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Death of Abba Hillel Silver, Yahrzeit service, 1964.

August 24, 1964 The Honorable Avraham Harman Ambassador of the State of Israel Israel Embassy Washington, D. C. My dear Ambassador: On Sunday morning, November 29th, The Temple will commemorate my father's Yahrzeit. A worship service has been planned which will be followed by the dedication of the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Library and Archives. We are collecting here his addresses, sermons, correspondence, Zionist papers, etc., and these will be made available for research and for publication. It is our plan to have only one address given that morning, and our hope that it will be possible for you to deliver it. Dad, of course, will be the focus, but this is not the place for a second eulogy, rather for the underscoring of the accomplishment and the hope represented in Judaism, Zionism, and Israel. We would be honored by your presence, which I cannot but feel would be most fitting. Hoping that it will be possible for you to be with us, and with all good wishes for a healthy and happy New Year, I remain Most cordially yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS: Lg

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washington, D. C.

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202 - HU 3 - 4100 Haine
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26 August 1964

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th and your kind invitation to attend service in The Temple on November 29 on the occasion of your father's Yahrzeit.

I shall be pleased to attend the service and to make the address, as you suggest.

May I take this opportunity of extending to you, your mother and all members of your family my very best wishes for the New Year?

Sincerely yours,

Avraham Harman Ambassador

Mr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

November 3, 1964 The Honorable Avraham Harman Ambassador of the State of Israel Embassy of Israel Washington, D. C. My dear Ambassador: I am writing to you in regards to your visit with us on November 29th, on the occasion of the Yahrzeit memorial service for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. We should like to make your stay as pleasant as possible. Are your travel plans sufficiently complete so that we can organize to meet you at the airport and bring you to your hotel? A reservation has been made for you at the Wade Park Manor, a first class and lovely hotel just a block from The Temple. There will be a small luncheon for family and officers of The Temple after the service. It is our hope that you will be able to attend. We will see to it that you make your return flight in good time. Could you have one of your secretaries send on a photograph for publicity purposes, also a brief biographical curriculum. Needless to say, I am looking forward to your visit. Sincerely yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:1g

Reservation made Nov. 3, 1964 for suite at Wade Park manor. for Sat 11/28 HS

August 31, 1964 The Honorable Avraham Harman Ambassador of the State of Israel Embassy of Israel Washington, D. C. My dear Ambassador: Needless to say I am grateful that you will be with us on November 29th. Your presence and message will give the Yahrzeit service the meaning which it properly ought to have. Hotel accomodations will be made at the Wade Park Manor, a fine residential hotel just a block from here. If any members of your staff are coming with you we shall be pleased to have them as our guests. Again, my appreciation and my very best for a healthy and happy New Year. Most cordially yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:lg

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

1001 HURON ROAD

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

November 11, 1964

Dear Rabbi:

As requested by Mrs. Goldstein, I enclose glossy of Ambassador Avraham Harman. It certainly is a dated picture, but it is the only one we have in our files.

After speaking with Mrs. Goldstein, I found a mat of Mr. Harman. This seems to be of a more recent vintage and you may possibly be able to use it.

I would appreciate your returning the photo when you are finished with it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely

S. J. Jaffe

Encl.

November 11, 1964

Dear Esther and Sam:

As you undoubtedly know, there will be a Memorial Service in memory of Dad on Sunday morning, November 29th. Following the service there will be a quiet luncheon with Ambassador Harman at the Oakwood Club. It is my hope that you can join us. Will you be kind enough to respond here at The Temple?

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Friedman 19601 Van Aken Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio, 44120

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Mr. Edgar Hahn

Mr. Benesch

Mr. Weitz

Mrs. Jessie Furth - Aunt Jessie

Ambassador Harman My dear Ambassador:

November 13, 1964 Dear Elizabeth and Bill: As you undoubtedly know, there will be a Memorial Service in memory of Dad on Sunday morning, November 29th. Following the service there will be a quiet luncheon with Ambassador Harman at the Oakwood Club. It is my hope that you can join us. Will you be kind enough to respond here at The Temple? Sincerely yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER Mr. and Mrs. William C. Treuhaft 19200 Shaker Boulevard Cleveland 4, Ohio

From the desk of-

LEE GOLDSTEIN

Dear Rabbi Wan: Leo neumark suggester moiting Bill Trenhafit to the lunchen on Sunday nov 29th, because of his efforts in betall of the Dr. abba Hille Lilver chair at Reserve I think it is a good auggestion. Hope you concer. Will see you Tomorrow.

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William C. Trenhaft L Shaker Blod. 4, Ohio Cleveland Final Bill. Dear Eligib

November 16, 1964

Mr. Roy Adams, Religion Editor The Cleveland Plain Dealer 1801 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio, 44114

Dear Roy:

The Temple will hold a special service of tribute in memory of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on Sunday morning, November 29th. It will be held in the sanctuary at 10:30. The Honorable Avraham Harman, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States, will deliver the Memorial Address.

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Mr. Roy Adams -2-November 16, 1964 in Cleveland during the days of Red hysteria after the First World War. He was a champion of social and labor legislation and he was the author of the first unemployment insurance proposals submitted to the State Legislature in Ohio. A life-long Zionist, Dr. Silver assumed leadership of the Zionist movement during the crucial years immediately preceding the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, and was the spokesman of the Jewish Agency before that body. As Rabbi, he was among the foremost teachers and exponents of a vital and dynamic Jewish faith. He was the author of many books including, "Messianic Speculation in Israel, The World Crisis and Jewish Survival, " "Religion in a Changing World, " "Where Judaism Differed," "Moses and the Original Torah." In January of 1963 The Temple published in honor of Dr. Silver's Seventieth Birthday a Jubilee Volume, "In the Time of Harvest," which included a biography, a bibliography of his writings, and a fine selection of scholarly articles by the leading thinkers of the day. On Sunday, November 29th following the service of tribute, The Temple will dedicate the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Archives in memory of this beloved leader. The Archives rooms occupy a space immediately next to the present Temple Library. It is designed to house Dr. Silver's correspondence and files, his rich literary

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Ambassador Harman will be in New York on Saturday, November 28 and will come here directly.

