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Death of Abba Hillel Silver, memorial service, 1966.

August 10, 1966

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
The Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford 7, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Feldman:

On Sunday morning, November 27, we will hold our third annual memorial service in Dad's memory. It has been our practice to invite one who shared his interests and loyalties to speak to us not so much in memorial as of the future of Jewish life and the needs of our Jewish community. I should very much like to invite you to occupy the pulpit that morning to speak on whatever theme of concern is uppermost in your mind.

Our service begins at 10:30 a.m. and we use the daily service of the Union Prayer Book which allows us some thirty-five to forty minutes for a lecture. You will find a large and alert congregation and one most receptive to hear from one of Dad's life-long companions in service to the Jewish people.

We will, of course, defray all your expenses and be happy to make available any honorarium which you propose. I would personally consider it a privilege to introduce you to The Temple and I hope it will be possible for you to be with us.

With all good wishes for the coming year I remain,

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm



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OFFICE OF THE RABBI
ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, D.D.
701 FARMINGTON AVE.
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. 06119

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August 15, 1966

Dr. Daniel Jeremy Silver
The Temple
University Circle & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

My dear Daniel:

I feel honored by your warm invitation to share in the annual Memorial Service for your dad. I accept your invitation and, God willing, will be with you on that occasion.

Sometime later in the season (perhaps when the airlines strike is over), I shall look into the matter of transportation and time of arrival. The likelihood is that I will come on Saturday, November 26. However, there is ample time to consider that.

I hope that you are having a pleasant summer and with fondest greetings for you and yours, and for your precious mother, in which Mrs. Feldman joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

AJF/scb

August 19, 1966

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
The Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, Connecticut 06119

Dear Dr. Feldman:

Needless to say I am delighted that you will be with us on the 26th of November. May I simply emphasize that we try very hard to keep this service from being a heavy and heart-rendering one. The emphasis is on life rather than on Dad.

We will make reservations for you at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, a lovely residential hotel just one block from The Temple.

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send on a glossy and your curriculum vitae so that we can prepare the appropriate publicity.

Mother joins me in sending our love and our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

OCTOBER 27, 1966

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THE PHOTO OF
Rabbi ABRAHAM FELDMAN

PLEASE RUSH.

MARGARITE G. MIHOK
SECRETARY TO Rabbi SILVER



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October 27, 1966

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman
Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06119

Dear Doctor Feldman:



It is getting time to begin announcing your visit on November 27th. I wonder if you could send down the title of your sermon. We are looking forward to your visit and as soon as you can tell us your schedule we will try and arrange the proper hospitality. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE REV. DR. ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL - HARTFORD, CONN.

HONORARY DEGREES: D.D. (Hebrew Union College): S.T.D. (Trinity College):
LL.D. (Hillyer College): D.Mus. (Hartt College of Music).

Past President - Alumni Association, Hebrew Union College (1945-46)
Past President - Central Conference of American Rabbis (1947-49)
Past President - Synagogue Council of America (1955-57)
Past President - Hartford Rotary Club (1957-58)

Member, Board of Regents, University of Hartford
~~Member, Board of Lecturers Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge~~
Member, Board of Trustees of Hartt College of Music, Hartford
Member, Executive Board of the American Jewish Committee
Member, Board of Directors, Hebrew Home for the Aged, Hartford
Member, Board of Directors of Mount Sinai Hospital of Hartford
Member, Board of Trustees Hartford Jewish Community Center
Member, Board of Directors Hartford Jewish Federation
Former Chairman of Conn. Advisory Committee of U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Chaplain, Connecticut State Guard with rank of Colonel, (Ret.)
Chaplain, United States Veterans Hospital, Newington, Conn.
Member Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF & AM (1964-65)
Jewish Chaplain, Connecticut State Police

Mission to Hawaii on Behalf of Department of Defense (1950)
Mission to Far East on Behalf of the Department of Defense (1954)
Received Achievement Award in Religion, Phi Epsilon Psi National Fraternity (1959)
Recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal, 1956, and Honor Certificate in
1958 from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Recipient of Americanism and Civic Award, from the Connecticut Valley Council
of B'nai B'rith, 1955.

Recipient of Citizens Award, as the Greater Hartford Citizen of the Year,
from the Jewish War Veterans, Laurel Post No. 45, 1954.

1964 - Awarded the Charter Oak Leadership Medal by the Greater Hartford Chamber
of Commerce "In Dedication to the Cause of Freedom, Liberty and
Leadership."

