Israel

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1963 DEC 7 PM 5 54

GQ A144 CTA487

CT CDU469 IT902 P1430 20 PD INTL FR CD ASKEOLON VIA MACKAY

1 1705

SILVE FAMILY TEMPLE

BEITHEL CLEVE

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES PASSING AWAY OF ABBA

HILLEL A TAGER MAYOR ASKELON MUNICIPALITY.

554P EST DEC 01 63

Israel

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204A EST DEC 1 63 CTA043

"BT AKA004 NL-PD TDAK CANTON OHIO 30

MRS ABBA-HILLEL SILVER AND FAMILY

THE TEMPLE 105 AND ANSELL RD CLEVE

PERSONALLY AND ON BEHALF OF CONGREGATION MAY WE CONVEY OUR
 DEEPEST SADNESS IN THE PASSING OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
 FOREMOST SPIRITUAL LEADER OF AMERICAN AND WORLD JEWRY. WE HAVE
 ALL BEEN VASTLY ENRICHED LASTINGLY INSPIRED BY HIS ENORMOUS
 CONTRIBUTIONS AND WE ARE ALL PROFOUNDLY SADDENED BY HIS LOSS
 TO AMERICAN JEWRY ISRAEL AND LIBERAL CAUSES EVERYWHERE TO HIS
 BEREAVED FAMILY AND CONGREGATION OUR DEEP HEARTFELT SYMPATHY
 IS EXTENDED MAY SPIRITUAL LEGACY HE HAS BEQUEATHED AND MAY
 THE MESSAGE OF OUR FAITH OF WHICH HE WAS A MATCHLESS INTERPRETER
 STRENGTHEN AND COMFORT YOU IN YOUR SORROW. ZICHRONO LIVRACHAH
 MAY HIS MEMORY ENDURE FOR BLESSING

RABBI AND MRS PAUL GORIN TEMPLE ISRAEL CANTON OHIO.

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QQ A045 CTA234 LA074

L IWA096 PD TDIW LOS ANGELES CALIF 1 825A PST

MRS VIRGINIA SILVER, THE TEMPLE

~~ANSEL RD CLEVE~~ 19810 SHAKER BLVD

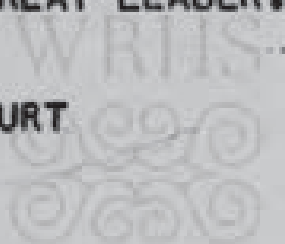
THE JEWS HAVE LOST A GREAT LEADER. MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY IN
YOUR BEREAVEMENT

ISABELLE MARX FRANKFURT

(29).

1143A EST DEC 01 63

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629A EST DEC 1 63 CTA107

SYA095 SY NA308 NL PD-NEW YORK NY 30

1963 DEC 1 AM 6 31

MRS-ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVE

TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS OF YOUR
HUSBAND WE MORN HIS DEATH AS A PERSONAL LOSS AND A LOSS TO
JUDAISM THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THE WHOLE OF AMERICA WE TENDER
YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

ABRAHAM AND ANNA TULIN.

330 W. 72nd St. N.Y.

Cable sent
1/7/64

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406A EST DEC 1 63 CTA092

1963 DEC 1 AM 4 11

SYA072 SY NB038 NL PD NEW YORK NY 30

FAMILY OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND CLEVELAND OHIO

WE MOURN THE IRREPARABLE LOSS TO WORLD ZIONISM OF OUR LEADER

OF LEADERS ABBA HILLEN SILVER. THE MEMORY OF THE POLITICAL

ARCHITECT OF THE JEWISH STATE AND COURAGEOUS CHAMPION OF JEWISH

RIGHTS WILL FOREVER BE ENSHRINED IN THE HEARTS OF THE JEWISH

PEOPLE AND IN THE ANNALS OF JEWISH HISTORY

DR M E CHERNOWITZ FOR BITZARON.

1141 Broadway

n.y. 1, n.y.

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December 1, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver,

As one who was privileged to stand
in 1947 by Rabbi Silver's side at a decisive
moment of our history, I feel his untimely
passing away not only as a great national,
but also as a personal loss.

His lifelong devotion to the cause
of the Jewish people has helped to
restore Israel to its place among
the nations of the world.

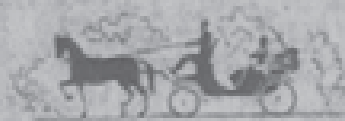
The generation which will continue his
work will be inspired by his sense
of dedication and his magnificent will

be a strong and secure Israel
founded on the spiritual values of
our nation which were so dear to
Dr. Blum.

To you and your family
I wish to express my grief and
deepest sympathy.

Sincerely Yours

Isidor Rafeel



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December 1st

Dear Mrs. Silver:-

Ernie and I have just learned of Rabbi Silver's death and want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. Just as was the community - and the world and country's appreciation of his leadership and influence, I shall always cherish the rare personal warmth which he extended whenever we had occasion to meet.

With the Temple, Daniel and Silver Park all carrying on along the lines which he established, I know that his passing without the travail or pain of prolonged illness will help you bear this loss.

Sincerely yours

Paul Q. Cohen

14303 Drexel Road

Shaker Heights, 20, Ohio

1 December 1963
Kvutza Chaim
Dear La Hanegev
Israel

Dear Rabbi Dan,

Please accept my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the death of your father. Words cannot express his greatness, his inspiration, nor the respect and admiration, and love that was felt for him by so many. I'm so sorry....

Sincerely,
Barbara Heldon

WRITING



Dec. 8, 1963.

Dear Rabbi Daniel and Adele:

At this time of sorrow, I want to send you a few lines to tell you how saddened I am and to extend to you my deepest sympathy.

May you be given strength to carry on.

Yours most sincerely
and fondly,
Fannie B. Soule.

WRHS



Mrs. Charles Soule '.

".....And Elisha saw it, and he cried:

'My Father, My Father, the chariot
of Israel and their horsemen',

and he saw him no more".

(Kings II, 2.)

Alisa & Isaia Vinograd,
13 Ben-Ezra Street,
Tel-Aviv - Israel.

December 1, 1963.

Dear Mrs. Silver,

I am at a loss to express how deeply afflicted we, Mrs. Vinograd and I, were at the sad news of the bereavement you and your children have suffered by the sudden and untimely passing of your beloved husband and father, our great friend, Rabbi Abba Hillel, of blessed memory.

I will not try now to condole with you, for endeavour hard as I will, I feel I could not do so at present.

You may perhaps find some comfort in the knowledge that thousands and thousands of the sons and daughters of the Household of Israel have, for the last two decades, been looking up to your beloved companion and life partner as their Great Liberator, who, with the help of God Almighty, gracefully led and guided them during the dark days of their bitter struggle for independence.

Now, when it came to pass that "Behold, there came a chariot of fire and horses of fire", and parted you asunder, they all, as in the days of old, cried out as one man "My Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel and their horsemen".

Moreover, even though they, like Elisha, "saw him no more", we feel sure that our great friend, Rabbi Abba Hillel, the son of Rabbi Moshe, will, like the Biblical horsemen, be remembered as long as Israel lives.

Yours sincerely,

Alisa and Isaia.



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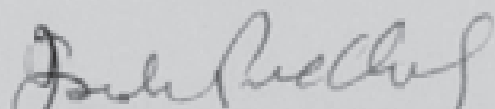
Dear Rabbi Silver Family:

Sinai Synagogue and Mrs. Pickholtz join me in expressing our most sincere condolence upon the recent demise of the Jewish Jewish statesman and spokesman Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Israel's great warrior has returned to his well-deserved eternal rest.

of eternal life.

May his soul be bound up in a bond

Yours,


Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz

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Dec 1, 1903.

Dear Rabbi Han,

As you know, I have always considered it a rare privilege to have known your Dad. The Temple and he, in particular, have been a profound influence in shaping my personal destinies. Personally, I have always believed that these are milestones in every individual's life which shape his philosophy of life. These, of necessity, are people rather than events. For me, they have not been abundant as to numbers but they have all been, to use an expression of your Dad's, "good men".

He has been perhaps the most significant of these individuals; and yet, if I had to enumerate in what ways he was significant, it would be most difficult. It could be in the encouragement which he gave me as a singer. It could be in the observations I made as to what constitutes greatness in a man. It could be in the wisdom which he dispensed so profusely to all who had the privilege of hearing him in the pulpit or in the advice which he so subtly gave me in conversation. It could be in the wonderfully warm

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way in which treated the little children. It could be in his personal humility as to his debt to his God and mankind. It could be in his great intellectual powers and in his scholarship. It could be in all these things and in many more but to me it can be summed up in one statement. I learned from your head that the dignity of man, whatever his station, must be upheld at all costs. I dedicate myself again to this principle.

Jena and I extend to you and yours our sincerest sympathy and prayers. "God give strength to you and your dear ones." He was a "good man" and will live in all our hearts forever.

Sincerely,

Mel Hokola

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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland 6, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Like everyone else, I was shocked to learn of your father's passing. Coming as it did so soon after the nightmarish events of last week, the gloom became even thicker. Your father lived a pretty full life, and lived to see so many of his dreams come true. It is

not given to many to
achieve as much as he
did. Nevertheless, there
was so much that he
could still have done
and that needs being
done. But who are we
to decide such things.

What the Jewish community
has lost is one thing; but
you and your whole family
have lost something too
personal and precious for
any outsider to feel.

Sincerely,
Harry M. Orlitzky

December 1, 1963

Dear Mrs. Wilson

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of the old Matt. and we want you to know that we are along with the many thousands of people who know the Mrs. Wilsons are thinking of them.

I will always remember the honor and comfort we felt when the Matt. and you came Matt. Sam called on our family when my father Sam Jackson, died from what a hot year ago. My father Allen was that an invention of the Temple and have been surprised by the Matt. for many years and we had been attending services every time we returned to Charleston.

I have sought our deep fact sympathy extend to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Edith and Matt. Greenberg

17046 Buckle Road
Baltimore, Md.

May I join with you in grief
over the loss of Rabbi Abba Hillel
Silver, a truly great man.

Margaret Butcher

Chestnut Lodge
500 West Montgomery Ave.
Rockville, Maryland
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Miss ~~Butcher~~
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The Silver Family
The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver and Family:

I want to add my word of condolence to that which you have received from many people whom you know. I have been an admirer of your husband's from the day that as a youngster in Chicago I heard him make his first address in that city, in 1922. I remember his appearance, his eloquence, and his gestures as though it were today.

I have heard him many times since. I felt honored when he congratulated me at a presentation I made in Washington for the American Zionist Council.

I considered him one of the great luminaries of American Jewry, and one of the architects of the Jewish State.

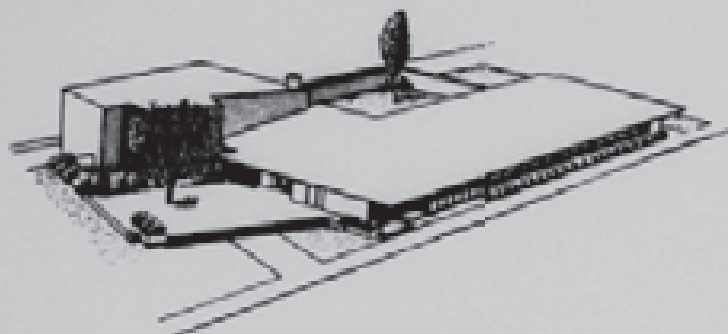
I share with you the sense of bereavement in his loss. Just within the last month I was in Israel again and was delighted to see the recognition that had been given to him in the establishment of Kfar Silver.

