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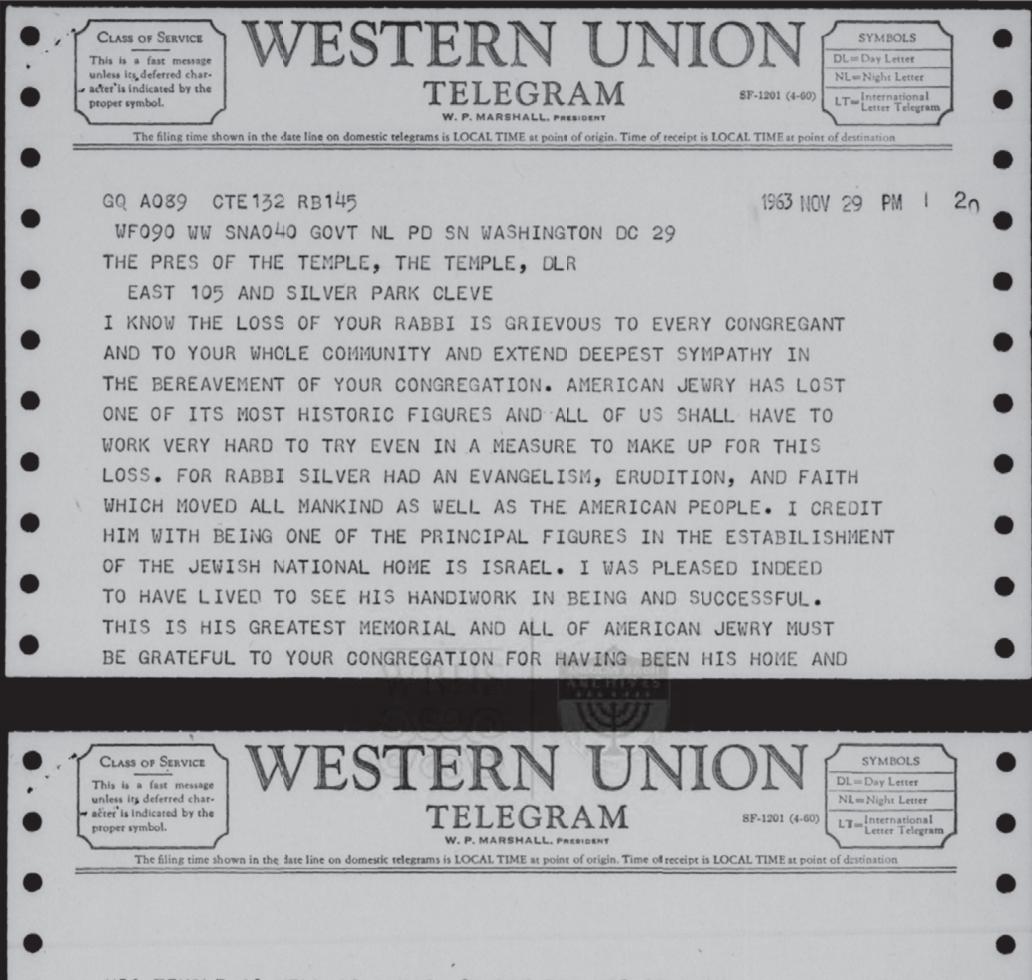
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November 29, 1963

Mr. Bertram J. Krohngold, President The Temple University Circle and Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Irving Levine Ohio Area Director

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

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

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

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

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

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

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours, Robert J. Blakesley

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November 29, 1963

Mr. Bertram J. Krohngold The Temple University Circle and Silver Park Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

On behalf of Mrs. Katz and myself, I want to extend to the Silver family and to the members of your congregation our deepest sympathy on the passing of your distinguished Rabbi and world Jewry's great leader.

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

May the Father of All console us in our bereavement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Irving I. Katz Executive Secretary

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Dear Friend,

Temple Sinai joins the world in lamenting the death of Dr. Silver.