He will leave LaGuardia Airport Saturday, Nov. 28, 4:15 p.m. via United Airlines Flight #439; arrive in Cleveland 5:38 p.m. expecting

(He is/to be met by someone from The Temple at the airport.)

Will leave Cleveland 5:40 p.m. Sunday via Allegheny Airlines Flight #736 (to Washington).

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mbassador Elight plans were changed 193/64.

November 17, 1964 The Honorable Avraham Harman Ambassador of the State of Israel Embassy of Israel Washington, D. C. My dear Ambassador: It will be my privilege to meet you upon your arrival in Cleveland on Saturday, November 28 on United Airlines Flight #439. I will take you to the Wade Park Manor, a lovely residential hotel near The Temple. I know that Mr. Krohngold, the President of The Temple, will be in touch with you, offering hospitality that evening. We will see that you are at the airport in good time to make your 5:40 flight to Washington Sunday afternoon .. Mother joins me in sending you our best. With all good wishes, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:bd air mail

November 20, 1964

Mrs. Marion Kelly Religion Editor The Heights Sun Papers 2156 Lee Road Cleveland, Ohio, 44118

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Mr. Arthur Weyne The Cleveland Jewish News 2108 Payne Avenue Cleveland, Ohio, 44114

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November 20 1 9 6 4

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your leter of November

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I look forward very much to being with

you in Cleveland on Saturday, November 28.

Kindest regards to your mother and

yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Avraham Harman Ambassador

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland. EMBASSY OF ISRAEL WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 23 1 9 6 4

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I regret very much indeed that something has arisen which will make it necessary for me to stay in New York this coming Saturday rather longer than I had originally intended. Accordingly I will now be leaving New York by United Airlines, Flight 389, arriving in Cleveland at 10.28 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Regina Medzini

for Avraham Harman Ambassador

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, University Circle at Silver Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

BARBARA DAVIS

For: Mr. Krohngold

Date: November 25, 1964

Subject: List of Those Who Will Attend the Luncheon

for Ambassador Harman, November 29, 1964

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Edsner	2
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neumark	2
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Luntz	
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Koblitz, J	2 1 2 1 2
Mr. Alfred Benesch	1
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Friedman	2
Mr. Edgar A. Hahn	1
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Givelber	2
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meldon	2
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Handelman	2
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gross	2
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Friedman	2
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Weitz	2
Rabbi and Mrs. Milton Matz	2 . 1 . 1
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THE TEMPLE

DLR UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SILVER PARK CLEVE
TO RABBI DANIEL JERMEY SILVER AND MOTHER AND FAMILY. SORRY
WE CANNOT BE WITH YOU THIS MORNING TO PAY OUR RESPECTS IN MEMORY
OF YOUR FATHER THE LATE RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
MR AND MRS ABE SCHOEN 844 UHLER RD MARION OHIO.

December 1, 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schoen 844 Uhler Road Marion, Ohio My dear Mr. and Mrs. Schoen: Thank you for your considerate telegram. It was much appreciated. We held a beautiful service of tribute on Sunday. Mother was most grateful for your note. Sincerely, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:bd

file 11/29/64 y. of Di.S. December 1, 1964 The Honorable Avraham Harman Ambassador of the State of Israel Embassy of Israel Washington, D. C. My dear Ambassador: I am so very grateful to you for your presence here Sunday and for the spirit which you gave our entire service. It was a tribute of which Dad would have approved. You were generous of yourself and of your office. I hope that you will send on some indication of your expenses. You should be receiving in the near future a token of our gratitude. Sincerely yours, DANIEL JEREMY SILVER DJS:bd air mail * check for \$55. mailed

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 17 1 9 6 4

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am overwhelmed by your kindness in sending me the four volumes of drawings which are really a delight. It was so unexpected and, as they say, "you really shouldn't have done it".

I really mean that, but now that you have done it, you have given me and the family very great pleasure.

Sincerely,

Avraham Harman Ambassador

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

AVRAHAM HARMAN

Ambassador of Israel

Mr. Avraham Harman, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, was born in London, England, in 1914. After completing his secondary schooling in that city, he graduated in law from the University of Oxford in 1936.

In 1938 Mr. Harman settled in Israel (then Palestine) where he entered the service of the Jewish Agency.

In 1948, Mr. Harman was appointed Deputy Director of the Israel Government Press Office and, in July, 1949, he was appointed Israel's first Consul General in Montreal, Quebec. He was transferred to the United States in October, 1950, as Director of the Israel Office of Information and, concurrently, as counselor to the Delegation of Israel to the United Nations.

In 1953, Mr. Harman was appointed Consul General of Israel in New York and served in this capacity until 1955. Upon his return to Israel in that year, he was appointed Assistant Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem.

In 1956, he was elected a Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, a position he held until his appointment as Ambassador of Israel to the United States in June, 1959.

Mr. Harman is married and has three children. (His wife, Mrs. Zena Harman, served as Director of the International Organizations Division in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem until Mr. Harman's appointment as Ambassador to Washington.)