His memory will be a light to the Jewish people. May that thought be a consoling one to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Manuel Laderman

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of our entire Beth Torah Congregation we wish to express our feelings of profound sorrow at the sudden passing of your beloved father, who served as a dedicated servant of God during the past four decades. Although his voice, championing the cause of his people and the oppressed of all races, is now silenced, the good deeds he performed live on enshrined in the hearts of those whom he served and loved. May his life be as a Ner Tamid - a perpetual lamp - guiding others to follow his path in service to our people and all mankind.

"Zecher Tzadik Livrach" - May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

Sincerely yours,
Beth Torah Congregation

Leonard H. Devine
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JOSEPH A. BREIG
2227 WESTMINSTER ROAD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO

Dec. 1, 1963

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel:

In a most special way, our
prayers and thoughts have been
with you and yours at this time,
and with the great man, your
father, who has gone to the
Father of us all.

Affectionately,

Joe and Mary Breig
Joe and Mary Breig

Temple Beth El

608 NORTH FIFTH STREET
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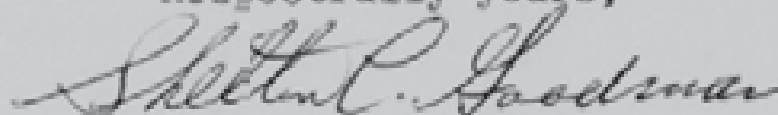
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Dear Mrs. Silver,

The Officers, Board of Trustees, and Congregants of Temple Beth El wish to express their sincere sympathy to you and the family on the loss of your beloved husband, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

His memory will be cherished in our hearts for his acts of goodness were many.

May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort the bereaved.

Respectfully yours,



Shelton C. Goodman

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RABBI MILTON GERALD MILLER
STUDY TELEPHONE: ELIZABETH 4-3021

December 1, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Danny:

It was with a tremendous shock that I read of your father's sudden passing. I had just asked Milton Matz in Chicago how he was, and Milt assured me that he was fine.

Of course, the eulogies have been pouring forth, and many fine words have been said. May I only speak from my heart that your father always was to me what a rabbi should truly be, a leader, a thinker and a statesman. Your father combined all these qualities in one man, and we are the lesser today for his passing.

My best wishes and sincerest condolences to your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Miller".

Rabbi Milton Gerald Miller

22895 HABER DRIVE
PARKVIEW
CLEVELAND 36, OHIO

Dec. 1, 1963

Dear Daniel,

After seeing your father looking so fit last May at the Isaac Stern concert, ~~his passing~~ came as a shock. My wife and I would like to add our expression of sympathy to countless members. Please convey it to your mother and brother.

One of the things I remember about your father was that he had time to do small, but significant things such as visiting the scout troop or participating in the Bratenahl P.T.A. This indicated the broad dimensions of his concerns. Truly, he was a great man.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Graham

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THE FAMILY OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND FAMILY, DLR DONT PHONE, THE TEMPLE
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OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU IN THIS MOMENT OF GRIEF. A GREAT VOICE
HAS BEEN SILENCED, A MIGHTY HEART BEATS NO MORE. HIS LEGACY
TO ALL OF ISRAEL WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED

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RABB I DANIEL J SILVER

THE TEMPLE 105 ST AND EUCLID AVE CLEVE

DEAR DANIEL, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ONN THE SUDDEN PASSING OF YOU FATHER THE LATE DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER • WE HAVE LOST AN ERUDITE SCHOLAR ILLUSTRIOUS RABBI AN OUTSTANDING JEWISH STATESMAN. MAY THE ALMIGHTY CONSOL YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES IN THIS PERIOD OF MOURNING

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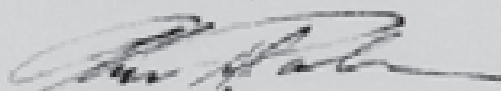
Dear Dan;

May I express my sincerest sympathy to you and the family upon the loss of your father, whose loss is shared by the entire American Jewish community.

It was always such a great experience to be in his presence, to listen to him, to read his books. His rabbinate is a wonderful example for us all.

May you be comforted in your bereavement.

Sincerely



Alvan D. Rubin
Rabbi

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Dear Rabbi Silver and Family,

Tillie and I would like to extend
our condolences on the loss of your father.

We admired his unwavering adherence
to wedding procedures and customs in which he
believed.

It will be a long time before the
memory of "Rabbi Abba" is erased from the
heart of the community.

Sincerely Yours,
Jerry Gardner

Temple Beth El of Great Neck
Old Mill Road, Great Neck, N. Y.

Dr. Jacob P. Rudin
Rabbi

December 2.

Dear Dan,

Let me join the host of your
father's friends everywhere in our best,
this word of heartfelt condolence.

He was truly a blessing light in
our time. He was a leader whom people trusted
and gladly followed. He loved Israel with the
passion of his devoted and caring spirit. He was
one of that small company of God's servants who
make a difference.

Scholar, teacher, preacher, statesman -
He touched each role with the unique gifts that were
his own. A people, a land and a faith are his
beneficiaries.

Please offer my regards to you with
 love to your family,
 Very sincerely,

Very sincerely,
J. K. Paul

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 3, 1963

Dear Mrs. Selver

May I express my deepest sympathy with
you in your loss. Father Selver was a
spiritual leader in the finest sense. It was a
lifetime privilege just to have known him.

Sincerely,

H. E. Dunn S.J.

JACK J. HERMAN, Rabbi
ISAAC GOODFRIEND, Cantor

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The Silver Family
19810 Shaker
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Friends:

We at the Community Temple join in expressing our sincerest condolences to you upon the loss of Dr. Silver. A bastion of strength has collapsed in Jewish life with his passing, and the loss of his indefatigable devotion and zeal for Israel and for the dignity of the Jew will now cause a gap and a chasm.

We, at the temple, will remember him particularly for his kindness at the time of the dedication of the new building, and in our hearts his ringing voice and dynamic personality will always be cherished monuments to his sacred and everlasting memory.

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Trustees, and Congregation, I extend words of sympathy to you. May his noble soul ever be enshrined as a shining light in the midst of his people and world Jewry.

Sincerely yours,

Robert I. Koplow
President, Community Temple

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271 East State Street - 224-8271
Columbus 15, Ohio

December 2, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Charitable
and Educational Fund
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Dr. Silver was a lifelong friend of the Ohio worker and his was a life of unselfish dedication to the welfare of his fellow man. We in the labor movement shall always remember him. To show in some way the affection in which we held Dr. Silver, I enclose a contribution of \$100.00 on behalf of the membership of the Ohio AFL-CIO.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Bollard
Robert D. Bollard
Secretary-Treasurer

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CC: Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker
Cleveland 22, Ohio

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you
at this time of sadness.*

2622 Hampshire Rd.
Cleveland Heights 6

Dec. 2, 1963

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Silver,

We have been in Chicago a few days to visit with our families, and were shocked to read of Rabbi Silver's passing. It has taken me four days to find words for this letter.

We've only been members of The Temple a short while, but we've planted our roots deeply and the association has meant much to all four of us.

The few services we heard your father conduct gave us much pleasure, and we feel honored to have been a part of

his congregation.

We were sorry to have been unable to attend his funeral, but our thoughts all week were with you and our prayers as well.

That two such great men should go within one week is surely a personal loss to every human being.

Sam, David and Joey join me in sending you and your family our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,
Pat Pavlovitch

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THE WORLD. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO BROTHERHOOD LIVES ON IN THE MINDS
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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
Temple Emanuel
Dr. Silver Square
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Daniel:

I was deeply shocked upon learning of your father's passing. The Jewish people have lost a great and devoted leader. He was such a light of inspiration. I, personally, will very much miss both the wisdom and kindness he has shown me.

My heartfelt sympathy goes to you and your family during this time of mourning.

Cordially yours,

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RABBI DANIAL SILVER
& THE TEMPLE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DECEMBER 2, 1963

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MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER. IT WAS AN HONOR FOR ME TO MEET HIM WHILE WE WERE AT THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, AND TO HEAR HIM SPEAK IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL.

ALFRED D. SUMBERG

721 AVENUE B
STROUDSBURG, PA.

ישראל גולדשטיין * ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

ירושלים, דח" פנסקר 12 PINSKER STREET, JERUSALEM

טל. 34010

2nd December, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver,

To me, as to multitudes of others, it came as a shock to learn of Dr. Silver's passing. Sometimes in speaking of him, I said he would live to a good old age as did his father before him who, by the way, was a cousin of my wife's grandfather. When I saw Abba in Israel only last spring he seemed to be in good health.

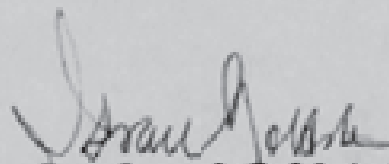
I trust the Z.O.A. conveyed to you the message which I sent to them and to you.

Mrs. Goldstein and I extend to you and to your sons our sincere condolences. There is nothing we can say to you that has not been said already a thousand times.

Here in Israel I was one of those who were requested to pay tribute in the columns of the Jerusalem Post and over the radio. You and your sons may possibly be interested in the enclosed copies of what I had to say.

May you find your abiding and increasing consolation in your children and grand-children.

Sincerely,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

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TEL-AVIV, THE December 2nd., 1963 ח'ל'אכ'ב יום

Mrs. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland,
Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Silver,

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the passing away of your husband, our friend and esteemed man, Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver.

Rabbi Silver was a giant of our generation and a pillar in the establishment of the State of Israel.

The world Jewery lost one of it's greatest sons, and those who knew him personally lost a dear friend.

Please accept, dear Mrs. Silver, the condolences of thousands of disabled veterans of the war of independence and ZAHAL and their families.

His name will be written forever in the history of Am Israel.

Sincerely yours,

A. Harel
Chairman

[December 27, 1963]

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Monday

Dear Dan:

Sylvia and I were saddened by the sudden death of your dad. I had called him for some advice on Tuesday afternoon, and he led in his usual way, cut through the problem which concerned me and provided a clear and wise answer. His wisdom and leadership will be sorely missed.

We send our heartfelt sympathy in this moment

Of great loss to you and all the
members of the family.

As ever

Mat



A. BEVERLY BARKSDALE
SEVERANCE HALL
CLEVELAND 8, OHIO

December 2, 1963

Dear Rabbi Dan -

There is so little one can say at this time to indicate the impact your father had on people whose privilege it was to know him or to try to bring comfort to the members of his family.

It was nearly thirty years ago that I first became aware of his name when I began as a temple soloist in Baton Rouge and often heard him quoted from the pulpit. Much later I met him and had the thrill of hearing him speak at Leon Feuer's anniversary in Toledo. There is no way of knowing the extent to which he enriched the lives of persons such as I who were not directly in contact as are the fortunate members of his congregation. It must be enormous.

I can only offer deepest sympathy to you and the family.

Sincerely,
Beverly

3568 Atherton Rd.
Cleveland Heights, O.
Dec. 2, 1963

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My wife joins me in extending
our deepest sympathy in the passing of
your father.

He was always gracious to me,
and I counted my relationship with
him one of the high privileges of my
job at The Plain Dealer.

You are a worthy successor, and
I know he was grateful to have
worked arm in arm with you these
several years.

Nonetheless I know your grief is
great. Be assured of our prayers for
the easing of your sorrow.

Sincerely,

Dick Wager

JOHN S. BLUM
1370 MISSION STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 3, CALIFORNIA

December 2, 1963

Dear Dan,

I was certainly sorry to hear the sad news about your father on the radio late Thanksgiving evening. Kathy joins me in expressing our sympathy to you and all members of your family.