Member of Honorary Executive Committee for the John F. Kennedy Library
Alumni Lecturer - Hebrew Union College, 1940

Visiting Professor of Homiletics - Hebrew Union College - (Cincinnati) 1958
Visiting Professor of Homiletics - Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of
Religion (New York) 1959

Distinguished Alumni Professor - Hebrew Union College, (Cincinnati) 1962

1965- Recipient of Distinguished Services Award from B'nai B'rith

Editor - The Connecticut Jewish Ledger (weekly)

Editor of "Sermons by Z. H. Masliansky"

Contributor of Universal Jewish Encyclopedia

Contributor to The 20th Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge

AUTHOR: "A Companion to the Bible" "Sources of Jewish Inspiration"
"A Rabbi and His Early Ministry" "100 Closing Benedictions"
"The American Jew" "Mourners Service"
"Confirmation" "The American Reform Rabbi:
"Faith of a Liberal Jew" A Profile of a Profession"
"Reform Judaism - A Guide" and many other volumes.

"Choice Passages In The Holy Scriptures - A Teacher's Guide"

1966 - Recipient of the "Vigilant Patriot Award" from
the All-American Conference to Combat Communism
at Washington, D.C.

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THURSDAY - OCT. 27

1- What shall we key note
From his 'historical' background
For the Bulletin AND NEWS -
PAPER Publicity?

~~2- WRITE TO INQUIRE OF
TITLE OF HIS SERMON, PLEASE~~

THANK YOU,

Marge

abbi Abraham J. Feldman, D.D.

Temple Beth Israel

701 Farmington Avenue

West Hartford 7, Connecticut





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November 4, 1966

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

Dear Daniel:

I have been struggling with a title of the sermon I am to preach in your pulpit on November 27. The best I could do is the following: "WHAT KIND OF RELIGION IS JUDAISM?". I hope it may be acceptable.

At this moment, I can not give you the exact time of arrival but I know that I will not get to Cleveland much before eleven o'clock Saturday night. A wedding here, the son of some close friends of mine is being married Saturday night at six o'clock. They understand that I will have to leave immediately after the ceremony, and I will make the earliest plane that I can for Cleveland. As matters stand at present, I shall not be in a rush to get away on Sunday. It may be that before this letter is typed, I shall have the exact schedule. If not, I shall inform you during the coming week.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

*NOTE:
Have made reservation
@ Wade Park Manor -
marge
AJF:es*

November 16, 1966

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

Dear Roy:

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Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

P.S. Roy, this is an important occasion to us and I trust that you will not let it get lost in the Thanksgiving material - it deserves being high-lighted and not buried in the long column of Jewish activities for the week.

November 16, 1966

Mr. Jack Hume
Religion Editor
The Cleveland Press
E. 9th & Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Jack:

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November 16, 1966

Miss Bernice Green
The Cleveland Jewish News
2801 Payne Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Green:

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The Sun Press & Messenger
2156 Lee Road
Cleveland, Ohio

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Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgn

November 22, 1966

Mrs. Rose Claire
672 Brentwood Drive
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Claire:

I am most grateful to you for accommodating Rabbi Weiner's presence at The Temple this Sunday. I know it was done at some inconvenience. We had the unfortunate experience of having our guest, Rabbi Feldman, be hospitalized just before this Special Memorial Service on the Yahrzeit of my father. There was really no place to turn except to Rabbi Weiner who, as you know, has been editing Dr. Silver's addresses and sermons and writings for publication.

With many thanks,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

November 22, 1966

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman
Congregation Beth Israel
701 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06119

Dear Dr. Feldman:

I trust that by now you are well on the way to recovery. I was shocked to hear of your hospitalization. I am most grateful to Nathan who called me right away.

Herb Weiner, who has been editing Dad's publication, will substitute. With all good wishes, I remain,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
DJS:mgm

November 22, 1966

Mr. Jack Hume
Religious Editor
Cleveland Press

Dear Jack:

Here is information about Sunday.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Herbert Weiner. He will speak at the Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Service which will be held at 10:30 on Sunday, November 27th. Rabbi Weiner will speak on the subject "A Portrait of the Rabbi." This will be a word picture of his thought of Dr. Silver as he has confronted it during his reading as Editor of The Selected Sermons, Addresses and Writings of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The first volume of this anthology entitled "Therefore Choose Life" will be published in January by World Publishing Company. Rabbi Weiner is spiritual head of Temple Israel of South Orange, New Jersey and an author of note.

I presume I need not add any material on Dr. Silver. This Sunday marks the third anniversary of his funeral. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rvf



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November 25, 1966

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

Dear Daniel:

You will never know how sorry I was that I could not keep my commitment with you and your people this Sunday.