He was our spokesman before the world.

29 Nov. 1963

He was our teacher. We are proud that we of this congregation once sponsored his appearance in our community.

His illustrious career shed light on our nation and our faith.

We rejoice in the midst of our grief that he witnesses the fruitage of so many of his efforts: the establishment of the State of Israel, his own congregation becoming one of the first religious institutions in the land, the spiritual uplift of our nation, his son joining with him in the ministry of his own congregation, his family flourishing and his faith thriving.

May we build a momument to his memory of living mitzvos reflecting the imperishable impress of his genius upon our age.

Please convey to Rabbi Daniel Silver and the other members of the family and to your congregation at large our profound sympathy on this deeply felt loss.

Yours sincerely,

ABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER



RABBI ABRAHAM I. SHINEDLING, D.D. 615 ALISO DRIVE, S.E. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

November 29, 1963.

Dear Sirs and Coreligionists: -

I read yesterday morning in the local Journal about the death, on Thursday, November 28, 1963, of my esteemed older colleague, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a former fellow student of mine at the Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati. In the midst of the general sadness and mourning involved in and evoked by the death of this notable and signal Jewish leader, scholar, and rabbi, I take this sad opportunity of adding my voice to the messages of condolence to your Congregation and to the family of the late Rabbi Silver, in sincerity and with a profound sense of loss to the cause of American Judaism and of American Jewry in general. I extend my most sincere and most particular condolences to Mrs. Silver.

I am wondering whether I may take this occasion to inform you -if you have not already heard -- that my recently published West Virginia Jewish history volumes, of which I enclose a Prospectus -- have reference in many places to Dr. Silver and to the two years -- 1915-1917 -which he spent and served in Wheeling, West Virginia, before he came to Tifereth Israel Congregation, in your city, in the latter year; and considerable amount of biographical material on this great American Jewish leader, my older colleague; as well as an earlier picture of

him, taken presumebly in 1915 or 1916, when he was still rabbi in the Wheeling congregation, Leshem Shomayim. It has occurred to me that sets of this volume (these volumes), one for your Temple Library, One for the family of Dr. Silver himself, and one for Western Reserve University, and also one for the Cleveland Public Library, would be fitting memorials to his memory and to his life and work.

Sincerely and sadly yours, Ababan I. Shinedler

(Dr.) Abraham I. Shinedling.



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November 29, 1963

Mr. Bertram Krohngold, President, The Temple, University Circle and Silver Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We of The Epworth Euclid Methodist Church were shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death yesterday of your Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and wish to extend to you and to all of the members of your congregation our heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement, and to express to you our sense of loss in his passing. Rabbi Silver was a great preacher, a great leader and a great man. We have been proud to have him as a neighbor and a co-worker in the development and cultivation of the religious and spiritual life of the University Circle area and of the numerous institutions and persons whose cultural and spiritual interests are centered in that area.

There has always been a most cordial relationship between our Church and your Temple and their respective spiritual leaders, which has been exemplified most notably in the past four years in the combined Thanksgiving Day Services of Worship held in the Church of the Covenant, your Temple and our Church in successive years, with most gratifying cooperation and helpful results for all three congregations. The last of these combined services was held on the very day of Rabbi Silver's death.

We know that you will greatly miss the inspiring leadership of Rabbi Silver, but we feel sure that the ranks will close up and your work will go forward without interruption or diminution in spiritual power.

Most sincerely yours,

I. W. Sharp, President of the Congregation of The Epworth Euclid Methodist Church

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Copy to The Reverend Bernard T. Lomas, c/o The Epworth Euclid Methodist Church, 1919 East 107th Street, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

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December 1, 1963

Board of Directors The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We share the great loss which you have sustained through the passing of your illustrious rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Together with American Asrael and Jewish communities throughout the world, we mourn the demise of this gifted leader, eloquent spokesman, and learned savant who is is hed his powers of mind, heart and scul in the best interests of his people and humankind.