The dedication of your father to his work and his outstanding contribution to Judaism will be remembered by all who knew him.

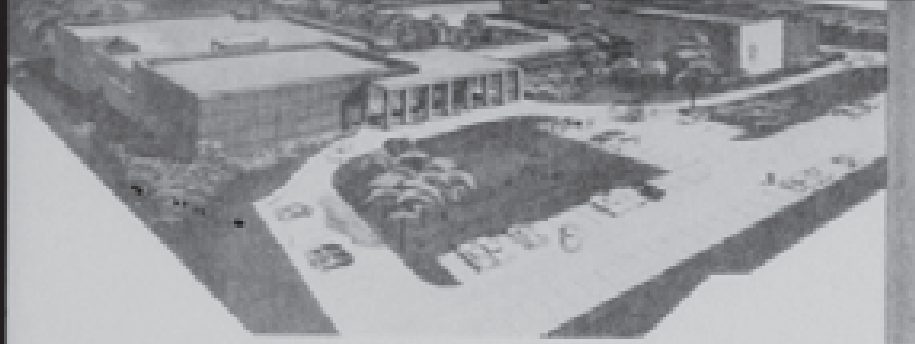
We have not been in Cleveland for some time, but may get there during the coming year. I would hope that it will be possible to see you and your children. I have lost count on the number you have. We had our third and first boy last April and Kathy has her hands full around the clock; however, the children are a delight and provide much happiness.

Again, our heartfelt sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

John





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Dec 2, 1963

Dear Rabbi Dan,

At a time when our hearts were already heavy, the sudden passing of your father came as a stunning blow. The nation and the world will pay homage to his memory as an international figure whose name is assured in history; but we who were privileged to know him as a man and neighbor mourn for our personal loss as well as the world's.

We offer our condolences to you, your mother and the other members of your family, who must at this time be having a heavy load. This burden may be lightened by the knowledge that it is also borne by thousands and thousands of individuals whose lives were touched and made the richer by Rabbi Silver.

At a time of grief, it is good to remember that which has been given to us; yours is a "goodly heritage" whose effects will continue for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

David Herman Eigen
and all your
friends at JCC



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[from A. Miller]

122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

December 2, 1963

Dear Dan,

Your great loss is shared not only by you and your family and by the congregation your father served so long and so well, but by Jews the world over. Those of us who were privileged to have met and known him can appreciate the gap which is left by his passing.

Joan and I extend our deepest sympathy to you, Adele, Ray and the rest of your family.



As ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. Silver", written over a faint background of a menorah.

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Shaker Heights, Ohio

אברהם בן יצחק אבן עזרא. המורה נבוכים.

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December 2, 1963

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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver,

We were greatly distressed to learn of the sudden death of your dear husband. He seemed to be in such good health when we last met him that the news came as a great shock.

During the many years of my cooperation with him in Zionist endeavors in the Executive of the Jewish Agency, in the United Palestine and later the United Jewish Appeal in particular, I knew and respected his boundless devotion to the Zionist cause and his deep attachment to the Land of Israel, his sterling qualities of leadership and his unrivalled efforts as a spokesman in the name of American Jewry.

We heard of your intention to build a home in Jerusalem. We were looking forward to the pleasure of his living with us here but the fates evidently decreed otherwise.

His name will enjoy a place of honor in the annals of our People's history during the epic period of our struggle for national independence and the establishment of a Jewish State in our ancient land.

Mrs. Joseph and I ask you to accept our sincere condolences in your great bereavement.

Yours sincerely,


Dov Joseph

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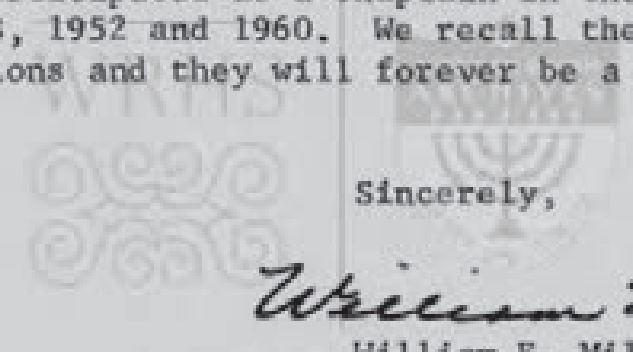
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Dear Mrs. Silver:

The death of Rabbi Silver saddens us and we offer our sympathy to you and your sons. May you be consoled by the memory of a husband and father of whom you can be immensely proud. He devoted his life to the spiritual and physical welfare of his fellow man.

Rabbi Silver participated as a chaplain in the Republican National Conventions of 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1960. We recall the inspiring messages he brought to those conventions and they will forever be a part of the history of our Party.

Sincerely,



William E. Miller

William E. Miller
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19810 Shaker Heights
Cleveland, Ohio

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MAURICE BISGYER
Executive Vice President

December 2, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

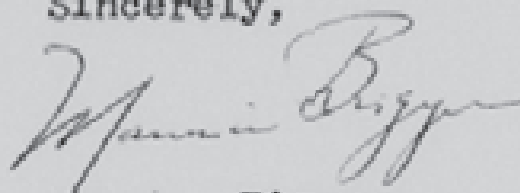
It was with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of your beloved husband.

May you be comforted in the knowledge that his was a good and fruitful life dedicated to the welfare of the Jewish community and to the world at large.

Though words are of little help at this time, we want you to know that your many friends in B'nai B'rith share in your grief. Dr. Silver was a tower of strength to all who had the good fortune to be associated with him. His memory will be a blessing for all mankind.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Sincerely,


Maurice Bisgyer

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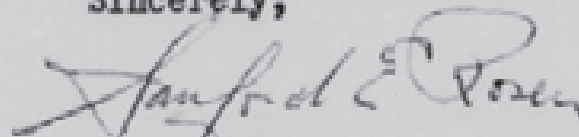
Dear Friends:

All the members of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California join with countless others throughout our community in mourning the passing of that great servant of God whose work and writings have given to his people and to mankind so many rich gifts.

As you are well aware, no words can adequately express the sense of loss we all feel. The children of Israel everywhere will bless his memory even as he so richly blessed us.

It cannot erase your personal grief, but perhaps it can help in some small way to know that you are not alone in this sad time.

Sincerely,



Sanford E. Rosen,
President

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Dear Daniel



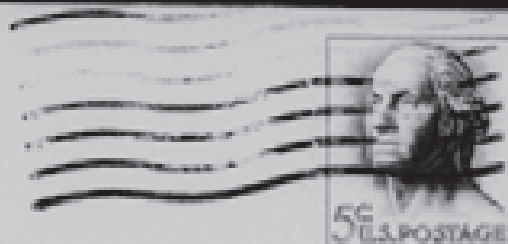
You don't think after all the
letters -) sympathy I've gotten
this year, I won't have
learned how to write the perfect

me. I feel singularly quiet. I
certainly have been thinking of
and with you and always
remembering the very great help
and support you were to me.

I also remember words of
advice being mostly unheeded
or received with a feeling of

"how can you possibly know
what it's like". The support
and love of my family, friends
and neighbors I found very
helpful.

I'm sure you know how the
world will miss your father. I
was certainly impressed the
times I heard him speak—
both in my Laurel days and
more recently about his Russian
trip. But, please, know your own
greatness, and be your own
great self. The future is
challenging. My love to
your family, Love, Kinder



WILLIS
Rabbi Daniel Silver
2841 Weybridge Rd.
Cleveland 20
Ohio

Kinder

2903 Weybridge Rd.

Cleveland 20, O.

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Tel-Aviv, the 2nd XII
1963

Dear Mrs Silver,

I wish to express to
you and to all the members
of your family my deepest
feelings of sympathy on the
loss of your beloved husband
Rabbi A. Hillel Silver.

Sincerely yours
Esther Rokach.

HYMAN A. SCHULSON
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55 LIBERTY STREET
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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver,
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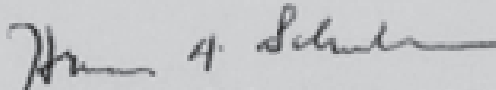
Dear Virginia:

Ruth and I were very sorry to learn of the passing of our friend and my "chief" during the period of our great battles for the establishment of the State of Israel. I regard Dr. Silver as the greatest Jewish leader of this generation. He was my friend. He was a fighter. He had mind and heart. I feel as if one of my family had died. He turned despair into hope. He always rose to the occasion superbly. He had the firm hand of a strong man with a steady purpose and brave spirit.

I shall always remember my close contact and work with him when I was in charge of political affairs of the Zionist movement in Washington, D.C. under the Emergency Council for Zionist Affairs, and at the United Nations, and in Paris. Some day I will write about it.

May the Lord console you and your children with all the mourners of Zion and Israel.

Love,


Hyman A. Schulson

HAS:s

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Evans

45 ROXBURY STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

Dec. 2, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver:

The news of your husband's death adds to the sorrow we have all been feeling in this time of crisis. It is my guess that he, in part, died of a broken heart. He had a great heart which was touched by human needs where he saw them.

I remember with deep appreciation having dinner in your home, with men of different religious connections, when I was at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights.

It was my pleasure to see my friend briefly when he was in Worcester last year.

45 ROXBURY STREET

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

My wife, Jean, joins me in deep sympathy for you and your family, and the hope that you will find the peace and healing that only god and human love can give at such a time.

Blessings on you

Sincerely

Ed Evans

RABBI HARRY J. STERN, LL.D., D.D.
4100 SHERBROOKE ST. WEST
MONTREAL

Dec 2nd - 1963

Dear Mrs Silver;
We mourn —
with you, and your
God bless the memory
and heritage of
Abba Hillel
Harry and Sylvia Stern

DR. LEONARD J. MERVIS

Oak Park Temple
1205 North Harlem Ave.
Oak Park, Illinois

Dec. 2, 1963

Dear Sam,

We were saddened to hear
of your father's passing. I don't think
it is necessary for me to say
a word about his greatness. His
high place in Jewish and American
life makes even greater the

sense of loss we all feel
upon his death.

We trust all the family
is finding consolation in the
tremendous surge of affection
and appreciation that must be
pouring in upon you from all over
the world. Cordially,
Leonard

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

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CLIFTON AVENUE - CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

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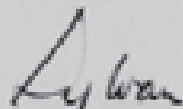
Dear Danny:

All of us were terribly shocked and grieved to learn of your father's sudden death. Our hearts go out to you, Mother and all the family in deepest sympathy, and we join with all of you in mourning his passing.

With Dad's death, a great era in Jewish life has passed. Both as a person of enormous stature and as a great symbol of courage and integrity, your father, as you know, presented an image of the Reform rabbinate that will never be superseded. With his passing, thus, we have all lost a man who was precious to every one of us.

Our heartfelt sympathies to you and all the family. Know that we all share your grief at this time of sorrow. May God comfort you with the blessings of glorious memory. With affection and deepest condolences, I remain

Yours,



Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

December 2, 1963

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver,
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

On behalf of the Houston Zionist District, your many friends in Houston and for my wife and I, may I send you my heartfelt wishes of sympathy on the passing of your beloved father, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

When the shocking news was announced in the local press, Friday, November 27th, every synagogue and temple included special memorial prayers and messages in the Sabbath services. The Israel Bond Banquet held Sunday, December 1st was not the joyous affair we usually have. We had a moment of silent prayer for your father's memory and the speakers delivered eulogies recalling your father's greatness.