Some four weeks ago, I suddenly had a gall bladder attack (I never had any trouble before). After the acute stage was over, xrays were taken and indicated that I had a quarry of little stones in the gall bladder. Four doctors examined the pictures, studied them, and decided that I was likely to get other attacks, that these attacks would come unannounced and in the strangest places and that the stones should be removed. We set a date of December 13 to have this operation. By that time, I would have been past most of the extra curricular commitments which I had. But on Thursday afternoon, November 17, while at work at my desk at the Temple, I got another attack and within an hour it was decided that surgery would be required that night or the following day.

So, here I am. The surgery has been successful and the doctors think I shall be able to go home some time next week and after a couple of weeks of convalescence at home, I would go on a two week Caribbean cruise which ought to bring me back in the pink.

I am grateful for your understanding and hope that I may have the opportunity at some future date to keep my engagement with you.

With every good wish for you and your dear mother, I am, as ever

Yours,

Abraham J. Feldman
Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

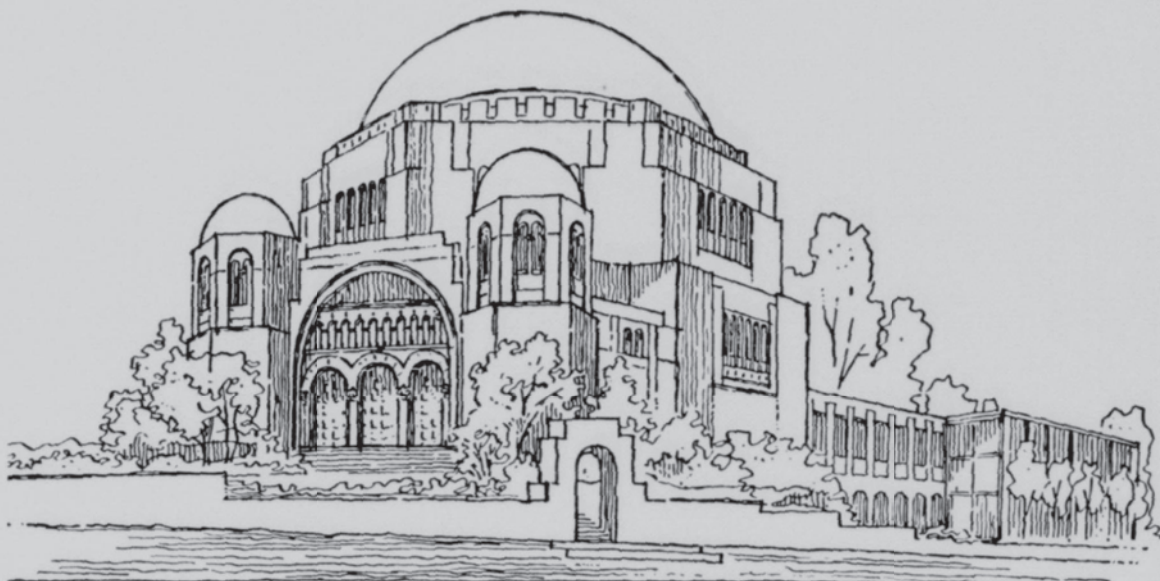
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THIS SUNDAY MORNING — FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Early in 1967 World Publishing Company will bring out the first volume of *The Selected Sermons, Addresses and Writings of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver*. This first volume will contain some forty addresses reflecting Dr. Silver's religious philosophy and his understanding of the uniqueness of Judaism, and is entitled, *Therefore Choose Life*. It includes a biography by Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof and a general introduction and notes by the Editor, Rabbi Herbert Weiner.

In order to select the proper material for this series of four volumes, Rabbi Weiner, who is our pulpit guest this Sunday, has spent a good part of the last eighteen months reading and reviewing the entire sermonic legacy of Dr. Silver. In the process of this work he has had a unique opportunity to judge and assess the thought and the teaching of Dr. Silver and it is the fruit of this reading which he will share with us this Sunday morning.

Rabbi Weiner is Rabbi of Temple Israel in South Orange, New Jersey. He is a fine preacher whom many had the pleasure of hearing during our February seminar last year. We are pleased that he can share his appreciation of Dr. Silver with us at our Memorial Service.

Daniel Jeremy Silver

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, November 27, 1966
10:30 o'clock

WRHS



RABBI HERBERT WEINER

of Temple Israel, South Orange, New Jersey
Editor of "Selected Sermons, Addresses, and Writings
of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver"

will speak on

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- Thursday, November 24 — Joint Thanksgiving Service at The Church of the Covenant
- Sunday, November 27 — Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Service
- Tuesday, November 29 — Temple Women's Association—Tuesday Activities

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