May your concretation which has been spiritually guided by Abba Hillel Silver for more than four decades continue to be neurished and inspired by the spirit of his rich legacy and imposing personality.

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Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 2, 1963

Mr.Bertram J. Krohngold, President The Temple - Tifereth Israel 105th Street & Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Krohngold,

May I add my few words to those countless others who are bespeaking with great sorrow the passing of your beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Judaism will owe him an eternal debt of gratitude for what he has done in the establishment of our Homeland. When other leaders were discouraged as to its possibility, he was among the militant leaders who fought for its establishment and survival.

If there is any consolation you may find in this sad hour of bereavement, it is that in the fullness of his life, Abba Hillel Silver has left a monumental record of achievement--an inspiration for future generations to emulate.

On behalf of the Trustees of Temple Rodeph Sholom and myself, may I extend to you my heartfelt condolences. We feel deeply with you in this overwhelming loss.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER W. WEISMANN President

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December 4, 1963

Mr. Bertram J. Krohngold, President The Temple Silver Park at East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

The Executive Committee of Temple Emanu El, at its meeting last night, paused in memorial tribute to the great leader of our people and teacher of our community, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. We wish to convey to your Officers and Board; to Rabbi Daniel Silver, bereaved son and heir to this great heritage; and to all the sorrowing members of The Temple the deep sympathy of our entire congregation.

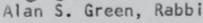
We cherish especially the way in which Rabbi Silver encouraged the formation of Temple Emanu El and the constant friendship and concern he showed to us. He personally attended and fostered the organizational meetings which started us on our journey and he loaned to our first Board the ablest leaders of your congregation. He preached to us in our early days and gave the cherished and never-to-be-forgotten address at the Community Dedication Service of our Sanctuary.

His name, beloved by world Jewry, will always hold a special affection and a special challenge to the members of Temple Emanu El.

Sincerely yours,

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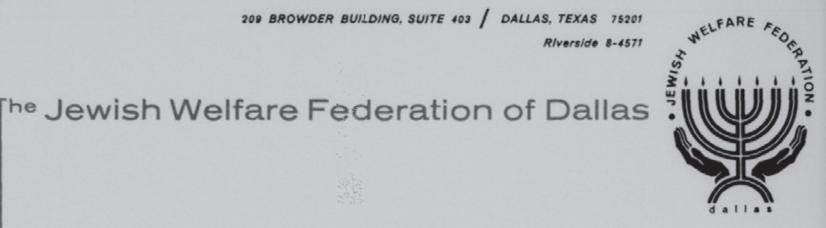
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December 4, 1963

The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: President

Dear Sir:

The Dallas Federation Board of Directors has asked that we transmit to you our deep sense of loss in the passing of your great spiritual leader Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

We of Dallas, and the Jews of the world, join with you in mourning the loss of a man who like Moses has been leading his people through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

Sadly, 1s Sig H. Badt, President

Jacob H. Kravitz, Executive Director

CC: Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver

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The City of Shaker Heights 3350 Lee Road Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

December 5, 1963

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Mr. Bertram J. Krohngold President The Temple University Circle at Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

Thank you very much for the check to the Shaker Heights Police Pension Fund.

In behalf of the Shaker Heights Police Department, may I extend our condolences to the Temple and the Silver Family. The Rabbi was held in the highest esteem by all members and we will treasure his memory.