We know that your dear Mother and all of you will miss him, but not only was he your father, but he was the recognized leader of American Jewry. We shall all feel a great void with his passing.

May the good Lord give all your dear ones the strength to carry on the good work in his name.

Your dear friend,

J. M. Israel
J.M. Israel, Vice President
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Family of the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

I was shocked to read of the sudden passing of Dr. Silver.

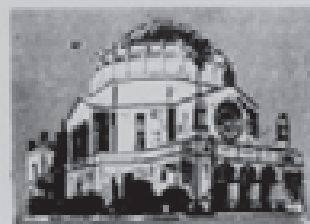
I have known him for many years and his loss will leave a void in Jewish and American life that will be hard to fill. He has left an impact and imprint on the people everywhere and the State of Israel stands as an everlasting monument to his dedication and love of Zionism.

I know that you will all receive much consolation and sustenance from the many inspiring memories that you will always have of him.

Most sincerely,

JG/des

Joseph Goldberg
Judge Joseph Goldberg



636 South Hobart Blvd.
Los Angeles 5, Cal.

From the study of
RABBI ALFRED WOLF
M. H. L., PH. D.
WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

12-2-1963

Dear Dan,

Mitiam jocus we in expressing to
you and yours our sincerest sym-
pathy. We share in your loss.

Sincerely,
Alfred

Hans Weinberg

Executive Director
Jamaica Jewish Center

150-91 87th Road
Jamaica, N. Y.

December 2, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple Tifereth Israel
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

Needless to say I was shocked at the sudden passing of your beloved father. Nor do I need to tell you what your father meant to me.

We are a generation of Jews in America whose character was molded by the leadership of your father. I, for one, am proud to say that I knew him, followed his teaching, and consider myself a better person for it. I shall cherish his memory.

May you and your family be spared any more sorrow and may you find solace in the knowledge that all American Jewry loved your father and shall find strength in his memory.

Sincerely,

Hans

HW/bs

RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG
TEMPLE EMANU-EL B'NE JESHURUN
2419 E. KENWOOD BLVD.
MILWAUKEE 11, WISCONSIN

December 2, 1963

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

Dear Dan:


I know that mountains of words will accumulate on your desk as the hosts of friends respond to the sorrow that has been visited upon your family. I don't want to multiply the mountains. I simply want to tell you how genuinely Marian and I share your loss. Your father was altogether a man - and one of the few real Jews of our times. There is not a Jew alive who is not indebted to him. It is almost impossible to think of him as absent from contemporary Jewish life. That Abba Hillel Silver should die seemed as remote from possibility as that the sun and the earth should change places. But now that he has gone from us, we will all become more acutely aware of the many ways in which we leaned on him and were served and nourished by him.

I know how hard it is to lose a parent. There is never any easy way. But surely you will find comfort and strength in the priceless heritage which he bequeathed to you in his lifetime and which he taught you to make your own.

I have already said too much. I have not yet conquered my own unwillingness to believe that he has departed from us.

Please share my concern and my sympathy with your dear mother and with the others who are bereaved with you.

Faithfully,


RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG

DW/cs



12-2-63

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I wish to extend my
deepest sympathy to you
and your family on the
passing of Dr. Silver. I was
unable to attend the funeral
because of my return to
classes at Indiana University
but my parents were

There.

Sincerely yours.

Ronald Hurwitz

Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Ronald Hurwitz

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December 2, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
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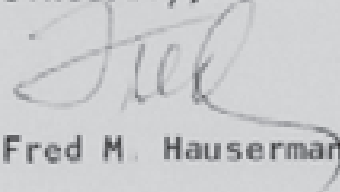
Dear Dan:

We were in Boston for Thanksgiving with our children when we heard of your father's death. It certainly was a shock since I was looking forward to seeing him on Sunday evening at the Jewish Community Federation dinner.

Dan, I know it is a sad and difficult thing to lose such a wonderful father and I send you my most sincere sympathy in this trying time. It must be a great joy to you, however, to realize that you have had a rare privilege of having a close association with such a tremendous person. His many qualities of compassion and strength for which the world honored him must certainly be a great inspiration to you.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the Lord grant you strength and comfort.

Sincerely,



Fred M. Hauserman

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LOUIS ENGELBERG
RABBI

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
2841 Weybridge Rd
Shaker Heights 20 Ohio

Dear Dan,

I want to express my heartfelt condolences upon the loss of your great father of sainted memory. The entire Jewish world was aware of his manysided genius, his selflessness, and dedication to the cause of Israel, and his effective leadership. We in Cleveland, however, were privileged to know him as a very warm human being and friend.

We disagreed with his theology, but fought on his side in many significant Zionist battles. We were inspired by his courage, his vision, and his faith. For he gave Israel a new image in the eyes of both the Jewish and non-Jewish world.

The president, officers, trustees and members of the congregation join me in this humble expression of our great grief. We will deeply appreciate your being kind enough to convey our condolences to mother and your brother.

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Sincerely,

Louis Engelberg
Rabbi Louis Engelberg

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Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

I was out of town during the weekend and on my return was shocked to learn of your father's passing away.

Please accept my condolences. Cleveland, the country and the world have lost a true leader.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Copperman
Community Services Coordinator

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Dan:

When I returned to the city on Saturday after two months abroad, I was saddened to learn of the sudden death of your father, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Now as I go through my mail, I find a letter from him dated 22 November inviting me and Mrs. Glennan to attend the service to be held on Sunday morning, 8 December, at which Dr. Elath is to speak. Unfortunately, this will not be possible. I am an Elder of Fairmount Presbyterian Church and have accepted responsibility for certain activities at the church on that particular morning. I know you will understand and will excuse us in this instance. It will be impossible for us to attend the luncheon although we would very much like to do so.

I hope that we may have a chance to sit down together in the relatively near future. In the meantime, you have my profound sympathy in your loss.

Sincerely,


T. Keith Glennan
President

TKG:mao



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Dear Mrs. Silver:

I want to extend my deepest condolences to you and to your family at this time of your grief. I knew your husband very well, and only this past summer spoke with him on the plane to Jerusalem. His loss is deeply mourned and the world is indeed a poorer place without him. I am very saddened that a great leader and a dear friend is no longer with us. I pray that in this time you will find strength.

With prayers for your welfare and warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,


Louis Finkelstein

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

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RABBI DAN SILVER, THE TEMPLE

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DEAR RABBI DAN: HOW LUCKY I WAS TO MEET YOUR WONDERFUL FATHER
BEFORE HE LEFT US. I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM, SINCERELY

QUENTIN REYNOLDS.

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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Though I have not had the opportunity of meeting you it was my privilege and pleasure to have been able to work with your father on a number of occasions. His passing is a great loss to the Jewish community of America and I wanted to express to you, your mother, and the other members of your family, the condolences of the leadership of the Jewish community of Pittsburgh.

Your father spoke to the membership of our Federation and to the Jews of Pittsburgh on a number of occasions. All of us revered him. I personally, when I worked in Cleveland, counted him among my friends, both officially and personally. I feel his loss at this time.

Please accept the sympathies of the leadership of our community. All of us join you in your bereavement and I want you to know that the thoughts of all of us are with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert I. Hiller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being particularly prominent.
Robert I. Hiller
Executive Director

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LEAGRAM

December 2, 1963

Name Mrs. Abba Silver and Family
c/o Temple Tifereth Israel
Address Cleveland, Ohio

The Officers and Board of National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America are saddened at the passing of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and wish to express deepest sympathy and condolences to you and the members of your family. His dedication and devotion to Judaism, over the years, will serve as an eternal memorial and as an inspiring inheritance for his dear ones.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Baruch Treiger
Mrs. Baruch Treiger
Executive Director

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*Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg
The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco*

December 2, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver:

I was shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of your beloved husband and our great teacher and rabbi. Though we mourn his loss, we are indeed grateful for the full and productive years of his life.

No more brilliant and dedicated worker for the Jewish cause in modern times can be found. I know that the outpouring of condolences you are receiving can in no way soften the heaviness of your heart. Yet, you must find comfort in the knowledge your husband graced the world as few men ever have - - that he gave of himself to his people, to his country and to every noble cause with unmatched devotion.

May God give you strength and courage at this time. At this time of your husband's death, may you find comfort in his life.

Faithfully,

Joseph P. Weinberg

Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
Congregation Tifereth Israel
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

DR. JOSEPH R. NAROT
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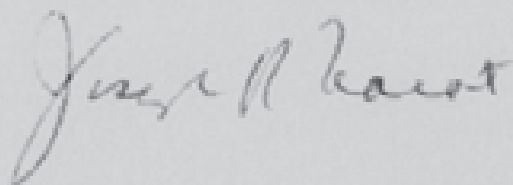
Dear Colleague:

I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to you, your mother and brother, and all your family on the passing of your beloved father. There are, of course, many who mourn his passing. And many things will be said about his service to our people and our faith. I remember especially the fact that he inspired more young men to enter the rabbinate than any other rabbi in America. I was one of the young men he sponsored.

We, in our community, were very much saddened by the news of his death.

With repeated expressions of sympathy and kindest regards, I am

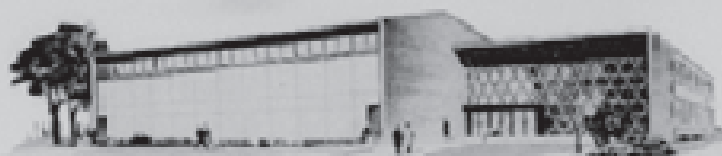
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Mrs. Abba Hiller Silver
and Family
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver and Family:

Together with many colleagues and friends in Milwaukee, Mrs. Bass and I join in expressing our heartfelt condolences and deep sense of bereavement over the recent death of our beloved friend Abba Hiller Silver. His outstanding contribution to Jewish values throughout the world will be well remembered by generations to come.

Many of us share with you a feeling of personal loss and sorrow for we felt enriched by his constant contribution to our life.

Sincerely,

MEYER BASS, ACSW
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December 2, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Dan:

I was grieved to learn of the untimely passing
of your beloved father.

His noble life and works were an inspiration to
me and to all who labor for Israel.

With heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in
your bereavement.

Sincerely,

Sylvan Lebow
Executive Director

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December 2, 1963

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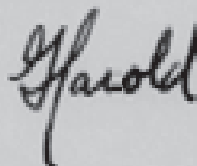
Audrey and I were greatly saddened when the morning paper carried the news, last Friday morning, of the sudden passing of your dear father. From personal experience we both know full well what a blow this must be to your dear mother, brother and yourself. As it was in my own case, you have suffered a double loss, for your father was your revered teacher as well as your beloved parent.

If there can be solace in the sharing of grief, as some may claim, perhaps you and your loved ones may find some such comforting balm in the knowledge that Jews the world over are one with you in your bereavement. A great and precious light has gone out which illuminated the path of our people and enheartened their spirits through some of the most difficult years in their entire four thousand years of history.

Perhaps some of us feel his passing a little more keenly since he was one of the major inspirations of our lives. I am certain that it was your father's example which moved so many of our Cleveland Jewish youth to think of walking in the way of his calling.

May God comfort you and your dear family together with the rest of the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Sincerely,



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SHOCKED AND GRIEVED OVER DEATH YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND MY COLLEAGUE
AND MENTOR ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN THE
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COUNCIL I SEND YOU AND YOUR FAMILYS THESE HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES
AND SENTIMENTS OF AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY FLORENCE JOINS ME AND
TOGETHER PRAY THAT YOU MAY HAVE GODS STRENGTH TO SUSTAIN THIS
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RABBI IRVING MILLER CHAIRMAN AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL.

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Dear Adele and Daniel,

Words are inadequate with
such a tragic loss of one so
dear to you and to the world.

We just wanted you to know
our thoughts and deepest
sympathy are with you and
your family at this time.

Bill and Peg Harper

December 2, 1963

RABBI SAMUEL A. BERMAN
123 GIFFORD AVENUE
JERSEY CITY 4, N. J.

STUDY OF THE RABBI

#1
December 2, 1963

Dear, Dear Friends:

The Members of your Congregation and I join in sending you this message of consolation on the passing of your beloved brother, our great leader, and my esteemed colleague.

We all share your grief for we understand personally the measure of your loss. Words, of course, are unavailing at such a time, but the fact that the whole Jewish Community of the world shares your trial must be some slight consolation to you.

God in his wisdom has taken Abba unto himself. May he experience the repose he merits.

With affectionate greetings from all to you and the family of your dear brother, I am

Cordially,

Rabbi

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December 2, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

What can we say to assuage your grief?

What can be said or done to lighten the burden of our collective loss?

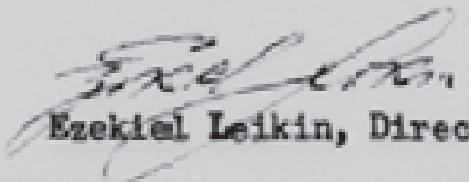
We were hoping against hope that the man who earned eternity will be spared the ultimate fate of an ordinary mortal.

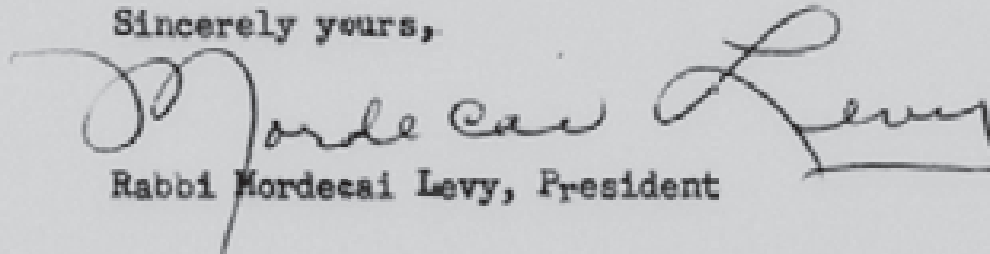
We were hoping against hope that the man who gave us the light of his prophetic wisdom and vision will continue to lead and guide us toward new horizons - "When the winter is past and the flowers appear on the earth, and the time of singing is come."

We earnestly pray and hope that we shall be worthy of his great spiritual legacy.

Please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Sincerely yours,


Ezekiel Leikin, Director


Rabbi Mordecai Levy, President

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EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND I TOO MOURN YOUR GRATLOSS
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MRS ABRA HILLEL SILVER AND FAMILY

19810 SHAKER PLVD SHAKERHEIGHTS OHIO

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR GREAT LOSS ALTHOUGH WE WILL ALL
MISS A WONDERFULL MAN HIS GUIDING SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN
IN OUR HEARTS AND IN THOSE OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

ANITA AND LARRY GOLDRICH

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MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND FAMILY

19810 SHAKER BLVD SHAKERHEIGHTS OHIO

TO YOU OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. THROUGH HIM FASHIONED IN HIS
IMAGE GOD SPOKE TO US. HE THUS WAS A LAMP TO LIGHT THE WAY.
A CHALLENGER OF IGNORANCE AND A CHAMPION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDERSTANDING
LOVING AND INSPIRATIONAL. HOW HISTORY AND THE WORLD MAY BESTOW
FITTING TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE TO SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WE
WONDER WE JOIN YOU IN DEEPEST REMORSE

LEE PAUL SUSAN AND BERNIE ~~ATZ~~

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December 3, 1963

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zeidman
3008 Overhill Rd.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Zeidman:

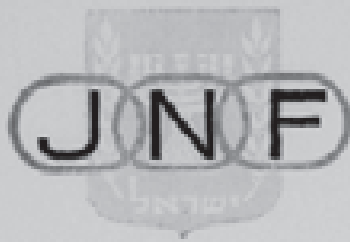
A contribution has been received from Mr. and Mrs.
Merle Mattenson and inscriptions entered in Sabbath
Prayer Books in memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

We know that you will be gratified to learn of this
gesture of friendship and sympathy.

Cordially yours,

BETH HILLEL CONGREGATION

*2640 Wilmette Ave.
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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Cleveland 22 Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

The Jewish National Fund Council of
Cleveland mourns with World Jewry the
irreparable loss of our great leader,
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

As an expression of our condolence
to the Silver family, we are planting in
beloved memory seventy trees in the Kfar
Silver.

Sincerely yours,

Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland

Julius B. Amber
Julius B. Amber, President

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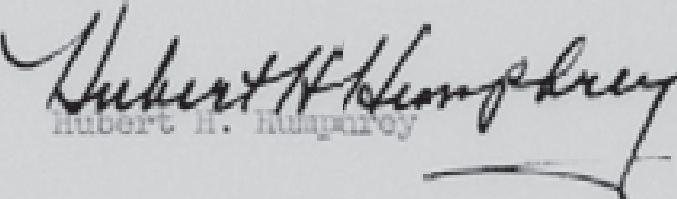
Mrs. Virginia Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

I want to express my deepest sympathies on the death of your husband. His contributions to the people of the world knew no boundaries, either geographic or racial. His spiritual leadership, his compassion for the disadvantaged, his progressive spirit were so important to so many people. I number myself among those who gained greatly from having known him.

With my best wishes.

Sincerely,


Hubert H. Humphrey

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Jerusalem, December 3, 1963.

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver,

Like so many thousands of friends and admirers of your late husband I also was shocked when I heard over the radio of the sudden death of your dear husband. My admiration for his work covers forty years ever since I came to the United States of America. But, my friendship with him is over twelve years, ever since he visited South Africa and occupied my pulpit. I remember what a great and grateful congregation listened with rapt attention to his great spiritual message. Even then, you recollect, it was my pleasure in introducing him to explain to the congregational community what Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver meant to me. It will not be out of place to repeat a few of these sentences. Although I did not know him and although he was far, nevertheless I felt his great moral backing and his hand of friendship especially during the early days of my struggle, in South Africa, where I tried to follow his philosophy of Judaism. It was also a tremendous pleasure to me when I spent those three wonderful hours at the Sheraton Hotel and when all three of us had luncheon there.

No one really can give you comfort or consolation; Abba Hillel Silvers are not born every day. All one can say to you is that ~~one~~ is with you in spirit and feels for you and with you.

Kindly transmit my feelings to your two sons, one of whom - Daniel - I met both in Cincinnati in 1950 and in Israel in 1955.

Yours in friendship,

M. C. Weiler
Moses Cyrus Weiler.

ARNOLD M. LEHMAN
666 WEST END AVE.
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

New York, N.Y.
Dec. 3, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver, Daniel & Raphael, -

We are shocked and saddened beyond words by learning of the passing of our dear Rabbi Silver.

Over the miles that lie between, we want you to feel the warmth and friendly pressure of our hands clasped with yours in solemn reverence for him and in deepest sympathy for all of you.

We too, have reason to share with you some measure of solace from the sacred heritage of precious memories which he has bequeathed to all of us and to the world.

Our hearts, our thoughts, our prayers, our tears are all with thee and all for thee.

Sincerely yours,

Mary and Arnold "Pop" Lehman

Rabbi Louis Frishman
Temple Beth El
15 South Jackson Street
Spring Valley, New York

December 3rd, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Silver
The Temple
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dan,

I just wanted you to know of the reaction among our membership. It was most feeling upon hearing of your beloved father's death.

I think that this is the greatest tribute that can be paid to him, that here in a suburban community, made up of young people, your father's name still has great meaning because his achievements are permanent and constantly inspiring.

May the Lord comfort you and all the mourners in Israel.

Cordially,

Lon



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December 3, 1963

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools we wish to extend to you, your dear mother and brother our sincere and deep sympathy upon the recent loss of your distinguished father."

We join the entire Cleveland Jewish community as well as the Jewish people throughout the world in mourning over the "fallen leader of Israel".

May the Almighty bring you comfort and consolation in this hour of your bereavement

הספדים יונתם אותך ואם כשפחתך
בחור שחר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

Sincerely yours,

Ben M. Cohen,
President

Bernard Levitin,
Superintendent

JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS ♡

Dec. 3, 1963

602
4102 Lockwood Ave.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

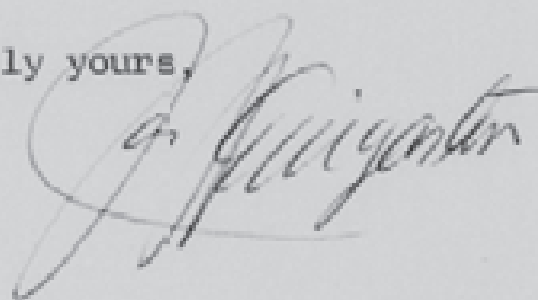
It was good to meet the son of my old friend, Abba Hillel, and to feel that he has the heart and the spark of genius of his great father and wonderful mother. The hearts of myself, my wife and my entire family go out to you and all the Silver family in this hour of your great loss.

Abba Hillel was a good friend of mine for many, many years. He had my admiration and love for the fine work he did in behalf of his people and for all humanity.

With warm regards and best wishes from myself and all the Weingarten Family, I am

JW:b

Cordially yours,



THE

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL OF CLEVELAND
UNIVERSITY CIRCLE, CLEVELAND 6, OHIO SWEETBRICK 5-6000

office of the

DIRECTOR

December 3, 1963

Mrs. Abba H. Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44122

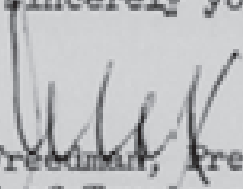
Dear Virginia:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the hospital. While many of us have acted individually to let you know our feelings, we also wish as trustees to convey our condolences and to express our deep sorrow.

It is most fitting that we do so, for the hospital is a manifestation of those high ideals and aspirations which Rabbi Silver, by precept and by example, so successfully impressed upon the community.

Just as our community was enhanced by his life, so it is now diminished by his passing, and we, representing an agency of the community, share with you and your family a profound sense of grief at this time of bereavement.

Most sincerely yours,


Max Freedman, President
Board of Trustees

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SOUTHAFRICAN ZIONISTS OFFER SINCER SYMPATHY IN YOUR GRIEVOUS
LOSS STOP WE PAY TRIBUTE TO GREAT ZIONIST LEADER E J HORWITZ
CHAIRMAN ZIONIST FEDERALION.

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FAMILY RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, CARE TEMPLE

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THE WESTERN STATES REGENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA EXTENDS
TO YOU ITS SINCERE AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF
OUR GREAT AND REVERED LEADER RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVERS. MAY
TIME HEAL NOT ONLY YOUR LOSS BUT OURS AS WELL

MAX ZIMMER PRESIDENT.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF DETROIT

10424 W. McNICHOLS ROAD • DETROIT 21, MICHIGAN • DIAMOND 1-8540

December 3, 1963

Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Silver:

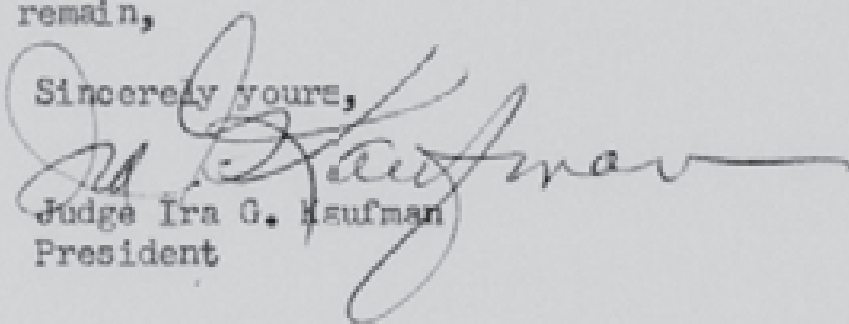
In the name of the Zionist Organization of Detroit,
and in my own behalf, I wish to express our deepest
sympathy on your recent bereavement.

I know that words can never adequately express the
loss that you sustained, but I pray that you may find
comfort in the beautiful memories which you have of
your beloved husband.

The work he has done in behalf of our people will
stand out as an eternal monument of useful living.

With kind wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Judge Ira G. Kaufman
President

Tel-Aviv, 12/5/65

Dear Mrs. Silver and Daniel,

We would like to join all those who have had the privilege of knowing your late husband and father in offering our sympathy and sharing in your grief.

One is short of words when confronted with such a loss. Dr. Silver's wisdom, his courage and his kindness, all of which he so willingly shared with all his fellow men, were only a few of his many outstanding qualities. We shall always remember him standing before and above his people as a prophet of old times, guiding them, confronting them and sometimes chastizing. For many of us, all around the world, he became a symbol of greatness and goodness and as such, his memory will continue to live in our hearts.

Yours sincerely,

Shulamit and Aharon Niry.

SAMUEL D. SOSKIN
61 EASTERN PARKWAY
BROOKLYN 39, NEW YORK

Dec. 3, 1963

Dear Dan;

May I extend to you and your dear ones my profound sympathy. Your father was a towering figure in the story of our people and because of him each of us in the Rabbinate feel a bit taller. We received from him an insight into the meaning of our own careers and a full measure of confidence as to the future of Liberal Judaism.

May the knowledge that millions were influenced by his words and deeds strengthen you and yours. My congregation joins me in these words of sympathy,

Sincerely,

Dan

Ellen Eisner



December 3

Dear Rabbi Dan,

Extending the deepest sympathy to you, your family and the entire congregation of the Temple during this time of great sorrow - I will long remember Dr. Silver as he used when he blessed me on the oc-

occasion of my confirmation
five years ago. The world
has lost a great friend
and leader.

Very truly
yours,
Edwin Emerson

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Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver and Family
Cleveland, Ohio

December 3, 1963

Dear Mrs. Silver:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and especially for ourselves, we send you most heartfelt sympathy upon the passing of your beloved and distinguished husband, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. His imperishable record of service to God and man, to the American and world Jewish community, as teacher, scholar, preacher, thinker and leader leaves an indelible monument of blessing and inspiration. We pray that God will comfort you and yours and that all of us who have been enriched through Rabbi Silver's great life of service will continue to honor his memory through deeds motivated by his teachings and example.

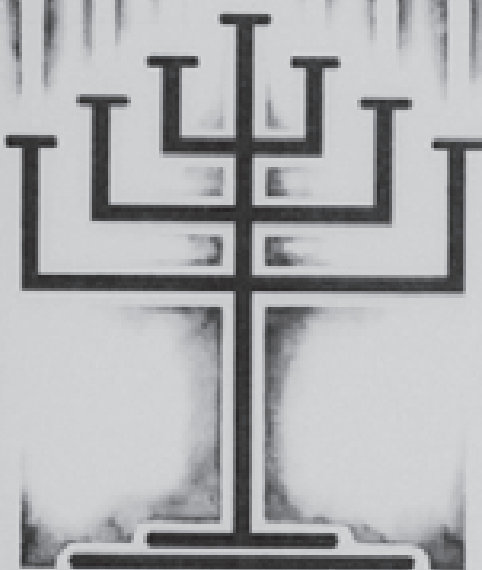
In reverent tribute to the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has recorded his name in its Founders Endowment Fund.

With renewed heartfelt sympathy,

Sincerely,

Dana Evans
Executive Director

Conno Living / Beatrice Hollander
President



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OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

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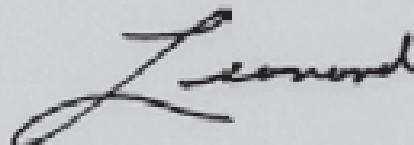
Dear Dan:

I want to convey to you my very deepest sympathy upon the death of your father. His loss to this community, to our country, and to Jews everywhere has been expressed in words much more eloquent than any I could use. Rather I would like to speak of the privilege I felt in being part of his congregation, in knowing him if only so slightly, of the inspiration he provided me. I, too, feel his loss as a very personal one.

But more than this my feelings are extended to you in the loss of a father. While you shared him with the world in many ways, this particular relationship was a very special one for you and your brother. I am sure you will cherish it for all of your years.

Shirl joins me in extending our condolences to you and your entire family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard".

Leonard Beal

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio



J. JACQUES STONE
P R E S I D E N T
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS
AND THE
JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY
828 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

December 3, 1963

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the officers, Executive Board and the members of the Federation, I wish to express our profound sorrow and extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on the death of your father.

He was one of the great religious leaders of our times, and his passing is mourned by millions of Americans of all faiths. He will long be remembered for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the Jewish people of every land. His vision of and his work for the establishment of Isreal has earned him a permanent place in Jewish history.

Sincerely yours,

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J. JACQUES STONE

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 3, 1963

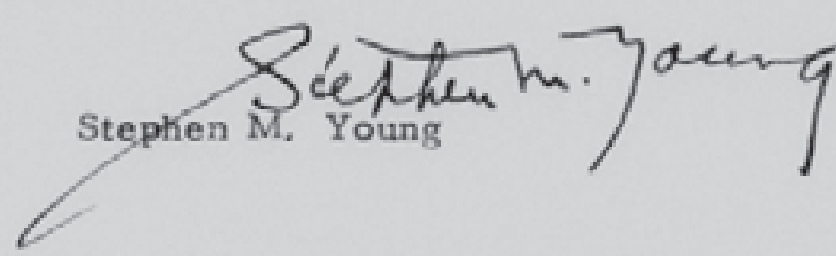
Dear Rabbi,

Your Father will be long remembered. He was truly a great man. I extend my sincere sympathy to your Mother, to you and to all members of your family.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a wonderful man in every respect - a great humanitarian, a tremendously effective spiritual leader, a world renowned statesman and a warm personable friend.

Earlier today in the Senate Chamber I made some brief remarks regarding your Father, and embodied as a part of my remarks the memorial sermon that he had prepared on the death of our late great President, John F. Kennedy. I shall of course send on to you marked copies of today's Congressional Record.

Very sincerely, your friend,


Stephen M. Young

Rabbi Daniel Silver
2841 Weybridge Road
Cleveland, Ohio

ELIAHU BEN-HORIN

639 WEST END AVENUE

NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

ENDICOTT 2-8589

December 3, 1963

Dear Mrs Silver:

I cannot find words
to express the sense of loss.
All I can say is to wish you
and your sons all the strength
you need at this hour.

Sincerely yours
E. Ben-Horin



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, I rise to offer my tribute to the memory of an outstanding American whose death is mourned by men of good will of all religious persuasions throughout our land and in all countries of the world which value freedom, peace, justice.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was far more than a leader and driving force of his temple in Cleveland for more than 45 years. He truly belonged to the entire Nation.

Rabbi Silver, of the fifth generation of rabbis, with a son who also is a rabbi, was in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets. His voice sounded strong and clear, with the passion of an Amos, when injustice was being done to Jew or Protestant or Catholic or Muslim.

He was unafraid to speak his mind when duty called. Great orator and scholar that he was, he devoted all his talents in behalf of those who were culturally or economically deprived. Freedom was his passion and his passion for justice and peace was as well known here in the Nation's Capital as it was to those who needed his help in his childhood home of New York City or in any other part of our Nation.

Many here remember well Rabbi Silver's voice, as he said special prayers at the inauguration of President Eisenhower. Many of us here remember the kindness, the thoughtfulness, the humor, and the gentleness of the man who died on Thursday at four score and ten years.

He belonged to all of us, whatever our political or our religious affiliation. He feared not to stand up and be counted and to speak his mind. So had the admiration and respect of all men who believe in peace, justice, and brotherhood.

Rabbi Silver today is mourned, not alone by us, but by all men who know that the preservation of liberty is a never-ending task.

Our hearts go out to his family and I offer my deepest sympathy to them in their bereavement.

To his congregation, to those all over the world to whom his labors meant so much, his death removes a noble champion and a friend.



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House of Representatives

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Psalm 84: 11: No good thing will the Lord withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Thou who art the source of every needed blessing, we beseech Thee to clarify our minds and cleanse our hearts as we face the duties and responsibilities of this day.

Show us how we may strengthen and safeguard the freedom and integrity of our Republic and make her truly great.

May we be assured that Thy continued favor toward us is to be found in obeying Thy will and in following Thy leading.

Fill us with a longing to hasten the dawning of that glorious day when all nations shall be united in the bonds of brotherhood.

Grant that in times of peril and danger we may sustain one another and in times of suffering and sorrow may we minister to one another's needs.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

SENDING TO CONFERENCE INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 8747) making appropriations for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, and for other purposes, with amendments of the Senate thereto, disagree to the amendments of the Senate, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas? The Chair hears none, and appoints the following conferees: Messrs. THOMAS, EVINS, CANNON, OSTERTAG, and JONAS.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following Members failed to answer to their names:

[Roll No. 214]

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| Abele | Gibbons | Pepper |
| Ashbrook | Gill | Powell |
| Ashley | Glenn | Rivers, Alaska |
| Barry | Hall | Rohlsen |
| Becker | Harsha | Roosevelt |
| Bennett, Mich. | Hooven | Roush |
| Bolling | Jennings | St. Ouge |
| Bolton | Johansen | Selden |
| Oliver P. | Kelly | Senner |
| Brooks | Keogh | Shelley |
| Byrnes, Wis. | Kilburn | Sheppard |
| Cameron | Lindsay | Siler |
| Celler | Long, La. | Teague, Tex. |
| Chelf | McLeskey | Thompson, N.J. |
| Colmer | Mailliard | Thompson, Tex. |
| Curtis | Matsumaga | Trimble |
| Dawson | Milliken | Tupper |
| Diggs | Monagan | Van Pelt |
| Dowdy | Moss | Whalley |
| Dulski | Murphy, N.Y. | White |
| Evins | O'Brien, Ill. | Widnall |
| Fraser | Pasman | Winstead |

The SPEAKER. On this rollcall 367 Members have answered to their names, a quorum.

By unanimous consent, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 6518, AN ACT TO IMPROVE, STRENGTHEN AND ACCELERATE PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT OF AIR POLLUTION

Mr. ROBERTS of Alabama, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 6518) entitled "an act to improve, strengthen, and accelerate programs for the prevention and abatement of air pollution," with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama? The Chair hears none, and appoints the following conferees: Messrs. HARRIS, ROBERTS of Alabama, RHODES of Pennsylvania, O'BRIEN of New York, ROGERS of Texas, BENNETT of Michigan, SCHENCK, NELSEN, and BROTHMAN.

AGREEING TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 134, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SEAT BELTS SOLD OR SHIPPED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE FOR USE IN MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL MEET CERTAIN SAFETY STANDARDS

Mr. ROBERTS of Alabama, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's desk the bill (H.R. 134), an act to provide that seat belts sold or shipped in interstate commerce for use in motor vehicles shall meet certain safety standards, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Page 1, line 5, strike out "vehicles" and insert "vehicles other than those of carriers subject to safety regulations under part II of the Interstate Commerce".

Page 2, line 11, after "Whoever" insert "knowingly and willfully".

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, will the gentleman from Alabama kindly explain if there are any fundamental changes or just what is involved in the Senate amendments?

Mr. ROBERTS of Alabama, Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARENDS. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. ROBERTS of Alabama. I would say to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois that in my opinion these amendments improve the bill. They take from the operation of the bill those carriers who have to qualify with the ICC and

on governmental powers set by our Constitution.

This is an ennobling concept, yet like many things noble and beautiful, it has certain frailties and we seem quick now to crush it. We crush out the individuality of our political beliefs and, by this process of high-speed sorting and classifying of Americans, automate our choice of courses and sterilize our explorations of the reasons why.

REBELLION NOT PROVINCIAL

Some might suggest that my rebellion against this process is a show of the provincial Texan in me. I would disagree. Texans are independent and individual, but not the monopolists of these virtues that we sometimes suppose ourselves to be. The traits are American in origin and, fortunately for the Republic, are deposited quite widely, not part of certain regional boards. Thus, I believe it is the American in me—even more than the Texan—that now reacts so strongly against the merging of the individual American into the mass in the name of dogma.

I realize, as I say this, that others might point to the Senate where I serve—and where I am, in fact, a designated leader of the majority party—and suggest that the example there of a two-party, two-philosophy system contradicts or is in conflict with this thesis. The opposite is so. Had I not been privileged to serve in Congress, I might never have come to hold the respect for individuality of philosophy that I do.

The very purpose of Congress, in our governmental form, is to arrive at national decisions by bringing together some 531 individuals, representing 170 million individuals, to achieve a consent on the way the Nation should go. Were we bound by rigid dogmas, whatever their name, there would be no more cause for assembling Congress than for bringing the Soviet Presidium together. We are not so bound, and it is part—a great part—of my own philosophy that the Congress reaches a very dubious decision when its choices are made solely by head counts of the partisan division.

TENETS OF BELIEFS

This leads to a listing of the tenets of my own beliefs, the specific tenets of my own philosophy. I would set them down this way:

First, I believe every American has something to say and, under our system, a right to an audience.

Second, I believe there is always a national answer to each national problem, and, believing this, I do not believe that there are necessarily two sides to every question.

Third, I regard achievement of the full potential of our resources—physical, human, and otherwise—to be the highest purpose of governmental policies next to the protection of those rights we regard as inalienable.

Fourth, I regard waste as the continuing enemy of our society and the prevention of waste—waste of resources, waste of lives, or waste of opportunity—to be the most dynamic of the responsibilities of our Government.

These tenets, I concede, are simple. They are certainly personal. For these are not tenets I have embraced or adopted but rather, beliefs I have—over 50 years—developed and come to follow from my own experience.

MAY SEEM IDEALISTIC

In the instance of the first listed, I realize that—in these times—the notion that each American has something to say and the right to an audience may seem excessively idealistic. I do not believe that is so, either in principle or in practice.

I am reminded always in my work at Washington of my own origins. I was born to the hill country of Texas, a remote region then, still remote today, although less so. My neighbors, friends, and relatives there live independently, self-contained if not self-sufficient.

They are distant from many national is-

sues, yet neither their distance nor their limited information on any given subject makes them any less a party to the national decisions we reach in the Halls of Congress. Knowing the folks at Johnson City and Blanco and Stonewall and Iye as I do, I know that it would be much more difficult for me to secure a unanimous agreement among them than among the Senators in Washington. Yet, in this individuality, my neighbors—or the constituency of all of Texas—are not different from Americans everywhere. There is likely to be merit in the views of the minority, quite as much as there is wisdom in the views of the majority. We have, as I see it, an obligation to seek out that merit, if it is there, and not merely to content ourselves with obliging the majority; for the majority's wisdom—however wise—is never the sum of all wisdom.

What we do, too often now, is oblige our patience with expedients. To grant audiences to 170 million Americans would be exhausting. So we make our divisions, our classifications, and our cross-classifications which permit us to forgo the listening and the searching we ought to do. Trouble compounds when, having made our divisions on one basis, we extend the application to other issues and other decisions. Here we adopt in our American political philosophy the pattern not of philosophy but of cults devoted to dogma, and we construct false equations which produce false answers.

This equation process is much a part of our party systems, and contributes to the myth of the concept that "there are two sides to every question." True, there are two parties. That is not the same as two sides. But, by maintaining the two-side concept, we satisfy our consciences—again as a matter of convenience—that when a partisan majority has prevailed there is no need to examine either the majority's side or the minority's side again. Our reasoning is that, since there are two sides, either side would have been acceptable, and hence the answer decided by political strength does not require closer scrutiny.

I think otherwise. This popular view is, I feel, very much counter to our American philosophy based on the thinking of men like Jefferson and Madison. I do not believe we have arrived at an answer until we have found the national answer, the answer all reasonable men can agree upon, and our work is not done until that answer is found—even if the process requires years of our lives.

ALLOWED FOR GROWTH

Here fits the third tenet of my philosophy—and the fourth. Had America been bound by the Constitutional Convention to the philosophies of the 18th century—and by the limits of the wisdom and vision of those times—we would not have the Nation that is ours today. Our rising greatness through more than 180 years has come from our freedom to apply our accumulating knowledge to the processes of our self-government. Or, to state it another way, this has come because America's course has been left to the living. Thus, the 18th-century philosophy of our Constitution has allowed for growth so that it is still strong, still good for our 20th century.

Our Nation, like all nations, is possessed of certain resources—resources of nature, resources of position, and resources of the human mind. Without conquest or aggrandizement, we cannot add to these basics. Thus whatever we are to be we must build from those things at our disposal, and to content ourselves with less than the ultimate potential is to deny our heritage and our duty.

Obviously, having come from a land like Texas, I feel this strongly. Of all endeavors on which I have worked in public life, I am proudest of the accomplishments in developing the Lower Colorado River during the 1930's and 1940's. It is not the damming of

the stream or the harnessing of the floods in which I take pride, but, rather, in the ending of the waste of the region.

OBLIGATION ON GOVERNMENT

The region—so unproductive and insignificant in capacity in my youth—is now a vital part of the national economy and potential. More important, the wastage of human resources in the whole region has been reduced. New horizons have been opened for the fulfillment of young minds, if by nothing more than the advent of electricity into rural homes. Men and women have been released from the waste of drudgery and toil against the unyielding rock of the Texas hills. This is fulfillment of the true responsibility of Government.

Conversely, the elimination of waste of this sort carries with it a continuing obligation for Government—at all levels—not to create waste itself by extracting from the people the fruits of their new opportunities through improvident excesses in spending and taxing. This is an increasingly critical area for American Government, but one to which we sometimes apply false standards.

Government can waste the people's resources by inertia, quite as much as by vigor. Government can, for example, fall into a state of complacency over the relative positions of strength between nations in the world. An international stalemate with communism would, I believe, be the greatest waste of American resources and the resources of freedom even though stalemate produced no war. A vital government cannot accept stalemate in any area—foreign or domestic. It must seek the national interest solution, vigorously and courageously and confidently.

These tenets are the tenets of my political philosophy.

POSITIONS ON ISSUES

Some who equate personal philosophies with popular dogmas might inquire, endlessly, as to my position on this issue or that issue or some other. Philosophies, as I conceive them at least, are not made of answers to issues, but of approaches more enduring and encompassing than that. By these approaches I have set down, I can seek and, I believe, find answers to the issues of 1958 or 1978, as they arise.

By personal choice, I am a Democrat, for I can in that party best apply and express my beliefs.

As for being anything else, the definitions of what I am will have to be applied by others as they see fit for I make no such distinctions myself.

I am, as I said in the beginning, a free man, an American, a U.S. Senator, and a Democrat, in that order, and there, for me, the classifying stops.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a great and revered humanitarian, author, teacher, and internationally respected statesman, passed away on Friday, November 29. Rabbi Silver was for 46 years spiritual leader of Cleveland's The Temple, the largest Reformed Jewish congregation in the United States.

The loss of this wise and good man is mourned by people of all faiths, not only in Cleveland where we were privileged to count him among our outstanding citizens, but throughout the country and around the world. Abba Hillel Silver belonged not only to The Temple and to Cleveland, he belonged to the world—and particularly to world Jewry—a world whose tragic dimensions are still incomprehensible two decades after the

Nazi genocide. Rabbi Silver was a man of ideals and action, possessing a strong and burning social conscience which lit the hearts and minds of all men.

The descendant of three generations of rabbis, Rabbi Silver was born on January 28, 1893, in Lithuania, and came to New York with his family in 1901. Upon receiving his doctor of divinity degree in 1918—having completed a 9-year course in 4 years—he took up his first ministry in Wheeling, W. Va. He came to the temple in Cleveland 3 days after the close of World War I, at age 24.

During his almost half a century of service in Cleveland, he gave unceasingly of his wisdom, his vision, his conscience and his heart to all people. His interests were legion and his good works were felt on both the national and international scene.

Rabbi Silver was one of the leaders in founding the State of Israel. As a fervent spokesman for the Zionist cause, he took his case to the leaders of the world. On May 8, 1948, Rabbi Silver pleaded the case for Jewish rights in Palestine before the United Nations General Assembly. One week later the State of Israel was proclaimed. Having seen his dream of a Jewish homeland fulfilled, Rabbi Silver turned quickly to other problems on the international scene. More recently, he devoted much of his efforts toward strengthening the United Nations and firmly chastized those neutralist nations who would seek temporary gain at the expense of the world organization.

The high ideals of this outstanding American also helped produce needed social action in America. Rabbi Silver made the cause of the working men and women his own. Back in 1911 he was appointed chairman of the Ohio Commission on Unemployment Insurance. I was privileged to serve with him on that commission. Under his leadership we wrote the first State unemployment insurance law in the Nation. This served as a model for other States. In addition, Rabbi Silver helped to defeat the open-shop policy in the 1920's and the more recent proposed right-to-work legislation. He was a tower of strength in the drive for social justice.

The recipient of many awards, including the 1958 human relations award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Rabbi Silver was honored by his many friends including our late great President John Kennedy only last year.

Abba Hillel Silver will be missed by all of us. I, personally, was honored to count him as a friend. The day before his death, Rabbi Silver worked on a memorial sermon on the death of our late great President John F. Kennedy. The sermon was never delivered. It was printed, however, in the Cleveland Press on Friday, November 29, 1963. In this, his last message to us, the warmth, the wisdom, and the keen insight of Rabbi Silver are everywhere apparent. I commend this sermon, "The Legacy of a President," to my colleagues and ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Record at this point as a part of my remarks.

There being no objection, the sermon was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

THE LEGACY OF A PRESIDENT—RABBI SILVER'S SERMON

I have reflected much these last few days on the nature of the universal sorrow which the whole world manifested at the tragic death of President Kennedy.

It was clearly neither formal nor perfunctory. At home and in faraway lands men mourned for him as for a lost brother, as if he were part of their own personal lives, who shared their innermost hopes, and felt their deepest needs.

People of all ages grieved for him, but especially the young. The personality of President Kennedy appealed especially to the youth of the world.

He was a young President and he spoke to the heart of young America and to all who had the hopeful heart of youth everywhere in the world. He was like a young eagle soaring high.

He did not belong to the category of the "tired old statesmen" who were caught and held fast in their weary routines, dreaming of worlds forever gone, the helpless agents of recurrent world disasters.

He was different. There was dawn in his outlook and spring in his call. His was the torch of a new vision.

TOO MANY OF US HAVE LOST OUR WAY

In his acceptance speech as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency, he declared: "Too many Americans have lost their way, their will, and their sense of historic purposes. It is time for a new generation of leadership—new men to cope with new problems and new opportunities."

And in his inaugural address, less than 3 years ago, he sounded a clarion call:

"Let the world go forth from this time and place to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans."

The new generation responded to his summons and challenge. Here, at last, was their true leader, their eloquent spokesman young in years and young in heart, ready to lead them in a new crusade and by the fire of a new faith build a new Jerusalem.

Where did President Kennedy find the torch which he declared would now be passed to a new generation of Americans, "a generation born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage?"

What was this ancient heritage? It was the heritage of the Founding Fathers and the torch was first kindled by them. To use the words of another martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, President Kennedy "returned to the fountain whose waters spring close by the blood of the Revolution."

He invoked the spirit which grows in the Declaration of Independence and in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States. He called upon his generation time and again as did Lincoln, whose loving and faithful disciple he proved to be, "to come back to the great landmarks of the Declaration of Independence."

APPLIED OLD IDEALS TO OUR NEW AGE

He applied the old ideals of our country to the grave problems and the menacing conditions of our new age, and they became even more luminous and more urgently relevant than when they were first promulgated.

An unbroken chain of fervent human aspirations binds the age of Washington, the age of Lincoln, and the age of Kennedy—the unrelenting struggles of men for larger freedom, for their basic human rights, for the dignity of man—"the self-evident truths"—"the unalienable rights."

If you lift up your eyes from the fresh

grave where President Kennedy now lies at rest, you will see not far away the stately Lincoln Memorial and beyond that the towering Washington Monument. More than mere optical vision embraces these oldest and newest of our national shrines.

A chord of sacred memory, of bounden faith and promise binds them indissolubly together. They represent our Nation's unbroken covenant which time and again is renewed for us by the blood of our martyrs.

I said a moment ago, that President Kennedy was young and that he appealed to the heart of young America, but he was also wise with the wisdom which man, not altogether wisely, associate with age. He had the ardor and enthusiasm of youth but not its inexperience.

HE HAD VISION AND FACED REALITY

He had vision but he was not a visionary. He was an urbane, thoughtful, cultured, well-informed human being, forceful in action but tactful and moderate in speech and manner.

He faced reality. He understood his world—its dangers, its knotted domestic and international problems, some often almost too difficult to unravel. He understood full well the limitations of his high office and his own personal powers to set all things aright.

He realized too that the powers and resources of our country, great as they were, were not unlimited, and that we could neither dictate to the world nor go it alone.

Absolute sovereignty no longer assures us of absolute security. He understood also the limits of military power. The basic problems facing the world today are not susceptible of a final military solution.

But these inevitable limitations and their attendant frustrations did not cause him to seek refuge in inaction. The wisdom of our sages seems to have guided him. "Thine is not the duty to complete the task but neither art thou free to desert from it."

In a dangerously poised world and with an awesome responsibility resting upon his shoulders, he moved cautiously, but he moved, he acted with deliberateness and circumspection but he acted. He failed—but he tried again. He would not permit himself to be angered, or disheartened, or goaded into quick reprisals. But neither was he ever deflected from his main purpose.

HE UNDERSTOOD ART OF COMPROMISE

He understood that the art of government was the art of compromise, but never on principles. He stood immovable as a rock when the basic principles of our Constitution or the basic rights of man were involved.

He was not doctrinaire. He knew how to bend as a tree bends before strong winds, but his roots always remained firmly set in the earth. He profited from his mistakes and those of his predecessors, as he did in the case of the Cuban fiasco early in his administration.

He saw clearly the five besetting dangers of our age. He had been summoned to lead our Nation in an hour of maximum danger, but with open eyes and a stout heart he confronted them.

"However close we sometimes seem to that dark and final abyss, let no man of peace and freedom despair. . . . If we can all persevere, if we can in every land . . . look beyond our own shores and ambitions, then surely the age will dawn in which the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved."

He faced the danger of the nuclear age. He, more than any of us, understood, because all sources of information were available to him, what a nuclear war would mean to mankind.

He built up the military strength of our Nation so that it might act as a deterrent to aggression and war. But while so engaged,

he explored every avenue to discover some basis of agreement whereby the dangers of a nuclear war might be lessened.

NUCLEAR TEST BAN GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

After many repeated trials and failures, he succeeded in arriving at an agreement with the Soviet Union on a nuclear test ban which banned nuclear tests everywhere except underground. It was an important achievement even though it was not a guarantee against nuclear war.

The next step and the next and the final step still remained; but the first step "back from the shadow of war" had to be taken and he took it.

He was opposed to an arms race with the Soviet Union though in the few brief years in office, he unfortunately could make no headway.

"It is . . . our intention to challenge the Soviet Union, not to an arms race, but to a peace race; to advance step by step, stage by stage, until general and complete disarmament has actually been achieved." He ardently pursued peace. In the speech which he was to deliver in Dallas the day he was assassinated, he declared:

"Our strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions—it will always be used in pursuit of peace. It will never be used to promote provocations—it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes."

President Kennedy tried to mitigate the bitterness of the cold war. He did not hate. In this he was far ahead of most of our people in whose midst hate now stalks like a dark apparition, like "a pestilence that walketh in darkness, or a destruction that wasteth at noonday."

URGED BOTH SIDES TO SEEK PEACE

He summed up his attitude in his inaugural address:

"To those nations who would make themselves our adversary, we offer not a pledge but a request; that both sides begin anew the quest for peace, before the dark powers of destruction unleashed by science engulf all humanity in planned or accidental self-destruction."

"So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate."

But he would not be imposed upon. When he saw a clear and present danger to the security of America he acted with a firmness and dispatch which astounded the world—as when he forced the Soviet Union to dismantle the long-range missile bases in Cuba.

When he felt that an unfair advantage was being taken of the American people, he again acted with startling forcefulness, as when he compelled the powerful steel companies of the United States to rescind their price increases after he had persuaded American labor to accept lower wage terms in order to avert national inflation.

He was not afraid to incur the momentary displeasure of his own people. He had courage and he admired courage. In his book, "Profiles in Courage," he showed how the courage of certain men in public life served America, even though at times it wrecked their own political careers.

LOOKED DEEPLY INTO HIS SOUL

"In whatever arena of life one may meet the challenge of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience—the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of his fellow men—each man must decide for himself the course he will follow."

"The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach. They can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For each man must look into his own soul."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy looked deeply into his own soul.

He saw the danger to the free world in the condition of misery, impoverishment, and backwardness of the underdeveloped countries of the world. Freedom, he knew, cannot thrive in an explosive resentful world which can find its relief from intolerable economic conditions only in revolution.

And so he developed an extensive program of aid to the depressed areas of the earth. He called into being the Alliance for Progress to help the peoples of Central and South America, to mobilize their own resources and energies to raise the standard of living of their people.

He created the Peace Corps, the most noble and beautiful act of his career. He inspired our youth to go to the far corners of the earth to serve without any expectation of monetary reward in order to bring help, guidance, and healing to the desperately needy of the world.

HE SAW DANGER IN BIGOTRY HERE

He saw the danger to our domestic peace and our free institutions in the indurate, century-old discrimination to which the Negro citizens of our country were being subjected and he acted with energy and courage in the face of violent resistance, calumny and personal abuse.

He was compelled to resort to action which was very distasteful to him when bigotry-blinded State Governors in Mississippi and Alabama defied the authority of the Supreme Court of the United States and by their shameless defiance sparked riots and acts of bombing and murder which shamed America in the eyes of the world.

But he was determined that full justice shall be done to the Negro and that the dark ages of segregation, disfranchisement and discrimination in employment shall end for them. He recommended a comprehensive bill on civil rights to the Congress of the United States. He declared:

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL SEEN AS TRIBUTE

"A rising tide of discontent . . . threatens the public safety . . . the events in Birmingham and elsewhere have so increased the cries for equality that no city or State or legislative body can prudently choose to ignore them."

"The result of continued Federal legislative inaction will continue. If not increase racial strife—causing the leadership of both sides to pass from the hands of reasonable and responsible men to the purveyors of hate and violence."

The sincerest tribute which the Congress of the United States can pay to the martyred President is to pass the civil rights bill now pending. It will be an everlasting memorial to him, even as the Emancipation Proclamation has been to Abraham Lincoln.

He saw the danger of inadequate education and training for the youth of our Nation for the new world into which they are moving. Our Nation needed more schools, colleges, and teachers. "Nearly half of our high school graduates," he declared, "lack either the funds or the facilities to attend college. The Nation cannot afford to maintain its Military Establishment and neglect its brain power."

He recommended bills to improve educational quality, and at the college level, to provide Federal loans for the construction of academic facilities and federally financed scholarships.

One can readily point to many other notable programs and activities of his Presidency. In all of them, he was whole, entire, of one piece, a dedicated servant of justice, fairness, freedom, and peace. He was not always successful. Success is not always the measure of greatness. He was not always in the right. What leader of men ever is?

LIFE WAS FULL OF NOBLE PURPOSE

Most of his work remains uncompleted, even as his life was uncompleted. At the close of every worthy career, much unfinished business remains. He dealt in national and world issues of such wide dimensions that they could not be settled even in a lifetime much longer than was granted him.

But the value of a masterpiece is not the size of the canvas and the glory of a song is not the length of its stanzas. A small pool of clear water may often reflect all the glories of the heavens.

Here was a life replete with the beauty of noble purposes and aspirations, which set in motion great enterprises rich in promise for our Nation and for the world. Here was the American tradition of malice toward none and charity for all embodied in an intrepid young leader who was tragically brought down in the soaring midflight of his resplendent career.

Here is high sorrow for all of us—but also high hope, hope that his life will inspire other lives—that our people will look to his example, his message, and his mission, and, in a chastened spirit, will forego the hate which turns brother against brother, and people against people, hope that they will resolutely persevere in the ways of progress and peace.

"Jonathan upon thy high places is slain,
"I am distressed for thee, my Jonathan."
How are the mighty fallen."

TRIBUTE TO JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Mr. RIBICOFF. Mr. President, in the last sad days many eulogies have been written and many people have spoken true and deeply deserved words about John Fitzgerald Kennedy. One of the most touching was a letter written by the assistant general manager of radio station WDRC in Hartford, Conn. When it was read over the air, the people of my State responded. Thousands of letters poured into the station, expressing agreement, and requesting a copy. These words are spoken from the heart—the heart of an American, who, as he puts it "will never be President—or even make local office." I ask unanimous consent that this letter be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

AN OPEN LETTER

DEAR MR. KENNEDY: Please forgive me for not writing sooner. I guess we've both been pretty busy, me running my everyday life, and you being President of the United States. It really was up to me to write first because you've been a lot busier than I have.

What I've wanted to do, though, is to thank you. Thank you for being my idea of what a President of this country should be. Now—don't go getting any ideas that I've always gone along with everything you've said or done. Some things, yes. Some things, no. After all, none of us is perfect. I know I can say this to you because you never got real mad and held a grudge about things like that. I guess that's why people found it pretty hard to get mad at you. Like I tell my kids. It's not always just what you do, but the way you do things, the way you treat people, that counts.

Speaking of kids, Mr. President, they're going to miss you. I know mine are. Oh, they're a little young and they really don't know what some of the important things about being President are. My daughter al-