Very truly yours, Carl & Longatuet

CARL R. LONGSTREET, Chief, Division of Police

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Congregation Sons of Israel

Sixth and Tilghman Streets Allentown, Pennsylvania

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Dec. 6, 1963

The Temple Tifereth Israel Association E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

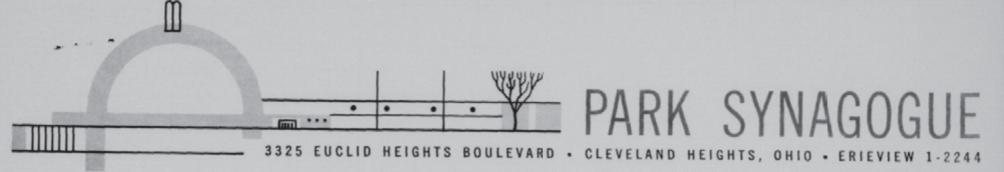
Our Congregation together with American Jewry and world Jewry was grieved by the irreprable loss of your leader Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Our sincere sentiments of sympathy.

As we understand it Rabbi Silver's last address was a eulogy in tribute of our late President Kennedy. I hear it was a masterpiece. I would very much like to receive a copy of his tribute.

Sincerely yours, En tothing Emanuel D. Rothenberg, Rabbi

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December 11, 1963

Mr. Bertram J. Krohngold, President The Temple Ansel Rd. at Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

We can find no suitable words to adequately convey to the congregation of The Temple our profound sympathy on the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

While this sorrow undoubtedly comes most poignantly to The Temple congregation whose crown of glory he was, it is shared in great measure by us and the members of our congregation because of the long and warm relationship between Rabbi Silver and the people and leaders of our synagogue.

May we express our heartfelt prayer that the leaders and the members of The Temple will find consolation and strength in the ministry of Rabbi Daniel Silver.

Most since rely

Philip J. Arnoff President

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December 12, 1963

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Mr. Bertram Krohngold, President The Temple University Circle at Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Bertram:

I have been out of the city almost constantly since hearing the tragic news of Dr. Silver's passing. On behalf of all of us here in the Ohio Valley Council, I do want to say that we, together with all Jewry, share an irreprable sense of loss. His memory and his work will serve as a lasting inspiration to generations of our people.

God strengthen you, your congregation, and all of us in our grief.

Very sincerely,

Charles N. mpints

Rabbi Charles D. Mintz

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

Dear Mr. Krohngold:

I don't know whether you recall me from Cleveland when I was associated with the Jewish Community Federation and later with Fairmont Temple, I am now Executive Director at University Synagogue in Los Angeles. I wanted to write a personal note, as well as to express for our congregation, our sympathies on the great loss to the Jewish community of beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. His personality profoundly touched Jewish communities all over, and I am sure it would be of interest to the Temple to kncw that our own congregation paid Memorial Tribute to Rabbi Silver and that we have had several sermons about him.

Will you please convey my personal regards to many people, both on staff and members of your congregation, to Leo Neumark, to Leo Bamberger (Executive Director), Miriam Miken, and so on.

There are many people from the City of Cleveland who belong to our congregation so that we feel a very close kinship. In many ways the distance across the country is very, very short.

Most cordially,

Léonard Goldhammer Executive Director

LG/ta

Dear Mr. Goldhammer:

This is to acknowledge your kind letter of sympathy in behalf of your congregation and yourself in the great loss of our late beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. We deeply appreciate your kind thoughts.

Indeed I do remember when you were in Cleveland. On my next visit to California, which may be very soon, I shall make it a point to look you up.

I have conveyed your regards to Leo Neumark, Leo Bamberger and Miriam Leikin.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Mr. Leonard Goldhammer Executive Director University Synagogue 11960 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles 49, California

Dear Rabbi Mintz:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I wish to thank you and the members of the Ohio Valley Council for your kind letter of December 12th and your expression of sympathy in the passing of our late beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Rabbi Charles D. Mintz Ohio Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations 1009 First National Bank Building Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Green:

We of the Temple, its Board of Trustees, Offices and Rabbi Daniel Silver appreciate the fact that The Executive Committee of Temple Emanu El paused during its meeting to pay tribute to our late beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

I also wish to take this means of thanking you and your congregation for your letter of December 4th and your very kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Rabbi Alan S. Green Temple Emanu El 2200 South Green Road Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Dear Mr. Dworin:

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In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you, Rabbi Arm and all the members of Congregation Ahavas Achim for your very kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Mr. Jonas Dworin, President Congregation Ahavas Achim 19190 Schaefer Highway Detroit 35, Michigan

Dear Mr. Weismann:

In behalf of the Temple, as well as myself, I wish to take this means of thanking you and the Board of Trustees of Temple Rodeph Sholom for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Mr. Walter W. Weismann President Congregation Rodeph Sholom Seven West Eighty-Third Street New York 24, New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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In behalf of The Temple, the Silver family and myself I wish to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

WRHS Sincerely yours, Bertram J. Krohngold

President

BJK:bfm

Rabbi Samuel M. Silver Temple Sinai Lakeside Drive at Interlaken Road Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Katz:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you and Mrs. Katz for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,



Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

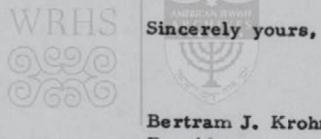
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Mr. Irving I. Katz Executive Secretary Congregation Beth El Woodward at Gladstone Detroit, Michigan 48202

Dear Reverend Blakesley:

Thank you for your very warm expression of sympathy and for your lovely words of tribute to our late beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

With all good wishes,



Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Reverend Robert I. Blakesley Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights Coventry and Weymouth Roads Cleveland, Ohio 44120

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Dear Mr. Arnoff:

In behalf of the Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen and the members of your congregation for your kind expression of sympathy.



Bertram J. Krohngold President

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Mr. Philip J. Arnoff, President Park Synagogue 3325 Euclid Avenue Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

My dear Senator Javits:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy. We were indeed fortunate to have had Rabbi Silver as our spiritual leader and our loss is very great.

With all good wishes,

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Very sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

The Honorable Jacob K. Javits The United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Levine:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you and the members of the Cleveland and Ohio Section of the American Jewish Committee for your kind expression of sympathy.



Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Mr. Irving Levine Ohio Area Director The American Jewish Committee 602 Chester-Ninth Building Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Guess:

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Temple, as well as myself, I want to take this means of conveying to Messrs. Matia - Calabrese - Corrigan -Mrs. Donnelly - Messrs. Feighan - Fuerst - Horvath -Krupansky - Mooney - Novak - Pokorny - Schinnerer -Stokes - Sweeney, and Taft our deep appreciation for the very beautiful tribute which you have paid to our late beloved Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in passing Resolution No. 114.

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bim

Mr. Carl Guess Clerk of the House of Representatives State of Ohio Columbus, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Rothenberg:

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In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you and the members of Congregation Sons of Israel for your kind expression of sympathy.

The eulogy which Rabbi Silver was to have delivered at the Temple was printed in the Cleveland Press and I am enclosing a copy herewith. I also thought you might like to have a copy of our bulletin which contained the tributes to Dr. Silver at his funeral service.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Rabbi Emanuel D. Rothenberg Congregation Sons of Israel Sixth and Tilghman Streets Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Badt:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you and the Jewish Welfare Federation of Dallas for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

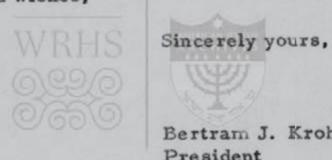
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Mr. Sig H. Badt, President The Jewish Welfare Federation 209 Browder Building, Suite 403 Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Longstreet:

In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I wish to thank you and the Shaker Heights Police Department for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,



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Bertram J. Krohngold President

BJK:bfm

Chief Carl R. Longstreet Division of Police The City of Shaker Heights 3350 Lea Road Shaker Meights, Ohio 44120

Dear Dr. Shinedling:

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In behalf of The Temple, as well as myself, I take this means of thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bertram J. Krohngold President

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Dr. Abraham I. Shinedlin 615 Aliso Drive, S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico