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# Rabbi Silver Dies; Led Fight for Israel

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Dead at 71

PHOTO BY FRANK F. FORD

## Stricken as He and Family Sit Down for Dinner

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a towering spirit and force in world Jewry and a leader in the Zionist movement for almost half a century, died suddenly yesterday.

Rabbi Silver, who was 70, apparently suffered a heart attack just as he and his family were sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner in his home at 19410 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights.

He was rushed to Lakeside Hospital of University Hospitals, where the end came at 3:40 p.m. He had had no previous history of heart trouble.

RABBI SILVER was taken to the hospital in the family car after complaining of a shortness of breath and a tightening in his chest. Accompanying him were his wife, Virginia H., and his two sons, Rabbi Daniel J. and Raphael D.

"He was conscious," said Raphael Silver, "and he even chatted with us. This was totally unexpected. He had been in the best of health."

Ironically, Rabbi Silver was to have delivered a eulogy Sunday for the late President John F. Kennedy. It was to have been given at The Temple, E. 105th Street and Adel Road N.E., where he had been spiritual leader for more than 45 years.

**FUNERAL SERVICES** for Rabbi Silver will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. in The Temple—a place of worship that is considered one of the esthetic masterpieces of 20th century architecture. It was built under his guidance, and its congregation is one of the most influential in America.

Burial will be in Mayfield Cemetery, The Cleveland

Leaders mourn death of  
Rabbi Silver. Page 11

Temple Memorial funeral home, 8937 Euclid Avenue, is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Abba Hillel Silver Educational and Charitable Foundation. The family also requests that friends refrain from telephoning or visiting the home until after the funeral.

RABBI SILVER'S honors and accomplishments were endless, but he was perhaps best known as one of the principal architects and shapers of the modern state of Israel. In appearance, he had the manner and bearing of an Old Testament prophet, and his enormous rolling voice was overpowering.

Rabbi Silver was born in Melnshtadt, Schirwindt, Lithuania, on Jan. 28, 1893. He was the son of Rabbi Moses Silver, who represented the family's third consecutive generation of ordained rabbis.

In June 1902, the Silver family came to this country and settled in New York, where Moses Silver became a teacher in a Hebrew school. In 1904, when he was 11, Abba Silver and a group of friends established the Herzl Zion Club, a group that espoused the Zionist beliefs of Dr. Theodore Herzl.

**THIS WAS AMERICA'S** first Hebrew-speaking Zionist organization.

In 1911, Abba Silver was graduated from Townsend

Harris High School. He then entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. At the same time he attended the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated from both in 1915, completing the nine-year rabbinical program in just four years.

From 1915 to 1917, Rabbi Silver was spiritual leader of the Koff Street Temple (Congregation L'Shem Shamayim) in Wheeling, W. Va. In 1917 he served with American troops in France and won the French decoration, Officier de l'Instruction Publique.

In 1917 Rabbi Silver was appointed rabbi of The Temple (Congregation Tifereth Israel), and began the leadership of this congregation that was terminated only by his death. His son, Daniel J., has been associate rabbi since 1956.

IN THE 1920's, Rabbi Silver's stature as a spiritual and moral figure in American life began to grow. His liberal views gave him national prominence, and his unrelenting Zionism made him an influence in world affairs.

In 1925, Rabbi Silver received the degree of doctor of divinity from Hebrew Union College. This was just a year after the present Temple was dedicated. Built at a cost of \$1.3 million, it has become one of Cleveland's best-known landmarks.

Rabbi Silver's liberal views in the 1920s involved him in a number of controversies in Cleveland. Perhaps the most noted was his resignation from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce over what he called its "anti-union" policies. Later, as a member of a special state commission, he helped draft Ohio's first unemployment insurance law.

His break with the Chamber of Commerce came because of what he called its espousal of the open shop. His constituency on this matter was illustrated more than 30 years later, when he vehemently opposed the "right-to-work" constitutional amendment defeated by Ohio voters in 1958.

**THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT**, which sought the establishment of independent Israel, had one of its most eloquent spokesmen and persistent activists in Rabbi Silver. In 1920, he addressed the international Zionist conference in London, sharing the platform with such notables as Lord

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Balfour, author of the 1917 Balfour declaration for an Israeli nation, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel. Later, he was identified with an American Zionist movement led by Louis D. Brandeis, the late Supreme Court justice.

From 1924 through 1932, Rabbi Silver was president of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education, and from 1933 through 1941 he headed the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation.

With the advent of the 1930s, Rabbi Silver devoted much of his energy to the formation of

## 'Father Hillel'

The late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's given names mean "Father Hillel." He was named after a revered teacher who lived at about the time of the birth of Christ and spoke Judaism's version of the Golden Rule.

It reads: "That which is hateful to you, do not do unto your fellow man. That is the whole of the law. All else is commentary."

anti-Nazi groups. He organized a boycott of German goods at a time when some Jewish leaders feared such a move was extreme.

IN 1942, Rabbi Silver took part in a historic conference of American Jewry in New York City. At this conference, a definite program was adopted, defining for once and for all the establishment of an independent Israel as the principal aim of Zionism.

In 1943, Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise formed the American Zionist Emergency Council, which brought the Israel statehood question before the U. S. Congress. Although resolutions favoring Israel statehood failed to pass Congress, they were included in the 1944 platforms of both major parties.

Late in 1944, the American Zionist Emergency Council was split into two camps called the "Silver activists" and the "Wise moderates," and Rabbi Silver resigned. But in July, 1945, he was recalled to chairmanship of this group, and in 1945-46 he headed the Zionist Organization of America.

IN DECEMBER, 1945, Congress finally passed a resolution favoring a "Jewish national home" and a "democratic commonwealth" in Palestine.

In 1946, at the 22d world Zionist congress in Basel, Switzerland, Rabbi Silver led an activist faction against a group of moderates headed by Weizmann. The congress upheld Rabbi Silver's position, and this has been commonly given as the reason for Great Britain's decision to bring the issue before the United Nations in 1947. The British were at that time the administrators of Palestine.

Rabbi Silver presented the Zionists case before the UN

in 1947 and 1948, and on May 14, 1948, the state of Israel was officially proclaimed.

IN THE LAST YEARS of his life, Rabbi Silver received hundreds of honors, awards and citations. He received honorary degrees from Western Reserve University (1928), Hebrew Union College (1941), the University of Tampa (1951), and Dropsie College, a Jewish institution in Philadelphia (1957).

His awards include the National Service Award of Phi Epsilon Pi (1948), the B'rith Shalom Award (1948), the Cardozo Memorial Award of Tau Epsilon Rho (1949), the Award of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans (1951), the award of Merit of Zeta Beta Tau (1953), the Charles E. Sennman Award of the Jewish Community Federation (1957), and the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (1958).

IN 1953, he was one of three religious leaders chosen to deliver prayers at the first inauguration of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In the 1956 presidential campaign, the Republican vice presidential nominee, Henry Cabot Lodge, was Rabbi Silver's house guest on a Cleveland visit.

On Jan. 30, 1963, more than 2,000 persons gathered in Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland to honor Rabbi Silver on his 70th birthday. "It's good to grow old among the people I love," he told them.

Rabbi Silver wrote a number of books. They were: "A History of Messianic Speculation in Israel From the First Through the Seventeenth Centuries" (1927), "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" (1938), "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" (1941), "Vision and Victory" (1949), "Where Judaism Differed: An Inquiry into the Distinctiveness of Judaism" (1956), and "Moses and the Original Torah" (1961).

Besides his wife (the former Virginia Horkheimer, whom he married in 1923) and the two sons, Rabbi Silver is survived by a brother, Maxwell, of New York; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Mallow and Mrs. Bessie Liebow, both of New York, and six grandchildren.



Rabbi Silver chats with Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko at a United Nations meeting in 1948—the year of the birth of the state of Israel. Rabbi Silver was one of the chief American proponents of the new nation.

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## RABBI SILVER DIES; A LEADING ZIONIST

Advocate of a Jewish State  
Headed Reform Temple

By The Associated Press  
CLEVELAND, Nov. 28—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a leader in Jewish affairs for almost half a century, died of a heart attack today. He was 70 years old.

Rabbi Silver had waged an untiring battle for the establishment of the state of Israel for many years and won an international reputation for his lifelong leadership in the world Zionist movement.

Last January he was honored at a dinner here by state and national welfare officials, including Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, President Kennedy, former President Eisenhower and Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel were among many world leaders who sent messages.

The bespectacled rabbi had dark, piercing eyes, a lively sense of humor and an almost incredible grasp of facts.

His sermons were prepared with painstaking care and research, and his New Year's sermons on the state of the nation and the world were almost civic institutions.

Rabbi Silver was born in Lithuania, the son of a rabbi. He came to this country at the age of 8 and grew up on New York's Lower East Side.

Surviving are his widow, Virginia, and two sons, Daniel, a rabbi, and Raphael.

A funeral service will be held at The Temple, the Reform congregation he led for 45 years, at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Burial will be in Mayfield Cemetery.

### The People Listened

When Rabbi Silver climbed into the pulpit to speak about Jewish needs and the Zionist cause, he was a dominant and magnetic figure. His deep, booming voice filled large synagogues and small temples, and when he stood erect, he was more than 6 feet tall and his gray hair, flecked with black, glistened as he shook his head for emphasis.

He had a reputation as a brilliant orator and a keen administrator and negotiator, but his main attribute, many said, was the fact that when he spoke people listened.

His ardent adherence to Zionism dated to early childhood. As a teen-ager, he became a member of the Herzl Zion Club on the Lower East Side, one of the earliest boys' groups in the American Zionist movement. The club was named after Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism who devoted his life to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

It was in these early surroundings, marked by the presentation of plays in Hebrew and animated debates on the role of Zionism, that he first began exhibiting his oratorical gifts. As a young man, he began attending Zionist meetings and came into contact with many Zionist leaders.

Dr. Silver was a controversial and highly feared figure in political Zionism, differing sharply with Zionist leaders on ideology and methods in relationship to the goal of Jewish statehood.

### Champion of Zionism

Time and again—with an almost around-the-clock unswerving perseverance—he championed the cause of Zionism. He lashed out at the British Administration in Palestine for its policies concerning the Jews. He played one of the major roles in getting resolutions favoring the new state of Israel through both houses of Congress.

His efforts in behalf of the Zionist cause reached a climax on May 8, 1947, when, as chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine he presented the case before a committee of inquiry of the United Nations for the establishment of Israel as a nation. And when, in the late afternoon of Nov. 29, 1947, the partition plan was voted by the United Nations, he broke down and cried in the United Nations waiting room and uttered a prayer of gratitude in Hebrew.

### Headed Major Groups

Over the years, he had served as president of the Zionist Organization of America, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and headed other Zionist groups. He played a dominant role in the fund-raising activities of the United Jewish Appeal, and served as chairman of the board of the Israel Bond Organization.

Apart from his Zionist activities, he was an early champion of the rights of organized labor, and was one of the first advocates in this country of unemployment insurance. He framed the first unemployment insurance legislation in Ohio, and served as a member of the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He helped found in Cleveland the first Community Fund in the country and mediated many labor-management disputes.

Rabbi Silver derived immense pleasure from companionship,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

enjoyed good food, and laughed long and heartily at a good joke. He was an omnivorous reader who managed to crowd reading into his journeys in behalf of Jewish needs.

Among his many friends in high public office were the late Senator Robert A. Taft and President Eisenhower. Rabbi Silver was a member of the Republican party, and delivered a special prayer at the inauguration of President Eisenhower.

Colleagues gave him the name "Jewish Atlas" because of his untiring efforts in behalf of Zionism and because he bore what they described as "his people's woes on his shoulders."

### Headed Reform Organization

He also was recognized as a spiritual leader — as rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, one of the largest Reform congregations in the country, a post he held for more than 40 years—and for his scholarly religious writings.

Rabbi Silver, who was born in Neinstadt, Lithuania, came to this country with his family in 1902. He represented the fifth generation of rabbis in his family. His son, Daniel, is also a rabbi.

He attended the Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati simultaneously. He was graduated from both institutions in 1915, and was ordained a rabbi that year. His first pulpit was the Eff Street Temple, Wheeling, W. Va. In 1917 he was called to Cleveland as rabbi of The Temple.

In World War I, the United States sent him to France on a special mission for which he was decorated with the title Officier de l'Instruction Publique by the French Government.

The publication of his book, "Messianic Speculations in Israel," in 1927, earned for him high recognition as a theological scholar. This book was followed by "Democratic Impulse in Jewish History," "Religion in a Changing World," "World Crisis and Jewish Survival" and "Vision and Victory." He was also the recipient of several honorary degrees in recognition of his scholarship.

Rabbi Silver received many honors during his long career, the most recent being the Louis D. Brandeis Award of the American Zionist Council.

He was a leading figure in the work of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College—the main centers of American Reform Judaism.

# Rabbi Silver Spoke Out Plainly on Top Issues

For 45 years, on nearly 1,000 Sundays, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver spoke his mind in sermons delivered at The Temple.

There would be no announcement. Suddenly, a somber, white-haired man in formal dress would walk slowly to the rostrum, seize it, not look at anyone and, as silence became heavy, begin to talk.

AT FIRST it was whispered: "As I look about me and see what is happening to our proud and lofty civilization

"Then, in a crescendo: "I wonder whether the terror and judgment of God have not finally come upon (us) . . ."

And finally, the peroration, in an anguished, shattering voice: "The idols which we have worshiped, the idols of

silver and gold, of power and greed, of pride and prestige, of weapons and armaments, are finally driving us, cowering, into the holes of the earth, like primitive man into his cave."

Rabbi Silver delivered that sermon two autumns ago, at the time of the build-a-shelter boom. The sermon is one of dozens collected in "In the

Time of Harvest," a book dedicated to Rabbi Silver on the occasion of his 70th birthday last January. He delivered 800 Sunday sermons.

THE SETTING for the sermons was perfect. Above him was the high Byzantine dome of The Temple. In front of him were the austere walls, copiously embellished — and his listeners, often including

many Gentiles. By their coming they said something enduring about the speaker.

He roamed the desert and the seas; he never ducked an issue or bandied words.

Why was he a Zionist? "... simply, just simply, because I am a Jew" (1930). Why was he opposed to religion in the public schools? "There are other agencies which can, which ought to assume this responsibility. Millions of dollars have been spent by churches upon their Sabbath schools. Why have these Sabbath schools failed to do their duty? And if they have failed, why should the public school now be saddled with their failure?" (1924).

A CATHOLIC President in the White House? "It occurs to me that the simplest answer . . . might well be: 'Why not?' " (1939).

Red scare? "I refuse to be stampeded . . . If (capitalism) cannot or does not wish to solve (its) problems, it will be superseded by socialism. There is no particular calamity involved in that" (1931).

Always at the core of Rabbi Silver's beliefs was the idea that "we do the important things in life, not because we ought to do them . . . but because we have to do them. It is not our fine logic that determines our major attitudes. It is our background, our emotions and our sentiments."

HE ONCE DEFINED the liberal's creed as follows: "We believe in man, in his slow ascendant progress; in the autonomy of his spirit and in the primacy of his claims . . ."

He opposed the so-called right-to-work laws because the principle behind them would weaken a "strong labor movement (which) not only protects workers against exploitation but, at the same time, will save capitalism and free enterprise from those very abuses which ultimately destroy it" (1958).

The rabbi opposed McCarthyism because it swung wildly, without regard for individual rights. "We must ask ourselves what it is that we want to suppress, and why we want to suppress it, and whether the suppression will ultimately serve the best interests of our free and democratic America" (1950).

The common weal and mankind's betterment were two of his chief concerns.



Rabbi Silver and a son, Daniel J., associate rabbi of The Temple.

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# Leaders Mourn Passing of Rabbi Silver

Leaders in government, religious and business life in Cleveland and the nation mourned the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, yesterday. Below are some of their comments:

**ABRAHAM HARMAN**, Israeli ambassador to the United States — "The death of Rabbi Silver is a grievous blow. Only a few months ago he and Mrs. Silver were in Israel where his 70th birthday was celebrated by the whole country.

"For many decades he was the outstanding spokesman of the ideal of the Jewish renaissance in Israel. He was the spokesman of this ideal before the United Nations in 1947. We in Israel count him as one of the architects of our freedom. His death is an incalculable loss which everyone in Israel will mourn."

**ARCHBISHOP EDWARD F. HOBAN** of the Cleveland Roman Catholic Diocese — "In my own name and on behalf of the entire Catholic diocese of Cleveland, I express deep and sincere grief over the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. God's law has ever been a lantern to his feet and a light to his path. He walked in His way. His love for God was reflected in word and example so that in every good sense he was a true teacher of Israel who drew others to God.

"We are confident that the heavenly father waits expectantly to reward him for his goodness. All of us will miss his inspiring leadership; his charity was the bond of brotherhood, the foundation of peace, the mainstay in security of unity which will abide with us always, eternal with God in the kingdom of heaven."

**RT. REV. NELSON M. BURROUGHS**, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio — "In Dr. Silver's death the nation has lost a giant of a spirit. He stood nobly in the prophetic tradition of his race. He could be counted on in every crisis to speak to the conscience of the nation and his words conveyed truth in the ultimate sense. He inspired nobility of character in others by his example. He was the patriarch of our religious community and a beloved companion. He walked beside us and yet he was always ahead of us."

**THOMAS VAIL**, publisher and editor of The Plain Dealer — "It was my good fortune to exchange thoughts with Rabbi Silver on numerous occasions. Rabbi Silver was one of the great liberal figures of his time. His mind and his presence were guiding forces in the establishment of the state of Israel.

"His deep and far reaching thoughts were important not only to the Jewish world in which he was a major figure, but were equally important to thinking men everywhere. He was a great humanitarian and lent worldwide distinction to the city of Cleveland where

he made his home and to which he contributed so much. Cleveland and the world will miss him."

**ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE**, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare — "Rabbi Silver devoted his life to the cause of justice. He fought bias and prejudice at every turn, consistently championing the cause of all men to be free from poverty and deprivation. I have lost a devoted friend, Cleveland a noted citizen, the world a great spiritual leader."

**RABBI PHILIP HOROWITZ**, spiritual leader of the B'rith Emeth Congregation — "Rabbi Silver was the truly great leader of this generation, who took the mantle of Stephen Wise and carried it proudly. He was truly the ranking clergyman of the world." (Stephen Wise was the founder of the American Jewish Congress, an early force in world Zionism and Jewish affairs.)

**REV. B. BRUCE WHITTEMORE**, executive director, Cleveland Area Church Federation — "Rabbi Silver has been greatly admired by the Protestant clergy and much respected for his leadership in the community. He was admired for his great intellectual ability as an author and a speaker, and for the leadership he provided for the Zionist movement in America. Unquestionably he was one of the great preachers of America."

**U.S. SEN. FRANK J. LAUSCHE**, D-Ohio — "Rabbi Silver was a spiritual and civic leader of tremendous influence. I know of no one who had a greater impact on the ethical, cultural and civic life of both the local and national community. I am saddened by his death. Throughout my whole private and public life he inspired and influenced me extraordinarily."

**RALPH S. LOCHER**, mayor of Cleveland — "Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a great world leader in areas that were spiritual and civic in nature. He fought for the causes which have benefited humanity; he was the great leader of Zionism. His loss will be felt throughout the world by men

**REV. JOHN BRUERE**, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church — "Rabbi Silver spoke to the social problems of his day as did the Old Testament prophets to theirs. He applied the eternal principles of religion to the ever-changing modern scene. He had the gift of the winged word that reached men's minds and hearts. He was courageous, indefatigable, blessed with a rare sense of humor, and never at a loss to give an honest answer to a question."

**I. E. FREIBERGER**, board chairman of the Forest City Publishing Co. and retired chairman of the board of the Cleveland Trust Co. — "I always had a tremendous admiration for Rabbi Silver. He was a man of international stature, participating in all undertakings for the good of the city and for the good of humanity. He was a great leader extending beyond the question of religion. I am very saddened by this shocking loss."

**SAMUEL H. SILBERT**, of the greatest of our time chief justice emeritus, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas counsel around the world as court — "Rabbi Silver was well as in Greater Cleveland." one of the great men of this world. I have had the privilege of listening to him many, many times and I have seen him many, many times and I have seen him in many stress conditions. He was always a master of thought and eloquence. He always said something extremely useful to humanity. America has lost one of its greatest citizens."

**DR. JOHN S. MILLIS**, president, Western Reserve University — "Rabbi Silver was one of the great spiritual leaders of Cleveland, of America and of the world. His deep scholarship and great spiritual leadership served as an example to men of all faiths."

**U.S. REP. CHARLES A. VANIK**, D-21 — "Rabbi Silver

has been a dedicated leader in the religious and civic community, a leader who has made an invaluable contribution to Cleveland and the nation. His loss will be grieved by men of all faiths."

**U.S. REP. WILLIAM A. MINSHALL JR.**, R-23 — "Rabbi Silver was one of the world's outstanding spiritual leaders and his loss is not only Cleveland's but the world's."

**U.S. REP. FRANCES P. BOLTON**, R-22 — "I don't know how to express my very deep regret and shock. For Rabbi Silver's family I offer my utmost sympathy."

**CURTIS LEE SMITH**, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce — "Rabbi Silver was a great spiritual leader in his own city and also a respected prophet throughout the free world. He carried a double burden with his skillful interpretation of Israel's problems and needs, in addition to his heavy schedule in Cleveland. His voice was one of the greatest of our time

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# Rabbi Silver, Statesman, Is Dead at 70

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who became a world statesman without portfolio in his 70 years, is dead today and leaves the world without one of its wise men.

For decades he had had the esteem of world leaders, had carried a liberal and effective banner in much of man's social progress, and had praised and scolded with a voice that was heard and heeded in the highest places.

Dr. Silver was with his family at his home, 19810 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights, yesterday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Just before dinner he became ill, with pains in his chest.

The family rushed him to Lakeside Hospital where he died at 3:40 p. m. of heart disease which had never manifested itself before.

HE HAD BEEN working on a commemorative sermon on President John F. Kennedy to deliver Sunday at The Temple. On Wednesday evening he was apparently in fine spirits and good health at a gathering of the Temple Men's Club.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Temple and burial will be in Mayfield Cemetery.

Rabbi Silver was both a man of high ideals and a man of action. He was a major leader in establishing Israel, for he remained firm when other Zionists and whole governments appeared to be faint-hearted.

HE WAS CALLED to the leadership of the Zionist movement in America in 1943 at age 50. He and Rabbi

Text of sermon Rabbi Silver intended to deliver Sunday is on Page D 2.

Stephen S. Wise formed the American Zionist Emergency Council, of which he was chairman.

In the midst of a great war, nations were compromising past pledges if those promises seemed to stand in the way of victory. The Allied powers did not agree on Palestine policy. Some leaders of Zionism were themselves unsure.

It was into a great political struggle on a world stage that Dr. Silver launched himself. He argued his cause before the heads of state and in the highest councils of war. The concept of a Jewish homeland did not become a casualty of war. On May 8, 1948, he addressed the United Nations Assembly on the justice of Zionism.

unions, and he remained a liberal friend of organized labor through his life.

HE WAS JUST as vigorous

in helping defeat the so-called Right-to-work legislation a few years ago as he was in defeating the Open Shop policy in the 1920's.

Dr. Silver was one of the earliest to warn against Hitler, detecting and speaking out against anti-Semitism. In this he joined with Samuel Untermyer, New York attorney, in organizing the anti-Nazi boycott movement.

Three months after World War I was declared he came to The Temple as rabbi. He was a great admirer of President Woodrow Wilson and believed in the Allied cause.

But he excoriated the peace treaty, which he said was without ideals, and began a lifelong fight for real peace. He deplored the enfeeblement of the League of Nations, and welcomed the United Nations with all his support.

IN 1961 he said: "The collapse of the United Nations would be followed, I am afraid, by a third world war."

He went on to chastise the neutralist nations, who, he said hold the balance of power but are misusing it.

"I'm afraid they've done very little to strengthen the United Nations, their greatest friend in this world when they are in need. They go after temporary advantages and overlook the great underpinning which this organization provides them, if its prestige grows."

In 1961 he also expressed his great impatience with world leaders relative to the cause of peace by suggesting that they "should be confined in a fall-out shelter in the bowels of the earth where the air is stifling and not be permitted to leave until a peace treaty banning nuclear wars is signed."

DR. SILVER was born Jan. 28, 1893 in Neinstadt, Lithuania. His father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather had been rabbis.

The family came to New York in 1901 and Dr. Silver attended New York public schools. He then went to Cincinnati, and simultaneously entered the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College.

In less than the usual time he received a bachelor of arts degree from the university and a doctor of divinity degree from the college.

His first pastorate was

the L'Shem Shamayin congregation in Wheeling, W. Va., and from there he came to The Temple, at age 24.

In his first 30 years at The Temple the membership grew from 750 to 1700 and it became the largest reform Jewish congregation in America.

HE WAS ONE of the prime movers in creating the Community Fund here, and at the same time became a leader in the parallel Jewish Community Federation, and became general chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund, for both of which he performed heroic deeds.

Rabbi Silver's intellectual labors produced several books. In 1927 it was "A History of Messianic Speculation in Israel From the First Through the Seventeenth Centuries;" 1928, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History;" 1941, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival;" 1949, "Vision and Victory;" 1956, "An Inquiry Into the Distinctiveness of Judaism;" and 1961, "Moses and the Original Torah."

HIS ACTIVITIES on behalf of his fellow man brought many awards and honors to him. Among them were honorary degrees from Western Reserve University, in 1928; the Hebrew Union College, his alma mater, in 1941; the University of Tampa in 1951; and Dropsie College, Philadelphia, a Jewish school, in 1957.

The National Service Award of Phil Epsilon Pi came to him in 1948; the B'Rith Shalom Award the same year; the Cardozo Memorial Award of Tau Epsilon Rho a year later; the Award of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans in 1951; and the Award of Merit of Zeta Beta Tau in 1953.

In 1957 he received the Charles Eisenman Award of the Jewish Community Federation, and in 1958 the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

DR. SILVER'S Zionist activities were performed from many organizational points of vantage. He was national chairman of the board of governors for State of Israel Bonds; former president of the Zionist Organization of America and honorary president; former chairman of the American Section, Jewish Agency for Palestine and chairman of the American Zionist Emigration Council.

He was co-chairman and chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, 1938 to '43 and was a director of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

The extent of his other activities can be glimpsed by a list of memberships and other responsibilities: member of the advisory committee of the American Birth Control League; charter member of the Ohio Race Betterment Assn.; National Child Labor Commission; member of Board, Cleveland Chapter, American Red Cross.

HE ALSO WAS a member of the Ohio Commission on Unemployment; he served as university preacher for Cornell, University of Chicago, Syracuse, Purdue and New York Universities and Harvard, where he also was Dupleian lecturer in 1940.

He was president of the Central Conference American Rabbis 1945-47 and Alumni Association of Hebrew Union College president 1945-47. He also was a member of the board of governors of Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

He also was national chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans and a member of the board of the Jewish Publishing Society of America.

In 1924 he married Miss Virginia Horkheimer of Wheeling. She and their two sons, Rabbi Daniel J., of the Temple, and Raphael D., survive him.

He also is survived by a brother, Maxwell; sisters, Mrs. Rose Matlew and Mrs. Bessie Liebow, all of New York, and six grandchildren.

## Jewish Federation Postpones Dinner

Because of Rabbi Silver's death, the 60th annual meeting of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed.

Rabbi Silver was to have made the presentation speech announcing the winner of the Charles Eisenman Award for distinguished community service.

A "People and Places in Israel" exhibit of six paintings and 43 drawings, which was to have opened Sunday in the Temple's museum, has been postponed because of Rabbi Silver's death.

# Tells of Rabbi's First—and Last—Sermons

By LOUIS B. SELTZER

At three o'clock Wednesday afternoon Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver called me.

"Louis, I am just finishing my sermon for the Temple Sunday morning," the world-famed rabbi said. "It is a tribute to President Kennedy. I wonder if you would do me the courtesy of reading it and then calling me. I will have it in your hands surely by Friday morning."

The sermon of one of this world's great thinkers, orators and religious leaders,

and a foremost and courageous commentator upon the unique social, economic, political and international problems with which our times have been continuously beset, was delivered in my hands, as Rabbi Silver wished. This last sermon of the rabbi's appears in full in *The Press* today on Page D-2.

This incident would not now be related except for a quite remarkable coincidence. This is it:

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver arrived in Cleveland from

Wheeling, W. Va., one day in 1917. He had served with the American troops in France. Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, and secretary of war in President Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, had told me about the young rabbi from Wheeling who was to take over one of America's foremost temples

"He is a very remarkable young man," Mr. Baker had told me. "He will be a great man some day."

On the day that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver arrived at the railroad station from Wheeling I met and interviewed him, a tall, piercing-eyed, black-haired man with bushy eyebrows and a twinkle in his eyes and a warmth around his lips.

Several days later I received a call—and this, of course, is the coincidence—from the new Temple rabbi.

"When we met upon my arrival in Cleveland you suggested that I might call upon you at any time for any reason," the rabbi said.

"I am doing so now. In my hands I have the draft of my first sermon from my new pulpit this coming Sunday. May I bring it or send it down to you? I wonder if you will do me the courtesy of reading it and then calling me."

It was, as might be imagined, an unusually good, perceptive, and, for his first sermon, both a tactful and yet a courageous one.

I called the rabbi. He was pleased.

Many times throughout the intervening years between Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's first day in Cleveland and his unexpected death on Thanksgiving Day—in those 46 years—the rabbi called. Not always to read a sermon, but not infrequently, in his friendly but forthright way, to "deliver" a sermon to me.

Rabbi Silver did not retreat. Rabbi Silver was always in the front line. He was a great student, a philosopher, a historian, an analyst of international trends and tides. He was a builder of a nation (Israel) to which he gave much of himself. In the pioneering days of courageously bringing about the partitioning from which Israel came into being.

It was my good fortune to spend many hours with Rabbi Silver, hours during which I listened to a very great and good man speak freely about this deeply distressed world and whence it might be going, and what was essential to put it on the right course when it seemed to be going off on a detour.

To have been privileged

to read his very first sermon in 1917 and then to be invited by him to read his very last sermon in 1963 is a circumstance upon which I shall forever speculate—but also a circumstance which will forever bind me spiritually to one of the greatest men I have ever known.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a great Cleveland leader. He was a great American. He was, also, one of the truly great citizens of our world in the 70 years he graced mankind with his presence, mind and spirit.



"TRULY GREAT CITIZEN," is the way Louis B. Seltzer, editor of *The Press*, described Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (left). With the late religious leader are Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine statesman, and Seltzer (right), in this photo taken at a National Conference of Christians and Jews meeting here in 1955.



AT OFFICIAL EVENTS Rabbi Silver was a familiar figure sitting with former Mayor Anthony Celebrezze, now U. S. welfare secretary.



FATHER AND SON who worked devotedly together as spiritual leaders of the Temple—Rabbi Abba Hillel and Daniel Jeremy Silver.



ONE OF COUNTLESS HONORS to Rabbi Silver, this album of new developments in Israel, was presented to Dr. Silver at Jerusalem in 1956 by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in recognition of the great Clevelanders leadership in world Jewry.



IN JERUSALEM in 1956 Rabbi Silver conferred with his long-time friend, then Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel.



A REFLECTIVE Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver sits beneath portrait of another Rabbi Silver—his father. Picture was taken in 1954.



# Rabbi Silver's Stature Shown in Comments

Clergymen, political, city and civic leaders joined sadly today in statements grieving the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

In their very words of sorrow they marked the stature of the great spiritual leader in the community and in the world:

**ARCHBISHOP** Edward F. Hoban of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese expressed "deep and sincere grief over the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver."

He added, "God's law has ever been a lantern to his feet and a light to his path. He walked in His way. His love for God was reflected in word and example so that in every good sense he was a true teacher of Israel who drew others to God."

"We are confident that the heavenly father waits expectantly to reward him for his goodness. All of us will miss his inspiring leadership. His charity was the bond of brotherhood, the foundation of peace, the mainstay in security of unity which will abide with us always, eternal with God in the kingdom of heaven."

**OHIO SEN.** Stephen M. Young said: "His death is a great loss to people of all faiths. He has been a moral and spiritual force for many years."

"Our friendship dates back to the time when we both served on the same committee while formulating the Ohio State Unemployment Compensation Law."

"He was a tower of strength in the drive for social justice . . ."

**BISHOP** Nelson M. Burroughs, Episcopal Diocese of Ohio: "We have all been shocked by Rabbi Silver's death coming so quickly after all our other shocks. We in the Episcopal Diocese feel very badly for he honored us last January at our convention and did us the unusual

honor of giving us the invocation. Rabbi Silver was in the prophetic tradition of his race and religion. He always spoke clearly to the conscience of the nation and the world. I shall miss him as a friend and companion."

**THE REV. B. BRUCE WHITTEMORE**, executive director of Cleveland Area Church Federation: "He certainly was the giant among religious leaders of Cleveland, in terms of national and international influence. And as such he was much respected and will be much missed by the Protestant community. We extend our sympathy to the family of Rabbi Silver."

**MAYOR LOCHET**: "Rabbi Silver was a giant among the spiritual leaders of the world. Humanity has lost an intelligent, articulate and compassionate spokesman for all men of good will everywhere. His death is mourned throughout the world, but especially here in Cleveland, where we feel the loss of his spiritual leadership and great warmth of personality."

**L. THURSTON FENDLETON**, president of Family Service Assn.: "Rabbi Silver served the Family Service Association of Cleveland continuously since 1918. He was a member of the board from 1918 to 1940 and has been a member of the advisory board since 1940. He was re-elected for another year on Wednesday."

"As a board member he helped guide the agency through its days of greatest change, from counseling limited to relief clients to counseling for all in the community with problems too difficult for ordinary solution, no matter what their financial status."

"He gave of himself to Family Service Association as generously as he did to so many other causes."

**WELFARE SECRETARY**

**Anthony J. Celebrezze**: "Rabbi Silver devoted his life to the cause of freedom and justice. He fought at every turn bias and prejudice, constantly championing the cause of all men to be free from poverty and deprivation. I have lost a devoted friend, Cleveland a noted citizen and the world a great spiritual leader."

**SEN. FRANK J. LAUSCHE**: "Rabbi Silver was a spiritual and civic leader of tremendous influence. I know of no one who had greater impact on the ethical, cultural and civic life of both the local and national community. I am saddened and stunned by his death. Throughout my private and public life he impressed and influenced me extraordinarily."

**APPELLATE JUDGE** Daniel H. Wasserman said, "The loss to world Jewry and to this community by the untimely death of Rabbi Silver is incalculable. To those of us who knew him well we have lost an irreplaceable friend. The memory of his good deeds stands like a monument for generations to come."

**PATRICK J. O'MALLEY**, president, and **SEBASTIAN LUPICA**, executive secretary of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor: "The labor movement of Cleveland mourns the passing of a great spiritual leader, outstanding in his field as a clergyman and a staunch supporter of human rights. He was an unselfish worker in civic and community affairs and a staunch friend of labor. The city, state, country and world have lost a great man."

**CONG. CHARLES A. VANK**: "In the passing of Rabbi Silver, Cleveland loses one of its most distinguished citizens. His great, wise mind was one of our finest community resources—laboring for humanity, the community and his faith. The tragic events of a difficult week

are sadly compounded."

**CONG. WILLIAM E. MINSHALL**: "We have lost a great spiritual leader. He was a great American. His loss will be felt everywhere."

## One Of Israel State Shapers

# Rabbi Silver, 70, Dies In Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the principal architects of the modern state of Israel and a leader in world Jewry for nearly 50 years, is dead.

He and his family were sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner in his home in suburban Shaker Heights Thursday when he complained of a shortness of breath and a tightening in his chest. He was taken to Lakeside Hospital, where he died of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday at the Temple, where he had been spiritual leader for more than 45 years.

### Took Part In Conference

Although his honors and accomplishments were numerous, Rabbi Silver, 70, perhaps was best known as one of the shapers of the state of Israel.

He took part in a historic conference of American Jewry in New York in 1942 at which a



RABBI A. H. SILVER Dies Of Heart Attack

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sented the Zionist case before the United Nations in 1947 and 1948 and on May 14, 1948, the state of Israel was officially proclaimed.

During the past 10 years, Rabbi Silver had received many honors, awards and citations, including the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1953.

### 2,000 Attended Dinner

More than 2,000 persons gathered at a testimonial dinner here last Jan. 20 to honor Rabbi

Silver on his 70th birthday. Among them were Anthony J. Celebrezze, a former Cleveland mayor who is now secretary of health, education and welfare.

He was born in Lithuania, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. His family came to this country when he was 2, and he grew up on New York's lower East Side.

Called the father of unemployment insurance in Ohio, Rabbi Silver persuaded the Consumer League of Ohio in 1922 to study unemployment and unemployment insurance. He later framed the first state legislation on unemployment insurance.

He helped found in Cleveland the first Community Fund in the country and also served as mediator in labor-management disputes. He was president of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education from 1924 through 1932 and headed the Cleveland Jewish Community Center from 1933 through 1941.

During the 1930s, Rabbi Silver devoted much of his energy to the formation of anti-Nazi groups.

He was the author of several books.



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ZIONISTS PLUNGED INTO MOURNING AT DEATH OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR. MAX NUSSBAUM, PRESIDENT OF ZOA, TERMS PASSING GREATEST LOSS SUFFERED

BY JEWISH PEOPLE IN GENERATION

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MAKES PUBLIC EXCERPTS OF LAST ADDRESS WHICH DECEASED WAS SCHEDULED

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POINTS TO FACT THAT SILVER DIED ON EVE OF 16TH ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASSAGE

OF U.N. RESOLUTION FOR JEWISH STATEHOOD WHICH MARKED TRIUMPH

FOR SILVER'S LEADERSHIP

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The profound sense of deep sorrow and mourning at the death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, foremost leader in world Zionism, was voiced by Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the Zionist Organization of America, when he declared that "Jews throughout the world, stand with bowed heads over the bier of a man and leader who was principally instrumental in the fulfillment of the vision of Theodor Herzl, the immortal founder of the Zionist movement, embodied in the program he presented at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basle, Switzerland, which called for the establishment of a publicly recognized and legally secure national home in Palestine." He termed the passing of Dr. Silver "the severest loss suffered by the Zionist movement and the entire Jewish people in a generation."

In this connection, Dr. Nussbaum pointed out the historic irony that Dr. Silver died on the very eve of the 16th anniversary of the passage by the United Nations (November 29, 1947) of the resolution for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, which marked the triumph of Dr. Silver's leadership in the battle for Jewish Statehood and the fulfillment of Herzl's program adopted at the Zionist Congress in Basle.

Dr. Nussbaum's statement continues:

"Dr. Silver's lifelong militant struggle for Jewish redemption through the rebirth of the Jewish State, his indomitable courage and valiance coupled with his unswerving resolve and dedication to the Zionist cause which was the creed of his life, constitute the most glorious and golden chapter in the 2000-year history of Jewish martyrdom. It was indeed divine ordination that Dr. Silver saw and led

personally to the ultimate conclusion the fruits of his labors and the triumphant culmination of the struggle of our movement for Zion Reborn.

"Dr. Silver's monumental achievements as political architect of the Jewish State, the translation of his Messianic vision into the emergence of the Third Jewish Commonwealth and his unrelaxed guardianship of the just interests and legitimate claims of the State of Israel -- have truly made him the man of Jewish destiny.

"The nobility of his character and the liberalism of his philosophy were also reflected in his concern for the rights of labor and justice for the oppressed among all peoples.

"Even as the Zionist cause stood triumphant on the day the United Nations, on that fateful day of November 29, 1947, when the General Assembly of the U.N. by over two-thirds majority voted to sanction the establishment of a Jewish State, Dr. Silver injected a sober note when he uttered a prayer 'for the peace of Palestine' and turned to the Arabs with a plea of genuine friendship. 'In this historic hour,' he pleaded, 'we call upon the Arab people of Palestine and all neighboring Arab countries to join with us in an era of peaceful and fruitful collaboration.'"

Dr. Mussbaum, in his statement, called attention to "the unanimous, enthusiastic acclaim on the part of the entire people of Israel accorded to Dr. Silver, at the 70th birthday celebration tendered him at the first ZOA Convention held in Israel last July, a tribute which was led by the former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, President Shazar, Premier Eshkol and leaders of all sections of the country, who joined Mr. Ben-Gurion's tribute in describing Dr. Silver as the 'greatest and most courageous Zionist fighter in American Jewry.'"

Dr. Mussbaum further said:

"On this sad occasion it is my privilege to quote here from the last address which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has written before his death and which he was scheduled to deliver at the 70th birthday celebration of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, his lifelong, closest associate in the struggle for Jewish Statehood to be held on November 26th in New York, which was postponed at the personal request of Dr. Neumann out of respect to the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy. In this address, the copy of which Dr. Silver sent to my good friend and Zionist publicist, Ernest W. Barbarash, Dr. Silver, in paying warm tribute to Dr. Neumann, takes occasion to reaffirm his abiding love for the people of Israel, the land of Israel, the language of Israel and the Book of Israel (the Bible). 'In Israel today -- an old people is being reborn, an old land is being made new again. Where there was wasteland and wilderness, there towns and cities are springing up and from Metulla to Eilat one hears the hum of industry, the sound of plow and tractor, the pulse and throb of

creative life and the song of children at play. An old language is being revived. A veritable miracle of rejuvenation is taking place before our very eyes. Mind, heart and hand, labor and sweat, faith and vision are again fashioning a new heaven and a new earth.'

"These last words written by Dr. Silver before he passed from this earth are indeed an eternal testament and cherished legacy to the Jewish people, to the State of Israel and to mankind.

"Dr. Silver's prophetic vision of a Jewish State as a shining tower of light to mankind was expressed by him 34 years ago on the 25th anniversary of the passing of Herzl when Dr. Silver wrote: 'After its national life is secure Israel must push on to the frontiers of the new world -- the world of internationalism, of economic freedom, of brotherhood and of peace. It must resume the burden of its Messianic career.'" "He shall not fail nor be crushed till he have set the right in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his teaching..."

"Shortly after the death of Theodor Herzl his friend and associate the late Israel Zangwill, the foremost Anglo-Jewish novelist and publicist of our time, wrote the following ode as he shed a tear upon the mortal remains of Herzl:

"Tis your body only that has died.  
The noblest soul in Judah is not dust  
But fire that works in every vein and must  
Reshape our life, rekindling Israel's pride.

So we behold the captain of our strife  
Triumphant in this moment of eclipse;  
Death has but fixed him to immortal life,  
His flag upheld, the trumpet at his lips.  
And while we, weeping, rend our garment's hem,  
"Next year," we cry, "next year, Jerusalem."

"These immortal words fittingly apply to our dearly departed leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Zichrono L'vracha," Dr. Nussbaum said.

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Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Honorary President of the Zionist Organization of America and Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZOA President, headed a large ZOA delegation from all parts of the country who attended the funeral services of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in Cleveland Sunday, December 1st. The delegation included Abraham Goodman, national Chairman of ZOA Israel Projects encompassing also Kfar Silver, Agricultural Training Institute in Israel established by the ZOA in the name of Dr. Silver; Harold W. Carmely, Chairman of the National Administrative Committee of the ZOA and Jacques Torczyner, Chairman of the National ZOA Executive Council, and Dr. Sidney Marks National Secretary.

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Kfar Silver, near Ashkelon, Israel (cable dispatch): -- An atmosphere of deep mourning has enveloped the entire student and teacher bodies of Kfar Silver, Agricultural Training Institute named by the ZOA for Dr. Silver. As soon as the news of Dr. Silver's passing was received here, all the buildings of the huge school system were closed down. A special memorial service was held on Sunday, the day of the funeral.

Kfar Silver, which now numbers 265 students, was chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in 1957, being the only American chartered school in the State of Israel. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver last July, during the ZOA Convention in Israel, addressed some 2,000 American ZOA delegates gathered at a special session at Kfar Silver.

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## A Great Leader Passes

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is dead.

And with his untimely passing, the world loses one of its most distinguished and forceful spiritual leaders.

Rabbi Silver was Cleveland's own, and Cleveland is the better for his years of inspiration and challenge. He was also of America, and of the world, and all peoples are the better for his unswerving championship of the causes of good.

Honors flowed to Dr. Silver as a great teacher, a great leader, a great statesman. He was revered especially as one of the founders of the state of Israel. In testimony to him, it was said that there would be no Israel today had it not been for the crucial service he gave in the trying times before its birth.

But his interests and his influence spread far beyond the particular concerns of his own faith. He was dedicated to the liberal creed by which he lived. He preached

and he fought for the things in which he believed. He was unafraid in advocacy of the principles of morality which he felt must govern all people.

The citation which accompanied the presentation to Dr. Silver of the Charles Eisenman Award of the Jewish Community Federation said of him:

"Spiritual leader, eloquent spokesman for centuries-old aspirations of the Jewish people, profound student of Jewish lore, religion and history; author, advocate of progressive social movements without restrictive regard of race, creed or nationality."

This was Abba Hillel Silver, the man who gave the world guidance as he passed through, the man who gave of his wisdom and his heart to make this world a better place for all humankind.

Cleveland had the great fortune to possess him and to know him well. Cleveland leads the world in mourning his loss.



# Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver—Zionist Leader

Special to the Herald Tribune  
CLEVELAND.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, 70, one of the foremost figures in world Jewry, died yesterday in Mt. Sinai Hospital here, apparently of a heart attack. He was stricken in his home in suburban Shaker Heights.

Rabbi Silver had been honored at several dinners and other functions during the last year in observance of his 70th year, notably a testimonial dinner in Cleveland last January tendered by state and national welfare officials and another in Tel Aviv in July.

He had hardly begun his spiritual leadership of a small congregation in Cleveland when his work was interrupted by World War I, in which he served with distinction, but upon resumption of his rabbinate he began a participation in public and religious affairs that was to lead him to international influence.

Born in Lithuania, he was brought to this country when he was nine. He spent his youth in New York before entering the University of Cincinnati, where he received his B. A. degree in 1915. He then attended Hebrew Union College, from which he was graduated as a qualified rabbi.

After ordination, Rabbi Silver was called to a temple in Wheeling, W. Va., for two

years. He returned to the Temple of Tifereth Israel in Cleveland in 1917, and had served there since.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Silver, the temple grew from a membership of 725 families to more than 2,500 and became the largest reform congregation in the nation. A new structure was built to house it under his supervision.

Rabbi Silver, however, tended to depreciate the importance of the size of his congregation, declaring on one occasion that a more genuine and important criterion of his spiritual leadership might be found in his efforts to preach Judaism as "an ancient faith adapted to modern times."

Recalling his efforts to present Judaism as a religion "teaching unity, freedom and compassion," he said that such preachments sometimes got him in hot water.

This was particularly true, he said, when he had spoken out against segregation, assailed class domination, or supported the right of labor to organize and battle for the right to bargain collectively.

He could not accept religion as a passive attitude, saying:

"It ought to be a sort of guide and critic of every form of human organization. No group is perfect, and all tend to abuse power. Religion

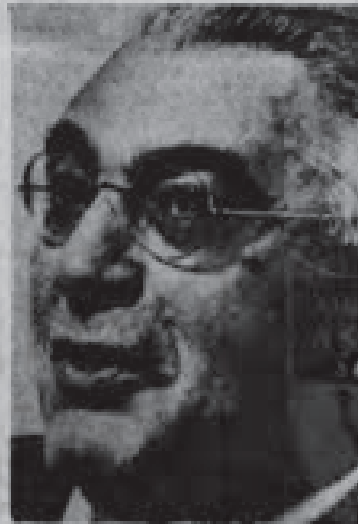
should speak up when there are abuses."

In his later years, Dr. Silver was especially pleased by the resurgence of interest in religion among young persons. He noted their tendency to ask questions and demand explanations, and he regarded this as important and encouraging.

Agreeing that modern youth might not be as obedient or respectful as was expected of the young in the past, Rabbi Silver expressed the belief that this tendency might be a good one. At the same time, he deplored the increase of broken homes and what he saw as a trend among parents to relinquish authority when it should be maintained. Dr. Silver saw these factors as definite contributions to juvenile delinquency.

Throughout his career, Rabbi Silver had manifested a deep and active interest in public affairs, and while he figured in a number of movements having to do with governmental assistance to welfare and economic projects, he was always dubious of excessive dependence on government by the individual.

During World War I Rabbi Silver served with the armed forces in France. He received the medal of the Officier del Instruction Publique from the French government for that service.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, as he appeared some years ago.

After his return Rabbi Silver was named by President Hoover to a national committee to alleviate unemployment. His service led him to undertake the chairmanship of the Committee on Unemployment Insurance when the Consumers League of Ohio was preparing a survey of anti-depression measures.

Widely known as a liberal, he was later named chairman of the Ohio Committee on Unemployment Insurance and was considered one of the founders of the state's unemployment insurance movement.

He also was the author of six books, *The Messianic Speculation in Israel* (1927), *The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History* (1928), *Religion in a Changing World* (1930), *The World Crisis and Jewish Survival* (1941), *Vision and Victory* (1949), *Where Judaism Differed* (1959).

Most recently, Rabbi Silver had been serving as national chairman of the Board of Governors of State of Israel Bonds. He was the former president, later honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America.

At one time it was reported that Rabbi Silver might have become the first president of the State of Israel had not Chaim Weizmann been selected.

A leader of the Zionist battle for the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan, Rabbi Silver had been since the establishment of the State of Israel a persistent advocate of United States support of the new state.

He resisted with all the vigor at his command any proposal to provide U. S. arms to Arab states, contending that instead of enabling these countries to combat Communist aggression, arming them would create a situation of "mortal danger to Israel."

He called himself a "friendly critic" of the Eisenhower administration while charging that its State Department had failed to present a constructive and clearly understood policy.

Dr. Silver was especially critical of the activities and the attitudes of what he called the "oil interests," charging that their influence on U. S. foreign policy had been detrimental to the cause of Israel.

But Dr. Silver was not invariably a defender of the Israeli government. In recent months, he had joined his fellow American Zionists in criticism of the Israeli behavior toward the movement in this country, on one occasion condemning the "unsolicited lectures, scoldings and admonitions" directed toward American Zionists by Israeli "circles."

Dr. Silver maintained his ability to participate in national, international and religious activities by careful attention to his physical strength. A husky man, some six feet in height, he was an ardent fisherman and loved the outdoors.

He enjoyed a considerable reputation among his associates for his combination of humor and massive store of information. He used the two together frequently with telling effect.

Because of the meticulous care and research he put into his sermons, those he preached at New Year's on the state of the nation and the world had virtually become civic institutions in Cleveland, and they often furnished material for nationally distributed news stories.

Among his intellectual hobbies, which he liked to say went well with his fishing, were messianic speculation and Jewish mysticism. He was considered an authority in these fields.

Dr. Silver returned to Hebrew Union College to receive his D.D. degree in 1925. He also held and honorary Litt. D. degree from Western Reserve University, and Hebrew Union awarded him an honorary D. H. L. in 1941.

His biography in *Who's Who in America* lists more than 30 organizations in which he was affiliated, and a many of them he had held presidency or other high office. He also received many awards from various groups for his work in Zionism, religion, welfare, education, and the advancement of literature and the arts.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Silver, and two sons, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver and Raphael Silver.

A funeral service will be held at the Temple at 11 a. m. Sunday.

# Jewish Leader Rabbi Abba Silver Dies

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the principal architects of the modern state of Israel and a leader in world Jewry for nearly 50 years, is dead.

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RABBI ABBA SILVER



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Worked for Israel Birth

## Rabbi Silver, Leader of Zionism, Dies

CLEVELAND — An — Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a leader in world Jewry for almost half a century, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack. He was 70.

The rabbi was stricken at his suburban Shaker Heights home. He was taken to Lakeside Hospital, where he died.

He had waged an untiring battle for the establishment of the state of Israel in the 1940's and won an international reputation for his lifelong leadership in the world Zionist movement.

He was a dynamic speaker, a scholar, author and spiritual leader of The Temple, one of the nation's largest liberal Jewish congregations.

Last January he was honored at a testimonial dinner here by state and national welfare officials, including Anthony J. Celebrezze, secretary of health, education and welfare, one-time Cleveland mayor. The late President John F. Kennedy, former President Eisenhower and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel were among scores of world leaders who sent messages then.

BY DAVID SCHWARTZ  
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When we think of Abba Hillel Silver, what comes to mind first is the orator. An orator is a thing of magic. Think of Patrick Henry rising before the Virginia Legislature and making a speech of 10 minutes — and in that day there was no radio or television to carry it but, somehow, it spread all the way to Boston to the North and Georgia to the South. The whole country was excited. Think of a William Jennings Bryan, unknown to most of the delegates at the Democratic convention and, in a few minutes, sending them roaring down the aisles calling for his nomination for the Presidency.

Today, we appear to be entering a period of the decline of the orator. Nowadays, an orator need not write his own speech. He can have a ghost writer to do it. He need not have a great voice. The microphone can make any voice as audible as Bryan's. The speaker today does not have to memorize a speech. He can read it from the manuscript or the teleprompter, and he doesn't even have to depend on his audience to furnish applause. He can provide his

own canned applause.

Yet this decline, I am sure, is more seeming than real. When a truly great orator emerges, there will be adequate response.

The attic in the silver home must be full of the models young Abba won for oratory in his collegiate days. He was already then known for historical excellence. His fame as an orator was nation-wide, transcending the bounds of geography and sect. Christians and Jews came to hear him at his temple, Newton D. Baker, of Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet, a very effective speaker himself, once confessed he envied the oratorical gifts of the then very young rabbi.

Silver was one of the few rabbis whom history will never leave us entirely forget. There were a half-dozen or so others. Jesus, the patriot rabbi of the Revolution; Elmhurst, the brave rabbi of abolition days; Isaac M. Wise, the genius of the Reform movement; more lately, there were Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver.

Wise, like Silver, could be humorous. I remember once, when Silver preceded him on the program, Wise remarked

that of course Kessel (Silver or money) always precedes Chochma (wisdom or wit). But actually Silver was one rabbi who, if so inclined, could boast of much chochma. He was a talmid chocham, a Hebrew scholar and the author of some serious works on Jewish thought.

The high point in his career was when, as if by general acquiescence, to him was delegated the task of making the speech before the United Nations for sanctioning of the state of Israel. Taking notes of some of the fantastic remarks by some of the Arab delegates, Silver politely bid them remember that they were not then composing another tale for the Arabian Nights.

The whole world was then his audience. The rabbi had emerged as the statesman.

He had long been preparing for that moment. He was the organizer, as a body of the first juvenile Zionist society, the Dr. Herzl Club, which numbered, among its members, Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Sol Cohen, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman and his own brother, Maxwell Silver, also a great Jewish scholar, the author of a number of books.

When Abba Hillel Silver headed that boys' Zionist Club, the Arabs weren't all in the Middle East. The club met at the Educational Alliance, on New York's East Side and, when the directors of that institution learned that these boys intended to produce a Hebrew play, they were outraged. But Abba Hillel Silver's

Later, when Silver was chosen rabbi at Cleveland, some of the members of the congregation discovered belatedly that their rabbi was a Zionist. They asked Silver if it was true. Yes, he admitted, and he told them that, if they wanted to, he would release them from their contract. But they knew they had a bargain. He became the pride of the Cleveland congregation.

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By Associated Press

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### Mort du rabbin Hillel Silver

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Dr. Silver Dies Suddenly; Zionist Movement in Deep Mourning;  
Passing Greatest Loss Suffered by Jewish People in Generation. Says Dr. Nussbaum

NEW YORK (ZINS) - Dr. Abba Hillel Silver died suddenly of a heart attack in Cleveland yesterday. He was 70 years old.

The profound sense of deep sorrow and mourning at the death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, foremost leader in world Zionism, was voiced today by Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the Zionist Organization of America, when he declared that "Jews throughout the world, stand with bowed heads over the bier of a man and leader who was principally instrumental in the fulfillment of the vision of Theodor Herzl, the immortal founder of the Zionist movement, embodied in the program he presented at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basle, Switzerland, which called for the establishment of a publicly recognized and legally secure national home in Palestine." He termed the passing of Dr. Silver "the severest loss suffered by the Zionist movement and the entire Jewish people in a generation."

In this connection, Dr. Nussbaum pointed out the historic irony that Dr. Silver died on the very eve of the 16th anniversary of the passage by the United Nations (November 29, 1947) of the resolution for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, which marked the triumph of Dr. Silver's leadership in the battle for Jewish Statehood.

Dr. Nussbaum's statement continues: "Dr. Silver's lifelong militant struggle for Jewish redemption through the rebirth of the Jewish State, his indomitable courage and valiance coupled with his unswerving resolve and dedication to the Zionist cause which was the creed of his life, constitute the most glorious and golden chapter in the 2000-year history of Jewish martyrdom. It was indeed the divine ordination that Dr. Silver saw and led personally to the ultimate conclusion the fruits of his labors and the triumphant culmination of the struggle of our movement for Zion Reborn.

"Dr. Silver's monumental achievements as political architect of the Jewish State, the translation of his Messianic vision into the emergence of the Third Jewish Commonwealth and his unrelaxed guardianship of the just interests and legitimate claims of the State of Israel — have truly made him the man of Jewish destiny.

"The nobility of his character and the liberalism of his philosophy were also reflected in his concern for the rights of labor and justice for the oppressed among all peoples."

Dr. Nussbaum, in his statement, called attention to "the unanimous, enthusiastic acclaim on the part of the entire people of Israel accorded to Dr. Silver, at the 70th birthday celebration tendered him at the first ZOA Convention held in Israel last July, a tribute which was led by the former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, President Shazar, Premier Eshkol and leaders of all sections of the country, who joined Mr. Ben-Gurion's tribute in describing Dr. Silver as the 'greatest and most courageous Zionist fighter in American Jewry.'"

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ZOA Delegation Flies to Funeral in Cleveland;  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann to Deliver Eulogy

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive and President of the World Union of General Zionists, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the Zionist Organization of America, will head a large ZOA delegation from all parts of the country which will attend the funeral of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in Cleveland this coming Sunday, December 1st.

Dr. Neumann, a lifelong friend of Dr. Silver and his closest associate in the political struggle for Jewish statehood, will deliver the principle eulogy at the funeral services, which will be held at The Temple, one of the largest Reform congregations in America, where Dr. Silver was rabbi for more than 40 years.

ZOA to Observe 30 Days of Mourning for Late President Kennedy

NEW YORK (ZINS) - Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the Zionist Organization of America, announced that the entire membership of the Organization will observe the traditional Hebrew thirty days of mourning for the late President Kennedy as an expression of "our deepest sorrow at the passing of one of the foremost humanitarians of our era, a stalwart champion of the oppressed, a staunch friend of Israel, and an indomitable fighter for the cause of liberty and equality for all."

In his statement, voicing deep shock and sorrow of the entire Zionist movement at the tragic passing of President Kennedy, Dr. Nussbaum said that "his memory will be eternally enshrined in the hearts of the Jewish people as a leader whose abiding friendship for the Jewish people and the State of Israel and his consuming desire for equality and freedom have earned him the love and respect of entire mankind.

"I personally have had" — Dr. Nussbaum said — "the great privilege of meeting him on several occasions both at the White House in the past two years, and in 1960 at the ZOA annual Convention in New York City, and the words of friendship uttered by him for our cause which flowed from the depth of his heart were reminiscent of the utterance of the great kings of ancient Israel.

"We mourn the passing of the noblest among the noble," Dr. Nussbaum said.

A special meeting of the ZOA Administrative Committee was convened at the ZOA headquarters, in New York City, to memorialize the late President. Harold W. Carmely, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, presided and eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, and Dr. Max Nussbaum.

ZOA Dinner in Honor of Dr. Neumann Postponed

NEW YORK (ZINS) - A ZOA dinner in honor of Dr. Emanuel Neumann scheduled for November 26 was postponed, to a date still to be announced, at Dr. Neumann's request because "this is no time for celebration." There were 1,000 reservations for the dinner at which Dr. Neumann's 70th birthday was to be celebrated. Speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, David Lilienthal, Ambassador Avraham Harman, Governor Scranton of Pennsylvania, Dr. Max Nussbaum, and Abraham Goodman. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who died suddenly yesterday was supposed to preside at the dinner.

Kfar Silver and ZOA House in Tel Aviv in Deep Mourning Over Sudden Death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - Kfar Silver students, faculty and staff received with shock and grief the sad news from New York about the sudden passing of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver whose name this beautiful ZOA agricultural school bears.

Classes were immediately interrupted and deep mourning enveloped the Kfar Silver campus community. Special memorial services are scheduled for this coming Sunday, the day of the funeral in Cleveland, both at Kfar Silver as well as at the ZOA House in Tel-Aviv.

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## Rabbi Silver Visited Akron Many Times

Rabbi Silver Abba Hillel visited Akron on numerous occasions. The Jewish leader delivered the main address in 1953 at the dedication of an addition and renovation of Temple Israel.

One of his appearances in the area — which date back over 30 years — was as featured speaker at the Kent State University religious week in 1956.

The late Rabbi's son, Rabbi Daniel J. Silver, was here only last month as one of five lecturers in an adult education series on contemporary Jews sponsored by Temple Israel.

Lithuania, the son of a rabbi. His family came to this country when he was 8 and he grew up on New York's Lower East Side.

When he was 11, he and a group of friends established the Herzl Zion Club, America's first Hebrew-speaking Zionist organization.

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## Ancestors Rabbis

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Dr. Silver was graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1915, the same year also received his doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew Union College in the same city, completing a nine-year course in four years.

His first ministry was at the L'Shem Shamayin Congregation in Wheeling, W. Va., from 1915 to 1917. In 1917, he took over the spiritual leadership of the Temple on Cleveland's

east side, and guided it to its present position of the Nation's largest liberal Jewish congregation.

Within a comparatively short time, Rabbi Silver's liberal creed and intellect made him nationally known. He devoted his time to the Community Fund, Associated Charities, Consumers League and the League for Human Rights.

## On Hoover Commission

He frequently was called upon to arbitrate industrial disputes and is credited with being the father of unemployment insurance in Ohio. He was so well regarded as a student of unemployment problems that President Hoover in 1931 appointed him to membership on the Unemployment Relief Commission.

Dr. Silver was made chairman of the United Palestine Appeal in 1938-1943, which raised \$200 million for the rehabilitation of the Holy Land.

In the same years he was co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

But it was in the cause of Zionism that Dr. Silver is best remembered. He represented a militant point of view, a departure from the compromise in negotiations with government leaders for establishment of Jewish rights in Palestine.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia, and two sons, Daniel, a rabbi, and Raphael.

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
by: DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
CHAIRMAN, KESHER HAYESOD - UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL  
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Abba Hillel Silver rendered the Zionist movement the most effective single service of any American Zionist when as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council he mobilized American public opinion for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and led the battle successfully at the United Nations which resulted in the resolution of November 29, 1947.

His Zionist career which began with his childhood, included every phase of Zionist service, political, economic and cultural. He was a good Hebraist. He served as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and then as President of the Zionist Organization of America, and as member of the Jewish Agency Executive, heading its American section.

In the Reform movement in American Judaism he played a leading part in changing its character from anti-Zionist to pro-Zionist. His pulpit in Cleveland, which he held for 45 years, came to be recognized as one of the most distinguished in the United States. The City of Cleveland honored him as one of its leading citizens. At President Eisenhower's Inaugural he was chosen to deliver the Jewish prayer. In the midst of his busy public life he found time to write several books of scholarly value. He was recognized as one of the leading American orators of his day.

The chief interest of his life, however, was Zionism. He was a familiar and respected figure at World Zionist Congresses where his speeches were listened to with rapt attention.

After 1950 he withdrew from Zionist leadership, but continued to serve Israel through Israel Bonds, where he was Chairman of the Board of Governors, and by occasional addresses for the United Jewish Appeal both in the United States and abroad.

Abba Hillel Silver was a powerful defender and a powerful antagonist. Yet his 70th birthday, recently celebrated both in the United States and in Israel, brought forth universal acclaim. After the passing of Louis D. Brandeis, Abba Hillel Silver, with Stephen L. Wise and Louis Lipsky were regarded as the foremost American Zionists of their time.

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(Radio Address)

As one who was associated with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in many of his Zionist activities, I deem it a solemn privilege to participate in this memorial tribute.

If Dr. Silver's career reached its climax with the United Nations' resolution of November 29, 1947, there were important acts in the Zionist drama of his life which prepared for that climax. Already in 1942 when he was Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal he publicly expressed dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Roosevelt administration toward the Zionist program, an attitude which was friendly in tone and in words while the State Department was not following suit in acts. These criticisms were resented in many Jewish and Zionist circles, as President Roosevelt was extremely popular in the American press.

In 1943 Dr. Silver became Co-Chairman with Dr. Stephen S. Wise of the American Zionist Emergency Council which represented the concentration of the entire movement on its political objective. Later he became its sole chairman. The Biltmore program had defined the Zionist objective as "the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine". In the World Zionist Congress of 1937, where Partition was the issue, Dr. Silver had been one of the leaders who with Ussishkin had opposed the program of a partitioned Palestine. He maintained that position to the end, both because he believed in it and because he considered it to be tactically wise.

His first important challenge was the American Jewish Conference convoked at the end of 1943 as the representation of American Jewry to consider and formulate the position of American Jewry on the post-war Europe. It was the first united representation of American Jewry since the American Jewish Congress which sent a delegation to the Peace Conference at Versailles. Some of the delegates to the American Jewish Conference were chosen by popular local elections and others were appointed by national Jewish bodies.

At this conference, the first item was the Palestine resolution. Dr. Silver presented the resolution for a Jewish Commonwealth. It was a powerful address which swept the great majority of the delegates off their feet. Following Dr. Silver's address, the resolution was adopted by an overwhelming vote. The American Jewish



Committee, however, found it impossible to go along with the majority resolution and left the Conference. The American Jewish Conference, however, went on with its work and continued for a number of years. The Palestine resolution and Dr. Silver's address was probably its most dramatic moment.

As active head of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Dr. Silver inaugurated a public relations program unprecedented in its extensiveness and intensiveness to win American public opinion for the Zionist objective. Favorable planks were secured in the pre-election platforms of both the Democratic and the Republican parties in 1944 and again in 1948. By the time the issue reached the United Nations, American public opinion and the position of the American government under President Truman, were consolidated.

Abba Hillel Silver's achievement at the United Nations, therefore, was the culmination of a well-planned and vigorously pursued program. This was Abba Hillel Silver's greatest single achievement and the most effective single service of any American Zionist of his generation.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER -  
HIS ROLE IN AMERICAN REFORM JUDAISM

By Rabbi Morton M. Berman  
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Director, English-Speaking Countries, Keren Hayesod

It is fitting indeed that a message of tribute and consolation go from Zion to all of world Jewry on the passing of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who from boyhood dreamed and labored for Zion's rebirth and rebuilding, with boundless passion, unfailing dedication and self-sacrificing tireless<sup>ness</sup>. He lived and served Zion in the West, but of him it may be said, too, his heart was in the East.

I have been asked to speak of Rabbi Silver not as the Zionist but as the Rabbi, but who can separate Silver the Rabbi from Silver the Zionist, who said<sup>thirteen</sup> decades ago: "Zionism as I see it, aims at the classic balance in Jewish life. Judaism is a compound of many elements. Many tributaries flow into its historical channel, prophecy, legalism, mysticism, hasidism. In recent years some zealous and mostly uninformed partisans have attempted to reduce Judaism to what is a fraction of itself - to race or nationalism or folk-ways or theologic abstractions. Quite unconsciously they are falsifying Judaism... Zionism is the national effort to restore the lost harmony of Jewish life. It aims at a reconstituted totality of Jewish existence."

Unless we understand Abba Hillel Silver's Zionism, we cannot understand his role as a Reform Rabbi. His Zionism explains his unrelenting effort of two generations to lead the Reform movement back to the totality of Jewish existence - a successful effort, I must stress, in which the ablest of Reform's teachers and leaders, the immortal Stephen Wise, Maximilian Heller and his son, James, Felix Levy, Max Raisin, Barnett Brickner and a number of younger men joined.

A graduate in 1915 of the Hebrew Union College ( now merged with Stephen Wise's Jewish Institute of Religion ), Silver founder as a boy of the Theodor Herzl Club in Manhattan's Lower East Side, resisted the fierce impact of the instruction of his Cincinnati teachers who were sworn to the belief expressed in the Pittsburgh Platform of 1885 that "we consider ourselves no longer a nation but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine, nor a sacrificial worship, nor the restoration of any of the laws concerning the Jewish State".

In his 1935 address on "Israel" delivered at the Annual Session of the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis, which he was later to serve as President, Rabbi Silver denounced this doctrine that had grown out of the misplaced faith of its fashioners that the Messianic age was about to arrive and that there was no need any longer for Jews to think of themselves as members of the Jewish nation but only as citizens of the lands in which they lived and as devotees of a prophetic universal Jewish religion. Again and again he sounded the call for a total Judaism - in which religion was primum inter pares - first among equals - but not its whole.

In 1937 the Central Conference of American Rabbis replaced the Pittsburgh Platform with its Columbus Platform which Rabbi Silver helped to frame. The Columbus Platform embraced the total program of Judaism, which Silver and others had urged upon American Reform Judaism. It rejected the doctrine of Israel as only a religious community. It called upon all Jewry to rebuild the Jewish homeland. It stressed not only the moral and spiritual demands of Judaism but "the preservation of the Sabbath, festivals and Holy Days, the retention and development of such customs, symbols and ceremonies as possess inspirational value, the cultivation of distinctive forms of religious

art and music and the use of Hebrew...".

Stressing the importance of Hebrew in a later address, Rabbi Silver said: "No Jewish community can ever contribute culturally or scholastically to Jewish life which did not foster the Hebrew language and literature. No Jewish community ever survived for long which ignored Hebrew... We cannot survive without Jewish learning. Our people perishes for want of knowledge. An empty bag cannot stand upright. We have armour against everything but "an haravut".

But lest Jews forget that it is religion which is indeed primum inier parem in Judaism, he proclaimed in 1939, before there was a Jewish State, "Thoughtful men are coming to understand that mankind's way back to freedom is the way which leads forward to God... To the thoughtful Jews it is becoming increasingly clear that there are no substitutes in Jewish life for religion. Neither philanthropy nor culture nor nationalism is adequate for the stress and challenge of our lives.

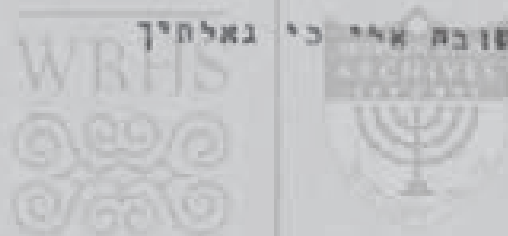
"All these interests can and must find their rightful place within the generous pattern of Judaism, but the pattern must be Judaism, the Judaism of the Torah, the Synagogue, and the prayer-book, the Judaism of the priest, the prophet, the saint, the mystic and the rabbi, the Judaism which speaks of God and the worship of God, and the Commandments of God and the quest of God.

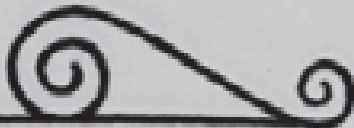
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If we are to sum up the faith of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, we do it best in the charge that he laid upon the hearts of his rabbinic colleagues: "It is this faith of Spiritual Return which we should offer to our people, and with it, the immemorial task of national restoration, of National Return. These two returns, the one spiritual, the other national are the two elements of our ancient Covenant, *וְשׁוּבוּ אֵלַי וְאֶרְדְּמֶנּוּ* , "Return unto me and I will redeem thee".

As we mourn Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, revered teacher in Judaism, and a principal partner in the restoration of the Jewish State, all Jews must take to heart this call which he sounded so eloquently and passionately:





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Like President Kennedy, Rabbi Silver walked, talked and reasoned with many great men of the world; he was at home among them as he was at home in this community in which he lived and served for nearly half a century.

In his own way, each man preached and strived for the dignity of man. Each assumed a personal responsibility to lift his voice against the forces of hatred and tyranny among us.

Rabbi Silver - the spiritual leader - was a liberal, as was President Kennedy - the political leader. From his rostrum at The Temple, the Rabbi addressed himself to topics not always popular. He had a singular mind with which to reason, a singular eloquence with which to impart that reason to his people.

Each man lived his life for the goal so simply, but beautifully stated by Senator Mike Mansfield in his eulogy to President Kennedy: that there might be no room, no room at all, for hatred, bigotry, arrogance or inequity.

As, during past days, we have paid tribute to the late President Kennedy, we now express our sorrow on the passing of Rabbi Silver.

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Rabbi Silver took part in a historic conference of American Jewry in New York City in 1942 at which a definite program was adopted defining the establishment of an

independent Israel as the principal aim of Zionism.

He presented the Zionist case before the United Nations in 1947 and 1948 and on May 14, 1948, the state of Israel was officially proclaimed.

DURING the past 10 years, Rabbi Silver had received many honors, awards and citations, including the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1958.

More than 2000 persons gathered at a testimonial dinner here last Jan. 20 to honor Rabbi Silver on his 70th birthday.

"It's good to grow old among the people I love," Rabbi Silver told the gathering.

He was born in Lithuania, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. His family came to this country when he was eight years old and he grew up on New York's Lower East Side.

WHEN HE was 11 years old, Abba Silver and a group of friends established the Herzl Zion Club, a group that espoused the Zionist beliefs of Dr. Theodore Herzl. This was America's first Hebrew-speaking Zionist organization.

Following graduation from Townsend Harris High School in 1911, he entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and at the same time he attended the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated from both in 1915, completing the nine-year rabbinical program in four years.

Rabbi Silver was spiritual leader of the Eoff St. Temple in Wheeling, W. Va., from 1915 until he was appointed rabbi of the temple here in 1917. He was a fifth generation rabbi in his family.

CALLED the father of unemployment insurance in Ohio, Rabbi Silver persuaded the Consumer League of Ohio in 1928 to study unemployment and unemployment insurance. He later framed the first state legislation on unemployment insurance.

During the 1930s, Rabbi Silver devoted much of his energy to the for-



RABBI SILVER



ראב"ר אבא הלל סילבער ק"ה

## ראב"ר אבא הלל סילבער געשטארבען צו 70 יאר

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### אשכול באמאנס סילווער'ס בייטראג צו עטאבלירונג פון ישראל

לוחיה פון גרויסען אידישען פירער זונטאג אין קליוולאנד. — פלעלינגדער סוים רוטט ארויס טרויער אין אידישע קרייזען אומקומט. — פארשטאנדענער האט אנגעפירט קאמף אין יו"ע פאר אידישער מלוכה. — איז יארען לאנג געווען פירער פון ציוניסטישער באדענונג אין אמעריקע. — פארפאסער פון צאל ביכער וועגן רעליגיע און אלגעמיינע אידישע פראגען.

קאלעדס. די צוויי קורסען צוזאמען נעמען געוויינליך 9 יאר. אבער דער דער פנאינער אבא הלל סילבער האט די צוויי קורסען צוזאמען געמאכט אין 4 יאר.

וויין קורסען שטעלע אלס ראבאי האט אר. סילבער געהאלטען אין דעם עץ סטריט טעמפל. וועלילינג. וועסט-היינאוועיט. אין 1917 האט ער איבערגענומען דעם ראבינאט פון רחמי טעמפל. אויף יוקליד ערעני. אין קליוולאנד. דעם אסט האט ער אנגעוואלטען איבער 40 יאר. ער איז געווען ראבאי עמק יוסף אין דעם אסטון ראבינאט האט איבערגענומען וויין זון. ראבאי דניאל סילבער.

לעצטען יאנאר. ווען דר. סיל-בער איז געווארען 70 יאר אלט. איז ווין געוויינליך געשיידט

אבא הלל סילבער איז געבוירען געווארען ביי א רבנישער משפחה אין נייסאמא. ליטע. ווען ער איז אלט געווען 9 יאר איז ער געקומען מיט וויינע עלטערן קיין אמעריקע. די משפחה האט זיך באזעצט אויף דער איסט סאיד פון ניו יארק. וואו דער יונגער אבא הלל האט זיך אויסגעהאדעוועט און דערציילט געווארען אין די לאקאלע פאבליק אין העריסקולס און אין תלמוד תורה.

ער האט זיך אויסגעצייכענט מיט תרופות אין וויין פריקסטער יונגעס. און גאלדעס חל ער האט געענדיגט האריסקול. איז ער אוועק געווארען קיין סינסינעטי. וואו מען האט אים געגעבען די אויסערנע וויינליכע סענליכקייט צו לערנען גלייכצייטיג אין דארטינען אוני-ווערסיטעט און אין היברו יוניאן

קליוולאנד. גאז. 29. — ראבאי אבא הלל סילבער, וועלכער איז טער ציוניסטישער מנהיג. פירער אין אמעריקאנער אידענטום און פראמינענטע פערזענליכקייט אין אלגעמיינעם אמעריקאנער לעבען. איז דא געשטען פלוצים פערשטארבן פון א נאך-אטאקע. ער איז געווען 70 יאר אלט.

דר. סילבער האט גענומען א פירערנדיגן אנטוויקל אין יודיש קאנ-סטרוקטורע ארבעט. אויפער און אלגעמיינע, אין אמעריקע. אבער וויין גאנץ לערנאקטען לעבען האט ער זיך אנגעגעבען צו ציוניסטישער שער איבער. אין ער האט געהאט די גרויסע זכיה צו דערפירען מיט וויינע גרויסע פאנאקטישע ביו צום ווערליכען סוף דעם הונדערטער קאמף נאך אן אייגענער אידישער מלוכה אין ארץ ישראל.

# דר. אבא הלל סילווער

פאליטיקער

אינעם פאליטישן שטיק פון ראבי דר. אבא הלל סילווער האט די אידישע וועלט פארלארען איינעם פון אירע נאכטאגער קעמפער פאר דער באפֿרייאַנג פון דער אידישער מלוכה אין ארץ ישראל. א פראמינענטער רעפארם ראבי אין דער סילווער געווארען בארימט איבער אַמעריקע און איבער דער גארער וועלט ווי א מיליאנער פֿייער פירער פון ציוניזם און ווי א קעמפער פאר אידישע רעכט איבעראל און איבערשט.

ווי אן צוואנציגער האט דר. סילווער נישט געהאט צו זיין גלייכען. נישט אין אַמעריקע און נישט אנדערשוואו, און ער האט זיין גרויסען רעדנער שאלאנג ווי אלע ווייניקע פּעסאָנלעכע געוויסענע צו דער פארשפרייטונג פון דעם ציוניסטישן געדאנק.

פאר צענדליגער יארען איז ער געשטאנען אין דער פירערשאפט פון אַמעריקאנער ציוניזם, דר. סילווער איז פאקטיש איבערגעוואקסען מיטן ציוניזם.

נאך אלע יונגער בחור'ל, אויף דער ניו יארקער ארט ארט סאיד, וואו ער האט זיך ארומגעקוקט דעמאלט, האט ער זיך שוין געהאט געוויסענע צום ציוניזם, וואס האט ערשט אנגעהויבען זיך פארשפרייטען אונטער דער פירערשאפט פון דעם גרויסען מנהיג דר. הערצל.

דר. סילווער איז געווארען דער אנפירער פון א ציוניסטישן קלוב פאר יונגעמאנעכען און פרויען ארום האט ער פון זיין יונגעם אן זיך געהאט געוויסענע צו דער פארשפרייטונג פון ציוניזם.

זיין איבערגעגעבענהייט צום ציוניזם און זיין

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**RABBI A. H. SILVER**  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, honorary president and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, has died in Cleveland, as reported in later editions of *The Times* yesterday. He was 70.  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was born at Neinstadt, Lithuania, on January 28, 1893. He settled in the United States when a child and was educated there, at the University of Cincinnati and at the Hebrew Union College. On his graduation from these institutions in 1915 he took up an appointment as rabbi at Wheeling. Two years later he became rabbi of a larger and more important community in Cleveland, Ohio.  
Silver, by profession a rabbi, was however far more widely and better known as a Jewish leader and as an orator. In the latter capacity he had the gift of moving, almost of mesmerizing, his audience, especially one drawn from the common people, and this capacity accounted for the remarkable control he secured over his audiences especially in the service of the Zionist cause. It also no doubt contributed appreciably to his quick rise in the hierarchy of Zionist leadership in the United States. There his gifts brought him speedily to the top. In an English-speaking audience few could withstand his eloquence and persuasiveness. Among those whose tongue however was not English he was not so successful. Thus his influence in Zionist circles outside of North America fell short of that which he attained there. In the United States he was at one time in Zionist circles supreme. None other could attain to the same height. In Palestine and in Europe, however, his special gifts had less opportunity. As a consequence his influence in world Zionist affairs was less than he desired. Even in the United States the old-established Zionist leaders whom he had outstripped were not altogether pleased and sometimes showed their displeasure in unmistakable manner.  
Silver's main interest was always in Zionism and in Palestine. He had also many minor ones, especially in Cleveland. There he took his part in general social welfare organizations as well as in Jewish ones. He served as University Preacher at Harvard, Cornell, Chicago and other universities and was in 1940 Dudleyan Lecturer at Harvard. His books included *Religion in a Changing World* (1932), *World Crisis and Jewish Survival* (1941), and *Vision and Victory* (1950).  
Silver married Virginia Horkheimer. They had two sons, *THE DAY* 11/30/63

געווארען מיט א גרויסע באקאנטשאפט עס האבען ארגאניזירט אהייס "סטעיט און פעדעראלע העלפער באסטאנט" צווישן די וואס האבען באקומען דר. סילווער'ס מיט באגרייטונגען, זענען געווען אנטשטאנען לעבנדיג, סעקרעטערי פון געוויסע אהייס, בילדונג און העלפער; פרעזידענט קענעדי; געוועזענער פרעזידענט אייזעהאווער און געוועזענער גערעכטער דוד ברוגין.

**פארברענגענע קאריערע**  
ראבא'י סילווער'ס געבוירענשאפט איז אויך געפיערט געווארען לעבן סען וואסער אין פרינציפאל, און דער צייט ווען דאס איז אפגעקומען געווארען די קאנטענענט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע צו פון אַמעריקע, צום באקאנטע אין "האטעל שראסאן" אין תל אביב זענען געקומען א סך פראמינענטע ישראלים, צווישן זיי: פרעמיער לוי אשכול און ברוגין. איינער פון די ברילאנטעסטע רעדנער פון אונזער צייט, און אסער פון אלע צייטען, האט דר. סילווער איםגעקאכט א גוואלדיגען איינפלוס אין אלע געביטען ווען רייכע שפראך און ווען סטעיט ווען פונדאטען צוגעצויגען יוגנאידן אלס, ווען ער האט גערעדט, האט סען זיך צוגעהערט מיט טיטען איינטרעט אין אלע סאל קעסע געלערנט.

דר. סילווער איז אין פאליטישע לעבען אין אַמעריקע געווען א רעפובליקאנער, אבער העכסט ליבער ראל איז אלע קאנאנאטישע און סאציאלע פראגען, ער איז געווען א טשעמפיען פאר די רעכט פון דער ארגאניזירטער ארגענטשאפט אין איז געווען איינער פון די סאפערטיסטע דא אין לאנד צו פארשן

ארגענטשאפט ציוניזם - פארוואסערונג. ער האט פארשטאנען דעם ערשטען געוועזענע פאר ארגענטשאפט זינדיג אינאיינשטעל און אהייס און האט געדינט אלס דירעקטאר פון דער אַמעריקען סינאגאג ליבערטיס יוניאן. ער האט געהאלטען ארגאניזירט אין קליוואנד דעם ערשטן קאנפערענץ פון יאנואר, און האט געדינט אלס פארטיסלער אין א סך סעמינארים צווישן ארגענטער און פארוואסער.

אבער זיין גאנצן לעבען האט ער געוויסענע צו אידישע אינטערעסן, און איבערהויפט צום ציוניזם. אלס יונג אינגעל אויף דער איסט סאיד האט ער, צוזאמען מיט זיין ברודער מאקסוועל סילווער, ארגאניזירט דעם "העברעאליזם" דער דאזיגער קלוב האט זיך אויסגעצייכענט מיט לעבנאפטע דעבאטעס וועגען ציוניזם, ראש אבא הלל סילווער האט אנטווארטט, און מיט אויספירען פארשטעלונגען אין העברעאליזם.

**טעטיגקייט פאר ציוניזם**  
זיין ציוניסטישע טעטיגקייט האט דער יונגער סילווער אנגעהאלטען. הענט אויף א באגרייפונג און, און ווייניק סטודענטען-יארגען, דאס איז געווען אין די יארען, ווען דער וויברז יוניאן קאלעדז איז, ווי די פעסטונג פון רעפארמאציע אידישקייט, געווען א צענטער פון אהייס ציוניזם.

נאך זיין גראדואירען איז דר. סילווער געווארען סטעיט אין ציריך, ניוס אויף א באציאונגען פאקט-סטאב, ווייניק גרויסע פאליטישע זענען דאן שנעל אנדאקטע געווארען דען און, האט נאך גאנצן יונג, האט ראבא'י סילווער געקאנט אן אהייס געווענעם פלאץ איז דער פירערשאפט פון אַמעריקאנער ציוניזם, אין 1945 איז דר. סילווער דער וויילט געווארען פירערשאפט פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אַמעריקע, אין דער זעלבער צייט האט ער איבערגענומען דעם פארוואסער פון אַמעריקאנער ציוניסטישע קאנטענט אין זענען געווען, אין דעצעמבער, 1946, איז דר. סילווער דער-וויילט געווארען אלס פארזיצער פון דער אַמעריקאנער נאך סעקציע פון דער אידישער ארגאניזאציע מיט דוד ברוגין אלס טשעירמאן פון דער ארגאניזאציע צו אין ירושלים.

אין די דאזיגע דריי שטימעל פאליטישע האט דר. סילווער, באדן נאך דער מלחמה, זיך אנטוועקט שטעלען אין דער ווייטקאנאנער פון קאמף פאר א אידישער מלוכה אין ארץ ישראל.

נאכן איינסטום פון פרינציפאל דאס פון געשאפט אן אויפגאבע ליבערלאנג, וואס האט געוואונען דעם גרויסען סתירה זיך אנטוועקט שטעלען אין א ווייט פון דער פרינציפאל, דאס האט אים געקאסט א סך געזונט, אבער זיין אינטערעס און דער מדינה איז נישט אפגעקומען.

וואס האט געווארען אויף א הארץ, ער איז צו יעדער צייט געווען גרייט צו העלפן — און האט געהאלטען — צו עס האט זיך געפארעט א גאליטישע אקציע, וואס א פונקט זעלע ארבעט.

דר. סילווער איז געווען איינער פון די ארגאניזירטע פון דער אידישער קאנפערענץ אין 1943, ער האט פארשטאנען א גאנצן חזק נאך אידישע רעליגיעזע און אנדערע ציונים.

דר. סילווער לויט איבער זיין פריי, ווידעווייז, וואו זיך, דאס באי דניאל סילווער און רפאל סילווער, א ברודער, מאקסוועל, און א שוועסטער, פריי, דאס מאסלאח פון ניו דזשערזי.

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פרעמיער לוי אשכול האט געקענט דעם פאלגענדען טרייסט-פעסענדע צו ראבא'י סילווער'ס אלמנה:

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## Jewish Meeting Is Re-Scheduled

The Jewish Community Federation has re-scheduled its 60th annual dinner meeting for Sunday, Jan. 12, in the Temple. Originally set for tomorrow night, the event was postponed because of the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

A city-wide memorial trib-

ute to Rabbi Silver is being planned for January by the federation.

All health and physical education activities of Jewish Community Center will be canceled between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. tomorrow, because of the funeral of Rabbi Silver.

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## Brotherhood Group Praises Rabbi Silver

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver "epitomized our every ideal, our every hope and our every desire for the present and the future of our nation and its citizenry."

This tribute was paid the late spiritual leader of the Temple in a statement by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in New York.

"Few men have given so much of themselves to so many," the statement said, adding, "The world was his congregation."

Participants in the funeral services will be Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Fairmount Temple, Rabbi Solomon Frechhof of Pittsburg, Dr. Emanuel Neumann of New York, Sen. Frank J. Lausche, Rabbi Milton Matz of the Temple and Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo.

# Tributes to Rabbi Silver Come From Far and Near

Tributes to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, described as "an outstanding voice of American Jewry," who died unexpectedly Thanksgiving Day, reached here yesterday from persons and organizations at home and afar.

The World Zionist Organization, from its American headquarters in New York, described Rabbi Silver as a "great American and a great Jew."

"Dr. Silver was the major architect of the struggle to rally the support of American public opinion and to galvanize the Jewish community around the demand for Jewish statehood. We will miss his trenchant thinking, his life-long dedication to the cause of Zion reborn."

The statement was signed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Moshe Sharett, former prime minister of Israel, who is now chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Dr. Silver will be held at the office of the American section, 515 Park Avenue, New York, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Participants will be Dr. Goldmann, Dr. Neumann and Sharett who will arrive from Israel on Monday evening. Leaders of all Zionist groups in the United States have been invited to participate.

DR. STERLING W. BROWN, executive vice president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sent a message.

"Few men have given so much of themselves to so many, and Rabbi Silver was a towering figure of strength and courage amidst the most respected and loved," the statement said. "From his counsel we reaped guidance; from his wisdom we gathered knowledge and from his concern we received encouragement."

"World Jewry is rightly conscious of the debt of gratitude it owes its beloved rabbi, the world of Christianity should be no less profound in

its tribute to his memory."

NCCJ's president, Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, is attending the ecumenical council in Rome, Brown said.

Brown added: "We are particularly proud that the conference bestowed its highest brotherhood award on this great gentleman during his lifetime."

ABRAHAM FEINBERG, president of the State of Israel Bonds organization; Samuel Rothbert, national campaign chairman, and Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president, all of New York, said in a statement:

"In the pulpit, in the community, in the nation, in Israel and in the world, his (Rabbi Silver's) vision, his scholarship, his uncompromising perseverance, his incomparable oratorical powers, his love of Zion, which was the very core

## Body to Lie in State Today

The body of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will lie in state at The Temple, E. 101st Street at Silver Park, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the main sanctuary.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The family will be at home, 2810 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights, to the immediate family and out-of-town guests tomorrow after the funeral. They will be at home to friends on Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

of his life—these were the ingredients of great and statesmanlike leadership which won for him a special place in the hearts of American Jewry.

M. E. GLASS, president of the Jewish Community Federation, announced that a city-wide memorial tribute to Dr. Silver, under sponsorship of the Federation, is being planned to be in January.

"Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a national figure and a world figure," Glass said, "but Cleveland was his home and it is here he will be most profoundly missed. . . . He demonstrated through deeds as well as words the importance of community obligation."

RABBI ALAN S. GREEN of Temple Emman El, 2200 South Green Road, South Euclid, said:

"Rabbi Silver intimately touched the course of life of two generations of Jewish youth who grew up, as I did, in Cleveland."

"His eloquent moral demands on our current society, always welling up out of the whole swell of Jewish history," Rabbi Green said,

"gave us a profound pride in our heritage and its relevance."

LOUIS L. SCHAFER, chairman of the Israel Bond dinner, scheduled for next Wednesday at Fairmount Temple, said: "There is a reluctance on the part of our members to participate in what is generally a joyous occasion following the two great tragedies that have occurred the past week."

The dinner, he said, has been indefinitely canceled.

The Temple, on E. 101st Street at Silver Park, will have special parking arrangements for Rabbi Silver's funeral, which will be tomorrow at 11 a.m.

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RABBI SILVER had planned to deliver a eulogy to the late President Kennedy Sunday at The Temple.

His prepared text is long and philosophical. Of the slain president, he planned to say:

"He was a young president and he spoke to the heart of young America and to all who had the hopeful heart of youth . . . He was like a young eagle soaring high."

"He did not belong to the category of the tired old statesmen . . . 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. He was the torch of a new vision."

" . . . Here is a 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 preserve in the ways of progress and peace."

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## The Spirit of Freedom

THE advent of Hanuka is a perennial reminder that freedom is not inherited but must be won in every generation.

This year the Festival season has been clouded over by grievous bereavement in the death of John F. Kennedy, Abba Hillel Silver, and Herbert H. Lehman. Jewry and the wider community are united in common sorrow, for these illustrious sons served all humanity. Each in his own way embodied the spirit of Hanuka; each exemplified in his life the unending struggle for man's liberation, the striving for "the parliament of Man, the federation of the world."

The country is impoverished by the loss of such men, yet enriched by their legacies of noble endeavor and achievement.

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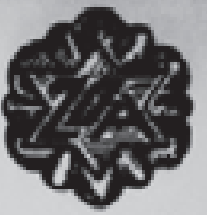
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## JEWRY MOURNS KENNEDY, SILVER

### ZOA Members Observe Traditional '30 Days' For Late U.S. President

Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, announced that the entire nationwide membership of the organization will observe "Shloshim," the traditional Jewish thirty days of mourning, for the late President Kennedy as an expression of "our deepest sorrow at the passing of one of the foremost humanitarians of our era, a stalwart champion of the oppressed, a staunch friend of Israel, and an indomitable fighter for the cause of liberty and equality for all."

In his statement, voicing the deep shock and grief of the entire Zionist movement at the tragic death of President Kennedy, Dr. Nussbaum said that "his memory will be eternally enshrined in the hearts of the Jewish people as a leader whose abiding friendship for the Jewish people and the State of Israel and whose consuming desire for equality and freedom have earned him the love and respect of entire mankind."

The ZOA head added: "I have had the great privilege of meeting him on several occasions, both at the White House in the past two years, and in 1960 at the ZOA annual Convention in New York City. The words of friendship uttered by him for our cause, which flowed from the depths of his heart, were reminiscent of the utterances of the great kings of ancient Israel."

"We mourn the passing of the noblest among the noble," Dr. Nussbaum said.

#### Eulogized at ZOA Meeting

A special meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America was convened at the ZOA national headquarters, New York City, to memorialize the late President. Harold W. Carmely, chairman of the Administrative Committee, presided, and eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and ZOA president Nussbaum.

#### World Homage

Heads of state from nations the world over attended the funeral services for the martyred President held at Arlington cemetery. Israel President Zalman Shazar headed a delegation including Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, Avraham Harman, Ambassador to the United States, and Ran Ranon, Israel Embassy attache.

The Israel cabinet proclaimed three days of national mourning. The Knesset held a session devoted wholly to a eulogy by Acting President Kadish Luz, who characterized President Kennedy as one who had brought the two world blocs into a



1960: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Senator John F. Kennedy at ZOA's 63rd Annual Convention in the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York.

## ABBA HILLEL SILVER

### In Memoriam

by Charles E. Shulman

THE passing of Abba Hillel Silver has created a great void in Jewish life. His personality dominated the American Jewish scene for almost half a century, and his contributions to world Jewry are writ large in contemporary history. Like another illustrious American rabbi, Stephen S. Wise, he belonged to the Jewish masses, and while he faithfully ministered to his congregation in Cleveland, Ohio practically during his entire career in the rabbinate, he was a familiar figure on the pulpit and the platform in every area of the Jewish world. He proved conclusively the ancient Talmudic saying that it is not the place that makes the man, but the man that makes the place. He possessed great gifts, rich Jewish learning, brilliant oratory, mastery of languages, felicitousness of writing style, skill in diplomacy, wisdom in worldly ways. But his greatest gifts were vision and courage. He generally saw things clearly and he saw them whole.

This was especially true in regard to his Zionism. He envisaged a free Jewish people as he headed the Herzl Zionist Society in his boyhood, and he doggedly pursued that vision throughout his years unhindered and undeterred by critics within and without Jewish life. He left the world a heritage that will endure in days to come in such scholarly and authoritative books as "Messianic Speculations in Israel," "Where Judaism Differed," and "Moses and the Original Torah." But he will prob-

ably be best remembered for the role he played in the Zionist movement, for his heroic efforts in galvanizing American and Jewish public opinion toward the frustration of British designs to prevent the establishment of the State of Israel, and for his eloquent pleading of the Jewish cause before the Assembly of the United Nations in the crucial years of that body's deliberations over the partition of Palestine.

The full details of his role in the period that marked the greatest change in Jewish destiny in two thousand years remain to be chronicled by the objective historian. They will perhaps show that Abba Hillel Silver's brilliant career was only a long preparation for the culminating period of his life between the summer of 1943 when he restored to Zionism the dignity it had lost, and May 15, 1948 when he stood before the Assembly of the United Nations and solemnly stated:

At ten o'clock this morning the Jewish State was proclaimed in Palestine. The hour was advanced out of respect for the sanctity of the Jewish Sabbath. . . . Thus what was envisaged by the resolution of the General Assembly, which was overwhelmingly adopted in the United Nations last November has been, so far as the Jewish State is concerned, implemented. Thus, too, there has been consummated the age-old dream of Israel to be re-established as a free and independent people in its ancient homeland. . . . The Jewish State

### Renowned Zionist Leader Honored as 'Architect Of New Jewish State'

The profound grief and sense of loss at the death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, foremost leader in world Zionism, was voiced by Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, when he declared that "Jews throughout the world stand with bowed heads over the bier of a man and leader who was principally instrumental in the fulfillment of the great vision of Herzl, immortal founder of the Zionist movement, embodied in the program adopted at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basle, Switzerland." He termed the passing of Dr. Silver "the severest loss suffered by the Zionist movement and the entire Jewish people in a generation."

In this connection, Dr. Nussbaum pointed out the "historic irony that Dr. Silver died on the very eve of the 16th anniversary of the passage by the United Nations on November 29, 1947 of the resolution for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, which marked the triumph of Dr. Silver's leadership in the battle for Jewish statehood and the fulfillment of the Basle program." [Dr. Nussbaum's statement on Page 2.]

#### Thousands at Funeral

At Cleveland, Ohio, on December 1, five thousand mourners, among them prominent Zionist leaders, U. S. federal, state and local government officials, representatives of the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and countless Jewish organizations and institutions, attended funeral services for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, held at The Temple, in which Dr. Silver served as Rabbi for 47 years. A large ZOA delegation, headed by President Nussbaum, was present.

The eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann; former Governor of Ohio, Senator Frank J. Lausche; Rabbi Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh, and Rabbi Milton M. Matz, Associate Rabbi of The Temple. The services were conducted by Rabbis Leon Feuer and Arthur J. Lelyveld. El Maleh Rachamim was chanted by Richard Tucker of the Metropolitan Opera, who is also an eminent cantor. The honorary pallbearers included Jewish and non-Jewish leaders, among them government dignitaries and presidents of universities.

#### Worldwide Tributes

Among the many tributes paid to Dr. Silver's memory were messages of sympathy from U. S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, former President Eisenhower, Israel President Zalman Shazar, and many

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will strive to be worthy of the confidence which has been placed in it by the nations of the world, and will endeavor to realize, as far as is humanly possible, those prophetic ideas of Justice, brotherhood, peace, and democracy which were first proclaimed by the people of Israel in that very land.

The fortunes of world Jewry were at low ebb in the terrible decades of the thirties and the forties. It was the time of the concentration camps and the crematorium that was to count the death of one-third of the Jewish population of the world. It was the time of the British White Paper limiting entry to Palestine to seventy-five thousand Jewish souls over a five-year period when European Jewry was trapped and denied safety elsewhere. And thereafter Jewish immigration was to cease entirely by direction of the British Mandatory government. It was the time of the Struma and the Patria and the St. Louis bearing their cargoes of homeless people destined to die wretchedly while the democratic countries looked on passively. And it was a time of war and its terrible aftermaths for the Jewish survivors of Hitler's holocaust.

Zionist fortunes were also at low ebb in those days. The messianic vision which once served as a bright beacon light was somewhat faded. The leadership in Zionist ranks tended to base its plea to the nations on the ground of Jewish suffering, and it held high hopes that the labor government in Britain which had succeeded the war time Churchill government would understand the world Jewish situation and open the officially closed gates of Palestine to the poor displaced persons of Europe. It was instead confronted by Ernest Bevin's hostility and his blunt warning that "Jews

must not push themselves to the head of the queue." Silver was one of the very few who rebelled at the thought of begging for favors from an implacable British Foreign Secretary who had staked his career on settling the Palestine problem—the Arab way. He saw clairvoyantly that Jews still held bargaining positions and could gain their ends only by using them to the full. Resistance in Palestine was one of those positions and he supported it unequivocally. The power of the Jews of America was another such position and he did not hesitate to employ it, often daringly and most often effectively. Reminiscing over this period fifteen years later when he was given the Brandeis Award by the American Zionist Council he said:

It became clear that Great Britain would never consent to a Jewish State in Palestine, that the political battleground had definitely shifted from London to Washington. The Zionists in America would now have to assume the major responsibility for the conduct of our movement. It was clear that we must first win the active support and sympathy of the American people. If we could persuade the American people of the justice of our cause we might also persuade our government. We also realized that it was now or never. The hour of decision was approaching. We therefore had to throw in everything we had, all our power, all our resources, all our reserves. There was nothing to be lost but our illusions.

**I**N ORDER to win the support of the American people it was necessary to reach them through campaigns of education, through books, lectures, magazines, radio discussions and through thousands of meetings held from coast to coast. Abba Hillel Silver, as the dynamic chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council representative of all Zionist bodies, threw himself with all his strength into an intensive public relations program. No channel was overlooked. In a relatively brief time the voice of American Jewry was able to penetrate to all corners of the land. Silver recalled this on the fifteenth anniversary of the State of Israel's independence when he said:

We simply knocked on every door—the halls of Congress, the political conventions, the White House, key people in every walk of life, authors, columnists, educators, clergy, political leaders—people who heretofore had been indifferent to our cause. We spent endless hours with ministers and ambassadors of foreign states who were members of the United Nations and arranged for important contacts to be made with their governments back home.

But Silver's efforts in pursuit of his goal were not confined to the non-Jewish world. He had to convert his own people also. In 1943 the inaugural meeting of the American Jewish Conference took place in New York. It represented a complete cross-section of American Jewish life and thinking. The chief issue before the Conference was a resolution favoring a Jewish State, and a strong effort was made by the anti-Zionist minority to abandon such a resolution in the name of the unity of the American Jewish community. This minority threatened to bolt the Conference if its view did not prevail. Some of the official Zionist spokesmen considered capitulation in return for some compromise whereby they would give up their demand for a Jewish State in return for non-Zionist support of unlimited immigration to Palestine.

Silver had not been designated to speak even for the Zionists. At the moment when the Zionist cause was about to suffer a crushing defeat, the American Jewish Congress withdrew its scheduled speaker and gave its allocated time to Silver. His moving address poured new life into Zionism and gave new heart to its wavering adherents. The Conference overwhelmingly

voted for the resolution to support a Jewish Commonwealth. Abba Hillel Silver gained more than the approval of a national Jewish audience that day. He established a united American Jewish voice that government officials who make American foreign policy could understand. They would know from this time forth that Zionism had the full support of the American Jewish community.

In 1946 the British were planning a round table conference with the Jews and Arabs and it was reported that the Atlee government was willing to consider the possibility of the partition of Palestine if the proposal came from the Jewish Agency. The Executive of the Jewish Agency responded that it was prepared to do this. Silver denounced this statement, declaring that on its record the British Government simply could not be trusted and demanding a reaffirmation of the Biltmore Platform, which called for an independent Jewish State. He resigned from the Jewish Agency executive and determined to fight its policy at the Zionist Congress meeting in December of 1946. The issue there was clear. Would the Zionist Congress still trust Britain or would it turn elsewhere for support? It hinged on the round table conference between the Jews and Arabs planned by Britain in 1947. Weizmann staked his future leadership of the World Zionist Organization on support of the British plan. Silver opposed him and won. Weizmann declared himself to be in complete opposition to Jewish resistance in Palestine. Silver went on record favoring it. Again Silver won, and Weizmann left his office as President of the World Zionist Organization.

Silver's victories proved to be important ones. Soon after the Congress of 1947 Ernest Bevin turned the whole Palestine issue over to the United Nations. Ben-Gurion was now the unchallenged leader of the Yishuv, and Silver's role took on extraordinary proportions in America. As head of the newly established American section of the Jewish Agency he was presented with the responsibility of preparing and directing the Jewish case before the United Nations. His part in this endeavor is now history. Once again it fell to his lot to direct the mobilizing of American Jewry as well as the non-Jewish supporters of the Zionist cause. This activity was so well managed that America was thoroughly aware of the nature of the Palestine issue. The United Nations decision to set up the Jewish State did not end the Jewish struggle. Britain was in no mood to accept the decision and began arming the Arabs. The United States, under pressure from the oil interests and other groups, attempted to substitute a trustee plan in place of partition. Some Jewish Agency officials began to waver for fear of an alternative that might destroy the Yishuv. But Silver insisted that only the Jews of Palestine could make the final decision since it would have to be sustained by their very lives. The American section of the Jewish Agency, must, he insisted, fortify Ben-Gurion's position. His view prevailed and the majority voted with him to inform Ben-Gurion that they had rejected the American trusteeship plan. While it was the heroism of Israel's poorly equipped and tremendously outnumbered forces that won the land for the Jews in combat, and while Ben-Gurion was the force that welded the Yishuv into a nation, it cannot be forgotten that the victories gained in New York at Flushing Meadows under Silver's leadership were of vital importance in the birth of the new nation.

**S**HORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH Silver warned American Zionists that Israel has not attained complete security either on its own borders or in the deliberations of the United Nations. Israel's position, he said, is still a precarious one, and her closest friends and allies are the Diaspora Jews the world over, most effective when organized in Zionist ranks. His words are well worth recalling at a time

when his labors on behalf of his people have come to an end:

All this should be remembered as we face the future. For while the Zionist primary objective has been achieved and the State of Israel is an accomplished fact, the need for defending it politically and militarily will never disappear, at least in our generation. Israel will not be able to escape the political tensions and pressures of the region of the world of which it is a part. Danger lurks upon its borders among its turbulent Arab neighbors. Our work is not over by any means and those who would rely in all future emergencies on the instant response of unorganized so-called friends of Israel whose commitments are so vague and whose staying power is so uncertain are not wise guardians, I am afraid, of the best interests of the State of Israel.

The most recent resolution of the United Nations on the Arab refugee question proposed by the United States and carried with but one dissenting vote—the Israeli vote—vindicates Silver's consistent thesis that there must be a prevailing organized Zionist force in the Diaspora to cope with continued threats to the peace and welfare of the Jewish State. This United States resolution tied the possible solution of the refugee problem to one clause of the 1948 Assembly resolution calling only for "repatriation" of the Arab refugees or their compensation by Israel. This clause was now being interpreted incorrectly and out of the context of the original resolution. It appeared to give the Arab refugees the "right" to return to Israel, and, as the Israeli delegate to the United Nations, Michael Comay, said in denouncing it, that original paragraph "torn from its setting has undergone an irrational transformation in the Arab mind. It has become a mystic symbol of the contention that Israel does not belong to the Israelis—and it must be wiped off the map of the Middle East." He pointed out that that very 1948 draft had also called for a full and final settlement of all disputes with Israel.

Those who have been saying that there is no need for a Zionist organization in the Diaspora and who have linked Zionism only with settlement in Israel might well ask themselves whether they can be content with exposing the State of Israel to such situations as the recent United Nations resolution creates fifteen years after Israel's birth without the availability of instrumentalities through which to marshal Jewish opinion in the face of danger to Israel's security. Silver correctly saw that as long as there is no secure peace for Israel there will always have to be adequate channels in the Diaspora for mobilizing public opinion and for dealing with government authorities in the various countries on behalf of Israel. These channels cannot be constructed overnight. They must be cultivated over the years. The Zionist Organization of America has been such an instrument for expressing Jewish sentiment on behalf of Israel. It took sixty-five years to build it. It will not be rebuilt in a day or a year once it is dissolved.

Abba Hillel Silver's legacy to American and world Jewry is a rich one. It represents a standard of excellence in the rabbinate that will be hard to equal because it was built on sound scholarship and brilliant powers of exposition. It also represents courage in leadership, steadfastness in purpose, and clarity in vision. We could not more fittingly honor his memory than to follow his example and to perpetuate his own sense of Jewish purpose and destiny, to hold fast to our loyalties as he did to his. He maintained to the very end of his life that the creation of the State of Israel did not end the Zionist purpose. There still remains the unification of the Jewish people throughout the world in fulfillment of the Herzlian hope.

Silver established patterns of thought and action that would bring dignity into Jewish life. By advancing them we can make his life and labors a blessing in time to come.



# IN GRIEF AND PRIDE

A Tribute by Dr. Max Nussbaum,  
President, Zionist Organization of America

J EWS throughout the world stand with bowed heads over the bier of a man and leader who was principally instrumental in the fulfillment of the vision of Theodor Herzl, immortal founder of the Zionist movement, embodied in the program he presented at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basle, Switzerland, calling for the establishment of a publicly recognized and legally secure national home in Palestine. The passing of Abba Hillel Silver is the severest loss suffered by the Zionist movement and the entire Jewish people in a generation.

It is a historic irony that Dr. Silver died on the very eve of the 16th anniversary of the passage by the United Nations—on November 29, 1947—of the resolution for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, which marked the triumph of Dr. Silver's leadership in the battle for Jewish statehood and the fulfillment of the Basle program.

Dr. Silver's lifelong militant struggle for Jewish redemption through the rebirth of the Jewish State, his indomitable courage coupled with his unswerving resolve and dedication to the Zionist cause which was the creed of his life, constitute a most glorious and golden chapter in the two-

On this sad occasion it is my privilege to quote from the last address Dr. Abba Hillel Silver wrote, which he was to have delivered at the 70th birthday celebration of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, his lifelong and closest associate in the struggle for Jewish Statehood, scheduled for November 26 in New York, but postponed at the personal request of Dr. Neumann out of respect to the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy. In this address, a copy of which Dr. Silver sent to my good friend and Zionist publicist, Ernest E. Barbarash, Dr. Silver, in paying warm tribute to Dr. Neumann, takes occasion to reaffirm his abiding love for the people of Israel, the land of Israel, the Language of Israel and the Book of Israel (the Bible). "In Israel today," he wrote, "an old people is being reborn, an old land is being made new again. Where there was wasteland and wilderness, there towns and cities are springing up, and from Metulla to Eilat one hears the hum of industry, the sound of plow and tractor, the pulse and throb of creative life and the song of children at play. An old language is being revived. A veritable miracle of rejuvenation is taking place before our very eyes. Mind, heart and hand, labor and sweat, faith and



ISRAEL: Dr. Silver receiving from ZOA President Max Nussbaum the first medallion struck off by the Israel Government in honor of the 44th Convention, held in Israel last July.

thousand-year history of Jewish martyrdom. It was indeed divine ordination that Dr. Silver saw the ultimate fruition of his labors and led personally in the triumphant culmination of the struggle for Zion Reborn.

Dr. Silver's monumental achievements as political architect of the Jewish State, the translation of his Messianic vision into the emergence of the Third Jewish Commonwealth and his unrelaxed guardianship of the just interests and legitimate claims of the State of Israel—have truly made him the man of Jewish destiny.

The nobility of his character and the liberalism of his philosophy were also reflected in his labors for the rights of labor and justice for the oppressed among all peoples.

Even as the Zionist cause stood triumphant on that fateful day of November 29, 1947, when the General Assembly of the United Nations by over two-thirds majority sanctioned the establishment of a Jewish State, Dr. Silver injected a sobering note when he uttered a prayer "for the peace of Palestine" and turned to the Arabs with an appeal for genuine friendship. "In this historic hour" he pleaded, "we call upon the Arab people of Palestine and all neighboring Arab countries to join with us in an era of peaceful collaboration."

WE remember with pride and appreciation the enthusiastic acclaim which the entire people of Israel accorded to Dr. Silver at the 70th birthday celebration tendered him at the first ZOA Convention held in Israel last July. It was a national tribute led by the former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, President Shazar, Premier Eshkol, and leaders of all sections of the country who joined in Mr. Ben-Gurion's description of Dr. Silver as the "greatest and most courageous Zionist fighter in American Jewry."

of a free and independent Jewish Commonwealth. The dazzling triumph won under his leadership has earned for Dr. Silver the proud title of architect of the new Jewish State, crowning his life with the aura of immortality.

"His loss is irreparable, but he has left us a priceless legacy: his noble example of courageous and heroic action, of fidelity to principle, of undying faith. He has taught American Jewry to stand up as free men in a free society and battle fearlessly for a cause that is just. Not in many years can we hope to see so towering a figure arising in our midst."

In a message sent on behalf of all at the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, Mr. Sharet said that with the death of Dr. Silver the Zionist movement has lost "the most dynamic and powerful figure." Referring to Dr. Silver's leadership of the American Zionist forces, the former Israeli Prime Minister said: "By his stand in that capacity on the American political scene, and as spokesman of the Jewish Agency in the international arena, he made a decisive contribution to the attainment of the historical resolution of the United Nations General Assembly which opened for the Jewish people the portals of statehood in its own country. His name will forever be enshrined in the annals of American Jewry, the State of Israel, and the Jewish people."

## Israel Mourns Silver

The citizens of Israel and its leaders were shocked at the news of Dr. Silver's sudden passing. Flags were lowered at half-mast at Kfar Silver, ZOA's agricultural institute near Ashkelon. The school, named in tribute to Dr. Silver, was established by the ZOA on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Many thousands of Israelis came to sign their names in the Condolence Book which was opened in Kfar Silver. A week of mourning was declared on the campus.

Hundreds attended the memorial services at the newly opened Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue in Kfar Silver.

At the ZOA House in Tel Aviv American and Israel flags are at half-mast. Inside the ZOA House a large portrait of Dr. Silver was placed, draped in black, in the main hall and flanked by lighted candles.

The Israel Liberal Party held a special memorial meeting. Knesset Members Yosef Saphir, Moshe Kol and S. Z. Abramov delivered the eulogies.

Dr. Silver was eulogized by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet. Mr. Eshkol emphasized Dr. Silver's leadership in the political struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel and his brilliant record in the Zionist movement.

The Knesset stood in silent tribute as Deputy Speaker Yosef Serlin delivered a eulogy in memory of Dr. Silver.

The Israeli press devoted many editorials and articles to Dr. Silver. Reports of the funeral services were featured in all newspapers.



SPRING, 1963: One of his last visits to the ZOA Agricultural school in Israel that bears his name. Dr. and Mrs. Silver being welcomed by students at Kfar Silver.

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others. Hundreds of cables of condolence were received by Mrs. Silver and by the Zionist Organization of America from all parts of the world.

In a cable to Mrs. Silver, Israel's President Zalman Shazar said: "I was shocked to hear the sad news about the sudden passing of this great figure in American Jewry, the most esteemed and illustrious among the spiritual and political leaders of the Zionist movement in America, my dear old friend Abba Hillel Silver . . . History will forever record that this courageous fighter was in the forefront of the fateful struggle for the Establishment of the Jewish State."

### ZOA and Agency Memorials

A eulogy for Dr. Silver was delivered in New York at a special meeting of the ZOA Administrative Committee by Dr. Nussbaum. Among those present were Moshe Sharet, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and President of the World Union of General Zionists. Harold W. Carmely, chairman of the Administrative Committee, presided. It was announced that a public memorial meeting under the auspices of the ZOA will be held in New York on January 7.

Memorial services were also held in New York by the American Section of the Jewish Agency with Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Emanuel Neumann as the principal speakers. Representatives of all Zionist groups and institutions as well as of the Israel Government were present.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, characterized Dr. Silver "as one of the most courageous, powerful and effective leaders in the history of Zionism" and as one whose "great ability as an orator and a statesman enabled him to mobilize American Jewry in support of the Jewish state in a decisive way."

Declaring that Dr. Silver had an "unparalleled belief in the Zionist idea and the Zionist movement," Dr. Goldmann said: "He was deeply convinced of the historical necessity of a strong Zionist movement even after the creation of the State of Israel. His concept and vision of the future of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people was statesmanlike and prophetic, and based on the loftiest values and ideals of Jewish history. His sudden death deprives the Jewish people of one of its top leaders."

### 'Architect of State'

Dr. Neumann, speaking of his lifelong friend and associate, said: "Zionism was the great passion of Dr. Silver's life. More than any other of his generation, he brought to successful conclusion the task first set by Theodor Herzl—to secure international sanction for the reestablishment

vision are again fashioning a new heaven and a new earth."

These last words written by Dr. Silver before he passed from this earth are indeed an eternal testament and cherished legacy to the Jewish people, to the State of Israel, and to mankind.

DR. Silver's prophetic vision of a Jewish State as a shining tower of light to mankind was expressed by him 34 years ago on the 25th anniversary of the passing of Herzl when Dr. Silver wrote: "After its national life is secure Israel must push on to the frontiers of the new world—the world of internationalism, of economic freedom, of brotherhood and of peace. It must resume the burden of its Messianic career. *He shall not fail not be crushed till he have set the right in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his teaching . . .*"

Upon the death of Herzl, his friend and associate Israel Zangwill, the renowned Anglo-Jewish author, wrote a farewell ode:

... 'Tis your body only that has died;  
The noblest soul in Judah is not dust,  
But fire that works in every vein  
and must  
Reshape our life, rekindling Israel's  
pride.

So we behold the captain of our strife  
Triumphant in the moment of  
eclipse;  
Death has but fixed him in immortal  
life,  
His flag upheld, the trumpet at his  
lips,  
And while we, weeping, rend our  
garment's hem,  
"Next year," we cry, "next year,  
Jerusalem!"

These words fittingly apply to our dear departed leader Abba Hillel Silver—  
*Zichrono L'vracha.*

# Twenty Years in Abba Hillel Silver's Zionist Career



Protest at Madison Square Garden, 1946: from left, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Silver, Henry Monilly.



At an open air mass rally in Madison Square Park, New York, 1947.

At the American Jewish Conference, 1944—a glass for the Zionist program.



Keynoting the 50th ZOA Convention, 1947



Presenting the Jewish case to the United Nations, October 1, 1947; from left, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Moshe Shertok, Dr. Silver, Rabbi Wolf Gold, members of Jewish Agency Executive.



Madison Square Garden, May 18, 1948, upon declaration of the State. From left, Harbert H. Lehman, Mayor William O'Dwyer, Senator Robert A. Taft, Dr. Silver, Henry Morgenthau, Jr.



Louis Lipsky and Dr. Silver at the 54th ZOA Convention, 1951, Atlantic City.



Addressing the 57th ZOA Convention, New York City, 1954.



"Signing in" at the ZOA House, Tel Aviv, on one of his early visits there.



Chatting with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion at the dedication of Kfar Silver, 1956.



Dr. Silver's last attendance at the Zionist Action Committee meeting, May, 1963. From left—seated: Abraham A. Radelsky, Dr. Silver, Dr. Max Neubaum, Harold M. Ginzberg; standing: Dr. Marcus Levinson, Jack Lebowitz, Dr. Martin J. Robbins, Dr. Samuel Margoshes.



Opening ZOA's 60th Convention, its first in Israel, July, 1963.



At a garden reception given by Israeli President Zalman Shazar to ZOA delegates. From left: Dr. Silver, President Shazar, Dr. Max Neubaum, Mrs. Shazar.



At his last session of the Board of Governors, Israel Bond Organization, of which he was the chairman, Washington, September, 1963.



diapers, accompany him spiritually on his last way with broken heart and deep sorrow.

Only a few months ago we celebrated his 70th birthday and wished him many more years of health and activity, and now he is no longer with us. He passed away suddenly, an easy and painless death, leaving with us the impression that he had departed untimely, before he had completed the full expression of his being, prior to giving his all to the people and accomplishing his work. He suddenly departed and is no longer here, leaving us with expectations which will no more be fulfilled.

Everything is over and a variegated life, rich in deeds and meditation, stormy and stirring, extending over seven decades, has come to an end.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was born in 1893 in Neustadt, a small town in Lithuania. As a child, he emigrated with his parents and family to the U.S. In this great country and in the Jewish-national atmosphere prevailing in his father's house, the little boy grew up into a young man, harboring the vision of the Jewish State.

Already in 1904, the year of Herzl's death, this 11-year old youngster established the "Dr. Herzl - Zion Club." His proud standing in the face of older and more experienced people, his firm character and leadership qualities, were already evident in this lad in those days. He was moulded of the substance of leadership and destined to things of great import.

His club-comrade, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, may he enjoy a long and happy life, tells how at one of the club gatherings held in the hall of a New-York assimilationary school, the new headmaster of the school suddenly marched in and when he heard that the students were conducting their meeting in Hebrew, he expressed his astonishment and gave them a sermon advocating American-Jewish assimilation. But, he was interrupted by a youngster who defiantly stood up and declared: "This Club identifies itself with the Zionist Movement and will continue to conduct its meetings in the language in which King David chanted the Psalms and Isaiah prophesied on 'The End of Days.'" This young man was Abba Hillel Silver.

When one reviews his life from its very beginning, it seems that from his early childhood he had borne in his heart the mission: "I Have Assigned Thee Leader Of Thy People."

When at the age of 18, Silver decided — to the great astonishment of his comrades and friends — to move to Cincinnati and study at the Hebrew Union College, the castle of Reform and conscious assimilation and in those days, citadel of Anti-Zionism, Silver replied: "I go there in order to conquer the fortress from within." He regarded it a national and Zionist mission.

And really, he was one of the first who widely opened the gates of his Temple in Cleveland to

## ZOA House Mourns Kennedy, Silver

### Israel Shares in Grief Of President's Death

### Life of Rabbi Silver Eulogized in Knesset

Groups of red-eyed American tourists stopped to stare at the memorial to President John F. Kennedy erected near the entrance to ZOA House. Thirty-six hours after the death of the 35th President of the United States, American tourists and residents in Israel were still too stunned to cogently express their grief.

People milled around the memorial, with its black-framed portrait of President Kennedy, as if seeking some sort of confirmation that the Nov. 22 assassination had not actually been committed.

Official word on the death of the President reached the ZOA Management Committee when a call from the U.S. Embassy's press attaché was placed to Mr. Aron Reichman, assistant director of ZOA House. The American Ambassador, Mr. W. Barbour, suggested that the planned Nov. 28 Traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner be cancelled in view of

the lamentable event that had just occurred.

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner was to have included a reception by the U.S. Ambassador, followed by a traditional dinner and then dancing and entertainment. ZOA House immediately placed an advertisement in the Jerusalem Post cancelling the event. Letters were

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It was a tragic week when bad news reached us one after another from the U.S.A. At the beginning of the week — the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and at the end of the week — the passing away of a great Jew and admired leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Flags came down to half-mast, the two famous portraits were framed in black, and there was nearly universal mourning.

It was just a few months ago that Dr. Silver was in Israel presiding over the 66th Convention of the Z.O.A., the first convened in Israel. On that occasion he was the honoured guest at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the ZOA House.

At a special Memorial Meeting held by the Israel Knesset, on December 2, 1963, in the presence of the State President, Mr. Z. Shazar, the Deputy Speaker Joseph Serlin delivered the following eulogy:

On the eve of November 29, 1963, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was taken from us forever.

He has passed away, his name inseparably linked with the historic date of November 29, 1947.

One of the titans of the Revival Era was laid to rest yesterday, while his admirers in all corners of the world, in Israel and the



President Kennedy Corner. Immediately after word was received of the death of President Kennedy, a special memorial corner was established to do honour to the late President of the United States. Top of the flag was draped in black.



Rabbi Silver Corner. Visitors are shown viewing the memorial established in Rabbi Silver's name immediately after word was received of his untimely death. ZOA House, shares with all of Judaism, sorrow from the loss of this great man.

## Dr. Silver - A man of Great Integrity

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who was 70 years old at the time of his death, was not only one of the pillars of Zionism and American Jewish life, but also a leading liberal and patriot.

He was a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Civil Liberties Union and was instrumental in establishing child welfare legislation.

He had been a past president of the Zionist Organization of America, chairman of the board of governors of the State of Israel Bonds, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, member of the council of the Jewish Agency, and a member of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. His stirring United Nations' speech on behalf of a Jewish State was one of the historical moments of political Zionism.

were one of the brilliant periods in the history of American Zionism and the Jewish community in the United States.

With his political sense, he skillfully attached the Jewish problem to the harness of world events, and restored to the Zionist Movement its revolutionary character embodied in the historic drive for an outright Jewish State.

In those years, he paved his way in the Zionist Movement fighting against odds, against the assimilationism in the Jewish community in America, until he defeated it with his bold spirit and valour.

In this struggle, he challenged the policies of entreaty and intercession prevailing among the leading circles of American Zionists, a pleading which did not further the Zionist cause but merely served to enhance the intercessors' prestige.

Silver gave the battle signal in May 1943, at a UJA Conference, when he relentlessly shattered illusions, broke up idols and thundered with his voice: "The tragic problems now facing the Jewish people, will not find their solution in the sending of New Year Greetings by heads of state..."

He demanded wide political action, based on a mass movement and anchored in deep faith, for thus spoke Silver: "I believe that the inevitable logic of events will, in due course, turn Palestine into a Jewish State... By virtue of the ultimate logic of occurrence, when all doors will be closed to Jews, fate will forcefully open to them the gates of Eretz-Israel... and this hour is drawing near..."

In those days, the steps of redemption were echoing in Silver's ears and his voice was that of a reprimanding prophet who is also the bringer of tidings. However, the generation was yet unfit. He had to yield his place to compromising elements and was again

called to the rudder only after President Roosevelt's death and the discovery of his exchange of correspondence with Ibn-Saud.

Once more he was back in harness, ready to fight, and at the first Zionist Congress after World War II, held in Basle in 1946, when the Movement faced the dilemma of whether to continue relying on Great Britain in its aspirations for the realization of Zionism — Silver advocated termination of the tragic partnership with England, and the basing of Zionist politics on new centers, reaching out as far as the USSR.

In the history of the struggle for the revival of the State of Israel, Dr. Silver will be remembered as a talented giant, profusely imbued with vision and great in deeds, who with his firm hand stirred up the 6 million Jews of America and brought them forth from indifference to preparedness, from alertness to strife, and from struggle to outright combat for a Jewish State.

No Zionist leader had scored such brilliant victories in the Zionist front as did Dr. Silver, but equally significant were his frustrations in that arena. For only in that sphere, the Zionist Movement, the Jewish People and the world at large, were given the opportunity to view Dr. Silver in his most wonderful revelation as a man of both Vision and Action. At the same times, Dr. Silver, in that very front, was given a chance to find out how ingrate are, by way of nature, all those who logically should have shown gratefulness.

American Jews are indebted to Dr. Silver who, in the decisive moments for the whole nation, forged and guided them to fulfill their historic mission in the struggle for renewal of our independence in our ancestral land.

The State of Israel is indebted to Dr. Silver for his dauntless

struggle in the American arena and at the U.N. Assembly, while our sons and daughters here bravely fought and shed their blood in the War of Liberation.

The Knesset, in convening today this special Memorial Session for the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, repays part of the debt which the State of Israel and the Jewish People owe to him.

Blessed be his Memory!



The late Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver with David Ben Gurion at Kfar Silver in Israel

## OUR LOSS

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

It was November 29, 1947, and the United Nations General Assembly was gathered for a momentous vote. Seated around radios in seventy lands were Jews, some praying, some weeping, all waiting. It was time to decide whether Palestine would be partitioned into two states, one Arab, one Jewish. It was a moment when history itself seemed to pause for a moment to watch the proceedings.

From the gallery, along with the most important Zionist leaders in the world, watched Abba Hillel Silver. As the vote was tabulated, and the chairman impassively intoned, "the resolution is affirmed," Dr. Silver, a leader of Reform, took from his pocket a yarmulka, placed it on his head and recited the ancient blessing of *Shabbat-yam* that is said upon the occurrence of a new event:

"Blessed art Thou, Who hath caused us to live, and sustained us, and allowed us to reach this time."

Then he broke down, and wept unashamedly.

This month, Abba Hillel Silver died, and all over the world the mourning was sincere. For Silver was above all, a man of principle, an honest man, who would not sacrifice truth for expediency. The son of a Lithuanian Rabbi, he was brought to the United States at the age of eight and grew up in New York City's teeming East Side, where he came to know the suffering of his people and resolved to be their champion.

In many ways, his life was a paradox. Though a Reform rabbi, and head of one of the largest Temples in the country—his Cleveland Congregation boasting some 2500 members—he nevertheless opposed the growth of Reform in Israel, calling it needless and likely to split the country. Though president of the Zionist Organization of America, he was hardly a narrow party man, but rather a champion of Israel and Zionism for their own sakes.

Last week, in this country and in Israel his devotion to the birth of a Jewish state, his decisive diplomatic role in making the State a reality, his chairmanship of the Zionist Emergency Council in the critical years of 1945-48, were recalled. At the funeral services in Cleveland, attended by thousands, Silver's life-long friend, Emanuel Neumann, spoke in hushed and grieving tones. At Kfar Silver, in Israel, the village named for him and in which he took so much pride, flags were flown at half-mast and a week of mourning was proclaimed. Inside ZOA House in Tel Aviv, a large portrait of the dead man hung draped in black and flanked with candles. In the words of a veteran Zionist leader, "his passing is more than the end of a man; it is the finish of an era."

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## בכפר סילבר...



## אזכרה לרביי אבא הלל סילבר

מברקי ניחומים למותו של ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

גב' סילבר, הטמפל קליבלנד אהיו

כל חברי הנהלת הפיו: קל קיבדיו, אתר באבולר הכפר קל מותו  
התאומי של בעלך הנערץ קל ירי מולך.  
בפרק המפואר שרשם ירי אבא הלל סילבר בחיבוריו קטנו למען  
הקם והמדינת, מצאי ניחומים.

סרלין — ירי הנהלת ב.צ.א.

ד"ר נוסבאום נשיא, ז"ל, אר. איי.  
"טמפל און ישראלי", הוליווד

המוסד המדויק המוקדקת קל מותו התאומי של המנהיג הגדול  
ירי אבא הלל סילבר קטן המקטש הגדול התרשיה נשיא הכבוד של  
ה"י.א.א.י."

הפיו קל חברי הנהלתו וחבר קיבדיו מכסים האכילה הגדולה. אבא  
מסור את רגשי השתתפותו למשפחה השכולה.

סרלין — ירי הנהלת ב.צ.א.



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# Rabbi Silver, Leader of Zionism, Is Eulogized as 'Natural Hero'

By GEORGE J. BARMANN

Whenever a great rabbi dies, those of the Jewish faith say, "He has bequeathed us the heritage of life."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of The Temple, servant of the Lord, teacher and friend, whose words and ideals spread in a radiance from here to beyond the seas, was laid to rest yesterday, and what he bequeathed was not only life, but a courage and a name already written in the history of his generation.

Under the great Byzantine dome of The Temple, with the pale light from the sky and the golden lamps joining to cast a warm reflection on the bronze coffin before the main altar, more than 4,000 persons listened to eulogies and pray-

ers and, in their own special ways, remembered this man.

"HIS PRESENCE will be here always," said U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche, D-O.

"No one will replace you," said Dr. Emanuel Neumann of New York.

"What we witnessed was a natural hero," said Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh.

They gave the eulogies in the hour-long service for Rabbi Silver, leader in world Zionism and a mighty religious figure for almost half a century, who died at Lakeside Hospital on Thanksgiving Day. He was 70.

Every seat in The Temple was filled as the funeral service began. Others crowded into Luntz Auditorium and the

Social Hall, where loudspeakers brought the music and the voices of the speakers. There were loudspeakers also in classrooms and outside, facing Silver Park.

MANY DISTINGUISHED persons attended, including Anthony J. Celebrezze, U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare; Israel's ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman; Mrs. Lausche and Mayor and Mrs. Ralph S. Locher. Richard Tucker of New York, Metropolitan Opera Company tenor, sang the traditional Hebrew memorial prayer at the close.

Sen. Lausche recalled that he first heard Rabbi Silver at the City Club 40 years ago, "and, to me, he became a model."



The coffin of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is carried from The Temple.

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## TODAY AT THE TEMPLE

### 5,000 Are Expected at Rabbi Silver Rites

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's roles as a powerful force in world affairs, as a leader in world Zionism and as a inspirational religious figure will be the themes of three eulogies at funeral services at 11 a.m. today at The Temple.

More than 5,000 persons are expected.

U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche, a long-time friend of Rabbi Silver who died unexpectedly Thanksgiving Day at Lakeside Hospital of University Hospitals, will deliver the first tribute, praising the Rabbi's public life.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, head of the Theodore Herzl Institute of New York and one of the world's leading Zionists, will speak of the late rabbi's role as a Zionist. Rabbi Silver became a leader in the American Zionist movement in 1943.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, a distinguished leader in the American reform rabbinate, a scholar and life-long friend of Rabbi Silver, will eulogize his religious career. Rabbi Freehof is affiliated with the Rodeph Shalom Congregation of Pittsburgh.

#### THE OPENING PRAYER

of the 45-minute service will be said by Rabbi Leo I. Feuer of Toledo, formerly an assistant at The Temple. The psalms will be read by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Fairmount Temple. Closing prayers will be said by Rabbi Milton Matz of The Temple.

The Temple seats 1,700. Auxiliary seating arrangements.

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#### Memorial Service Is Held For Silver in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Dec. 1 (UPI)—A memorial service was held for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver today with at least 5,000 persons attending.

The 70-year-old rabbi died Thanksgiving Day at his home. Those participating included Senator Frank Lausche, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh, Rabbi Leo Feuer of Toledo, Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld and Rabbi Milton Matz of Cleveland.

Senator Lausche, a long-time friend of the rabbi, praised Dr. Silver's public life in the first tribute. Dr. Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel and head of the Theodore Herzl Institute of New York, discussed the late rabbi's role as a Zionist.

Rabbi Freehof, also an old friend of the rabbi and a leader in the American Reform Rabbinate, eulogized Rabbi Silver's religious career, which began in 1915 when he was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

"Rabbi Silver, to me, radiated justice, strength, trust and wisdom and the struggle for peace throughout the world," he said. "He had a glow of inner radiance. He was tenderly merciful, but realistic, firm but just in the condemnation of wrong. He respected ideas and words, but he realized ideas meant nothing unless translated into reality."

"I have lost a long-time friend. The world has lost a great leader. When the trumpet blew, Rabbi Silver was ready. His works will live with us," he said.

DR. NEUMANN, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, head of the Theodore Herzl Institute of New York and one of the world's leading Zionists, said that "at a moment like this, one stands speechless."

"His was the voice that called us to action," said Dr. Neumann, speaking of the late rabbi's Zionist role, which he took up many years back. "Those were the unforgettable days. This towering figure has left his indelible mark not only upon his generation but upon the history of his people."

"He was my boyhood

friend, my comrade, my teacher, my leader. Farewell, dear friend, dear master. May the prayers of all Israel accompany you to eternal rest."

After the service, Dr. Neumann felt faint and was helped from The Temple.

"RABBI SILVER was primarily a rabbi," said Rabbi Freehof, prominent leader in the American reform rabbinate, scholar and life-long friend. "Whatever else he did in the world was an outgrowth of his rabbinical ideals."

"When he spoke, he spoke to a purpose; when he stopped, he was silent. Abba was a remarkable preacher. It wasn't his eloquence. Eloquence was only the vehicle for his thought. He was a fighter for a cause. He spoke for a cause and not against people. Hate was never involved. He was a natural hero."

Rabbi Freehof is affiliated with the Rodeph Shalom Congregation of Pittsburgh.

The only decoration at the casket was a pair of candles on tall standards, which stood at either end. In the first row of pews was the family of the late rabbi, including his wife, Mrs. Virginia H. Silver, and his sons, Rabbi Daniel J. Silver and Raphael D. Silver.

OPENING PRAYER at the service was by Rabbi Leon I. Feuer of Toledo, formerly an assistant at The Temple. The psalms were read by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Fairmount Temple. Closing prayers were said by Rabbi Milton M. Matz of The Temple.

Special music for the service was written by Klaus George Roy, director of publications of the Cleveland Orchestra and composer. The organist at The Temple, David Gooding, who also is musical director there, played some of his own music.

When the service ended, the funeral procession went to Mayfield Cemetery, where Rabbi Feuer read the mourner's kaddish (prayer).

As Rabbi Freehof said, a great life has ended and a great memory now begins.

address by Joseph Berlin

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העלאת זכרו של ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר

היו"ר פ. לוין:

אנו מחזקים את הישיבה.

אני מבקש את סגן יושב-ראש  
הכנסת, יוסף סרלין, לשאת דברי הספר לזכרו של ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר ז"ל.

יוסף סרלין:  
הספלה הליברית

אדוני היושב ראש, כנסת נכבדה.

אור לכ"ס בנובמבר, השתא,  
החזיר את נשמתו לפרוסיט רביי ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר; הלך לעולמו כשסמו  
קטור קטר בל ינתק לתאריך ההיסטורי של הכ"ס בנובמבר 1947.

אמפול הובל לספוחות אחר

הנפילים סרור התקומה, שפזיריו ופעריוציו בכל אתר ואתר, בישראל ובתפוצות,  
מלויים אותו נפסית בורכו האחרונה כלב דווי וכיגון עמוק.

עור לפניי בטה חורשים חבגנו

את יום הולדתו השבעים ואיחלנו לו הרבה שנות בריאות ופעילות, ועתה  
איננו עוד, הסתלק מתאופית, בסיתת-נשיקה, בהשאירו בבו הרגשה שלפני  
זמנו הסתלק האיש, בסרם סיצה את כל ימותו, בסרב נתן את כל-כולו לעם,  
בסרם השלים הסלאכה, הסגלק פתאופית, ואיננו עוד, בהשאירו אותנו עם  
נפיות <sup>257</sup> שלא תבואנה עוד על ספוקן.

נסתם הגולל על פרשת חיים

ססבורנית, עשירת סעס והוות, סוערת וססעירה, פרשת חיים הסתערעת על  
שבעה עשורים.

ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר נולד בעירה

בויסטט אשר בליטה בשנת 1893. בהיותו ילד היגר עם הדורו וספסחתו  
לארצות-הברית, בסרינה בנדולה הזו ובאווירה יהודית-לאופית בבית אבא  
נרל הילד והיה לנער, הנושא בלבו את חזון סרינה היהודיים,

הספך דבריו - סי.



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ד"ר אבא הלל פילבר ז"ל  
י. סרלין

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כ"י כ"ן - ע.ע.  
ס"ח/תת

כ"י כבד ב-1904, שנת פותו של הרצל,

מייסד הנער בן 11 את הסוערון Dr. Herzl - Zion Club . עמיתו  
הנאה במני ברולים וחוקים סמנו, אפיו החזק ותכונות מנהיגות בלשו כבד  
בנער הזה, בימים ההם, כ"י פחולר מנהיגות קורן הנער ולגדולות בנער.

חברו לסוערון ד"ר עמנואל ניומן, יגדל

לחיים ארוכים, סמך עבאחת האסיפות של הסוערון שהקיימה באולם בית-ספר  
סתבולל בניו-יורק, הוסיף לסתע הפנהל החוש של בית-הספר להשפיעו כי הנערים  
סתבולים אסיפתם בעברית, בזהם, הסיף להם סופר ואמריקניות, אולם, תוספס  
על-ידי עלם נעיר דקס ססקורס והנהיר באוזני הפנהל: "הסוערון הזה סודנה  
עם התנועה הציונית ויסטיך לנהל אסיפותיו בספה בה סר דור את מזמורי  
התהלים ובה ניבא יסעיהו על אחרית הימים". העלם הנעיר הזה היה אבא הלל  
פילבר.

כעאחת סוקר בדת תייו סראשיתה, - הרי

כאילו ססחר ילדותו נבא בלבו את הסעודה: מנהיג לעמן בתחילן

בשבביל 18 סחלים סילבר, לתסתון חברים  
וירידיו, לנור לסינסיסנאסי, ללמוד בהיברו ידניון קולג', סבנר הריסורס  
והסתוללות סדעת ביסיכ ההם, סבנר האנס-יונוות, סגייכ סילבר: אכ"י הולך  
לספה על-סנת לכבוס את הסבנר סנסניכ. הוא ראה בזה שליחות לאופית  
וביונית.

ואסכס הוא היה אחד הראשונים ססתח את  
סגרי הססטל שלו בקליבלנד לרועתה לרוע לאופית, לביונות אחרבות עברית,  
ובזה סרד ככל הססורת של מייסדי הריסורס באמריקה וייו וסונונסקי,  
ואף על פי כן היה אהוב וסקובל על קהילתו ובביא בעירו קליבלנד כפי  
ססמסיס זכו לכך.

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סי/חח

סילבר זכה לחיבה, להוקרה ולהערצה

אם כי פעולם לא הסתגל לדעות צאן סרעיתו, פעולם לא רצה לסבוא חן בעיניהם, כי את עיניו נשא תמיד לחזון הגדול ובשום תנאים ובשום מסיבות לא היה מוכן לפרסו ליסנות.

עם כל היותו רב-נווני, עם ססכת פעולות עניפה ועשירה, והניע בכל שטח בו עסק, לשיאים בלתי רגילים: אם זה כרביי בקהילתו - הרי היה אחד הגדולים ברורה.

ואם זה כהונה דעות, כסופר, כנואם בחסד עליון, כלוחם ללא חת לקידמה, כמדינאי גדול, עם כל היותו כאסור רב-צורי, הרי הפרק הרוסטי ביותר בפרשת חייו הססגונית, הוא הפרק בו נתבלה כמדינאי ציוני בעל חזון ותנועה, עם חוש ראייה, אשר ירע לחדור סבער ערפילי המאורעות ופעבה הדיפלומטיה, על כל תכניה. זהו הפרק בו העלה את המאבק למען הקוסמה מחדש של מדינת ישראל לשיאים בלתי נורעים לפניו.

בקונגרס הציוני ה-21 בגנף, ב-1939, נוכח

הספר הלבן של ממשלת בטרנס ועל סף שואה של מלחמת עולם השניה, <sup>האלף</sup> ~~האדום~~ בו חבר-נעוריו, ד"ר עמנואל ניסמן, ליסול את הגה המנהיגות באסריקה. הסיב סילבר: אני חושש שתפרוץ מלחמה, ובמלחמה זו סרכז הכובד יועתק מאירופה לאסריקה, ואז אפלא את התפקיד המוטל עלי. דברי נבואה מסש!

את הכסחתו קיים. זרק את עצמו לסאבק.

סאבק שהשתרע על יריעה השנים 1943-1948, שנים שהפכו לאחת התקופות המזהירות בתולדות הציונות האסריקאית ובתולדות הקבוצ היהודי בארצות-הברית.

<sup>לחלום</sup>  
בחוסו הפוליטי ירע לתהום את הבעיה

היהודית בריחסת המאורעות העולמיים והחזיר לתנועה הציונית את אפיה הסהפכני שנתבלם כרחף ההיסטורי למדינה יהודית לאלתר.

ישיבה ש"א - 2.12.63  
העלאת זכרו של  
ר"ר אבא הלל סילבר ז"ל  
י. סרלין

סי/תת

היו אלה שנים, בהן סלל דרכו נגד  
רבים בחורף התנועה הציונית, נגד הקבוץ היהודי באסריקה עד אשר כבש  
אותם בסערת רוחו ובעוזו כוחו.

במאבקו זה קרא תגר נגד השתדלנות  
שקבתה שביתה בכוהל המזרחי של ציונות אסריקה. שתדלנות אשר לא הצעירה  
את העניין הציוני קדימה, אלא הוסיפה עוד כבוד לשתדלנים הנכבדים.  
את האות לקרב נתן סילבר בסאי 1943, בועידת הסביות, כשהרס ללא רחם  
אילוציות, ניתן אליהם ובקולו רעם: "הבעיות הסרביות של העם היהודי  
כיום לא תסבאנה פתרון כמסלוח ברכות "שנה טובה" ע"י ראשי סרביות..."

סילבר תבע פעולה סרבית עניפה,  
סבססת על תנועת הסוכים ומעורבות באמונה חזקה, כי כה אסר סילבר:  
"אני מאמין שההגיון הבלתי נסבב של המאורעות יהפוך, כבוא הזמן, את  
פלתינה לסרינה יהודית... בחורף ההגיון הבלתי נסבב של המאורעות, טען  
סילבר, כשכל השערים יתו נקולים בפני יהודים, - הצורל יפתח בפניה את  
סערי ארץ-ישראל בפניהם... ושעה זו ספססת ובאה..."

באזני סילבר הדהדו בימים ההם פעמי  
גאולה, וקולו קול נביא מייסד ומבשר. אולם הרור עדו לא הוכשר, הוא  
צריך היה לפנות מקומו לפשרנים, ונקרא טוב להבה רק לאחר סותו של הנשיא  
רוזבלט, ולאחר גלוי חלומי המכתבים בינו ובין איבן-סעוד.

ושוב נרתם למאבק, ובקונגרס הציוני  
הראשון, לאחר סלחסת העולם השניה, בדצמבר 1946, כשהתנועה הועמדה  
כפני הדילמה אם להמשיך לסמוך על אנגליה בשאיפותיה להבססת הציונות -  
טען סילבר לפרוק השותפות הסרבית עם אנגליה ולבסס את הסרביות הציונית  
על מרכזים חדשים ועד לברית הסועצות הניע.

סי/תח

בתולדות המאבק על חקוקתה פחדש של

מדינת ישראל ייזכר ד"ר סילבר כאותו ענק ברוך כשרון, עתיר חזון  
וכביד-מעש, אשר בידו המפלגה אחז בציצית ראשם של חמשת סיליוני  
יהודי אמריקה, ויסלסלם סלסלה ברולה: ויוציאם מארצות לוריות,  
סוריות למאבק ומסאבק למלחמה בלוח על מדינה יהודית לאלתר.

שום מנהיג ציוני לא נחל בנחונות

כה מזהירים בחזית הציונית כמו סילבר, ובבורל הנחונות כן גם  
אכזבתי באותה חזית. כי רק בחזית זו ניתנה לתנועה הציונית, לעם  
היהודי, ולעולם כולו ההזדמנות לראות את ד"ר סילבר בהתגלותו הטופלאה  
כיותר מאיש החזון והמעש גם יחד, כשם שדווקא בחזית זו ניתנה לו,  
לד"ר סילבר עצמו, ההזדמנות להוכיח עד כמה בדרך הסנע כפויי-סובה כל  
אלה, אשר לפי ההבירן חייבים להיות אמירי-תורה.

יהודי אמריקה חייבים תורה לד"ר  
על שברגע הנורלי לאוסה כולה, ידע להשלם בדי שיוכלו לסלא את יעוד.  
ההיסטורי במאבק על חירות עצמאותנו בסולדת אבות.

מדינת ישראל חייבת תורה לד"ר סילבר על  
מאבקו ללא חת בזירה האמריקנית ובעזרת האופות המאונדות, שעה שבנינו מה  
עמדו כחוסה בצורה במלחמת שחרור עקובה מרם על זוחלג ישראל.

הכנסת בהתייחדה היום עם ד"ר סילבר

סודעת חלק מהחוב שפרינת ישראל ועם ישראל הבים לו.

יהי זכרו ברוך!

אני מכריז על הפסקה של חמש דקות.

היג"ר מ. לונ:

(הישיבה נפסקה בשעה 16.35).

אחרי כן א.ד.

# איבער 5000 האפען באגלייט דר. סילווער צו זיין אייביגער רוח

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אדישע נעשיכטע וועט שטענדיג געדענקען דר. סילווער פאר זיין גרויסער ראפע און גרינדונג פון מדינת ישראל, דערפארס פרעזידענט שור אין נעמען צו דער אלמנה.

די לעצטע רעדע, וואס ראבי סילווער האט געהאט געגרייט פאר זיין טויט, איז געווען א וספד אויף דעם פרעזידענט-מאריטער דושאן. קענעדי.

פאדעל צום פארן וואקאל  
פון אשד וואלס

קליינלעך, דע. 1. — דר. אבא  
הלל סילווער, דער גרינדער פון א

גרייסע ציוניסטישע דור, דער  
טויט פון דעם אשד וואקאל איז  
דעמאלט, איז היינט אין דער פרי  
געבראכט געווארן צו זיין אייביג  
הלל סילווער.

פון 9 אויגוסט אין דער פרי הא  
בען זיך געצויגן פלענען, פירן  
דעם שטייגער וועטער, צו דעם  
טעמפל, וואו דר. סילווער איז איר  
בען פערציג יאר געווען דער גייט  
גייט פירער, און וואו די לויט  
איז ווערנדיג געווארן.

דער ארץ, מיט דעם נאמען, איז  
געווארן לעבען דעם עמור, פון  
העלען דר. סילווער פלעגט האל  
סע ווייט געפירט דעם דור, די  
אשד וואקאל איז די אידישע פארן  
האט זיך גענומען פון זיין ווייט  
און, זי איז אן ערשטאנד פון  
היינטיקע פריינט און סטארבע  
פערט פון דר. סילווער.

די לויט-געפירט האט זיך  
אנגעהויבן 11 אויגוסט, און זי  
איז אנגעפירט געווארן פון ראבא  
פילאסאפ, העלען איז געווען  
דער געזיגט צו ראבא סילווער.  
העלען וועט גענוג געווארן

*Compassionate Rebel*  
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 citi-  
zens, but throughout the country and  
around the world. Abba Hillel Silver  
belonged not only to The Temple and to  
Cleveland, he belonged 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  
rabbi, Rabbi Silver was born on Janu-  
ary 28, 1893, in Lithuania, and came to  
New York with his family in 1901. Upon  
receiving his doctor of divinity degree in  
1915—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 unceasing-  
ly of his wisdom, his vision, his con-  
science and his heart to all people. His  
interests were legion and his good works  
were felt on both the national and inter-  
national scene.

Rabbi Silver was one of the leaders in  
founding the State of Israel. As a fer-  
vent 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 be-  
fore the United Nations General Assem-  
bly. 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 neu-  
tralist nations who would seek temporary  
gain at the expense of the world organ-  
ization.

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 1931 he was  
appointed chairman of the Ohio Com-  
mission on Unemployment Insurance. I  
was privileged to serve with him on that  
commission. Under his leadership we  
wrote the first State unemployment in-  
surance law in the Nation. This served  
as a model for other States. In addi-  
tion, Rabbi Silver helped to defeat the  
open-shop policy in the 1920's and the  
more recent proposed right-to-work leg-  
islation. He was a tower of strength in  
the drive for social justice.

The recipient of many awards, includ-  
ing 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 com-  
mend this sermon, "The Legacy of a Pres-  
ident," to my colleagues and ask unani-  
mous consent that it be printed in the  
Recorder at this point as a part of my  
remarks.

There being no objection, the sermon  
was ordered to be printed in the Recorder,  
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 per-  
functory. 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  
"three 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 Demo-  
cratic nominee for the Presidency, he de-  
clared: "Too many Americans have lost their  
way, their will, and their sense of historic  
purpose. 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 sum-  
mons 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 gen-  
eration born in this century, tempered by  
war, disciplined by a hard and better 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 "re-  
turned to the fountain whose waters spring  
close by the blood of the Revolution."

He invoked the spirit which gave 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 Decla-  
ration 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 rele-  
vant 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  
unremitting 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 Abraham Lincoln lies, you will see not far away the stately  
Lincoln Memorial and beyond that the tow-  
ering 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 un-  
broken covenant which time and again is  
renewed for us by the blood of our martyrs.

I said a moment ago, that President Ken-  
nedy was young and that he appealed to  
the heart of young America, but he was also  
wise with the wisdom which men, not alto-  
gether wisely, associate with age. He had  
the order 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 ac-  
tion but tactful and moderate in speech  
and manner.

He faced reality. He understood his  
world—its dangers, its unotted 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 re-  
sources 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 THE ART OF COMPROMISE

He understood that the art of government  
was the art of compromise, but never on prin-  
ciple.

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פון ראבא און פארט. פון סאלי  
דא אהרע. און פון ראבא און  
סוד דאס. לעצטענע, פון קליין  
לאנד.

ריסטארד סאקער, דער בא  
וואסער מעטאפאליטע אפערע  
זינער, האט געמאכט דעם, אל  
סלא רחמים.

צוויי ראבאים האבן געזאגט די  
פאסיג פאקטלעך הילם

א קורצע אפשאצונג פון דר.  
אבא הלל סילווער בייטראג צו  
אמעריקע האט געגעבן סענאטאר  
פערנע דאס. לארע.

צוויי ריידענדיגע הספדים האבן  
געמאלטען דר. עמנואל ניומאן, א  
ווענטורער פון דעם פארשטאנדע  
נעם, און ראבא סאלאמאן ב.  
פרידמאן, דער באוואוסטער ראבא  
פון פייטסבורג.

דר. ניומאן האט געזאגט, אז ער  
רעדט אין דעם נאמען פון דער ציר  
ניסטישער העלס-באזענונג, פון  
דער אמעריקאנער סעקציע פון דער  
אידישער אגענטור, און אין נאמען  
פון דער ארגאניזירטער אפעריקא  
נער ציוניסטישער באזענונג, "וי-  
פרי".

דר. ניומאן האט פערטעס וועגן  
דר. סילווערס ראלע אין דער ציר  
ניסטישער באזענונג, על האט און  
געזיגט, אז ווען דר. סילווער איז  
געווען אין פייטסבורג, האט און  
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זיגט אויך פאקטן פון הויף, און  
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דער ציר פערזענליכקייט פון דר.  
סילווער, באזענדיג דעם דור ווי  
און ראבא סילווער פלעגט בויען  
א דור.

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פרידמאן געזאגט — האט וועלט  
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זיגט דאס, אבער ווען ער האט  
זיך באזעט מיט א פאקט, האט ער  
אין און קונסטלעך אריינגע  
וועט אין זיין פארשטאנד טעקסט.  
אז אים איז געווען צו פארביי  
ווען די קלערענע פון אסאל  
מיט דער אידישער.

עס איז דא איבערגעגעבן גע  
ווארן, אז זיין לעצטע דור, אי  
בער העלען ער האט א גאנצע  
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הספד, וואס האט געמאכט א  
שטארקע רושם אין דער גאנצער  
שטאט.

דער ישראלישער אסאמא  
דא אברהם הארמאן איז געווען  
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צו דער לויט.

פיל נאציאנאלע אידישע ארגא  
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לע העלענדיג צו דער לויט.  
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ער, קעקעטישער דירעקטאר.

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דור, צו דער פארטויטער פאר  
פילע, צו דער אפעריקאנער ציר  
ניסטישער באזענונג, וואס האט  
פארלירט איר פירער, און צו די  
אפעריקאנער אידיש, אין די טעג  
פון זייער טרויער.

קיינ אפעריקאנער איז האט  
ניש געשפילט און היינטיקע רא-  
לע, קענענעם אבא איבער  
ווען פערטער אבא איבער האט  
צו דר. סילווערס סטופה געשיקט  
דעם פאלגענדיגן קענעל:

פיל טרויערע טיף אויף דעם  
טויט פון דעם היידענענעם  
פריינט אבא הלל סילווער, קיין  
סום אפעריקאנער איז האט נישט  
געשפילט און אנטשיידענדיג רא-  
לע אין ישראליס פארטויטער גע-  
שיכטע, פיל העלען טענענדיג  
סייער האלטען די געדענקען פון  
זיין היידענענעם און, און  
בער אלץ, זיין פערזענליכע פריינט  
שאפט.

פאנען אויף העלענע פאקטן  
די פאנען וועגן אונזערענעלעך  
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אין געגרינדעט געווארן מיט צען  
יאר צוריק צו דער געלעגנהייט  
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געווארן געווארן א וואך פון  
טרויער.

פיל פערזענלעך האבן באוואוסט  
כער סילווער און אונזערענעלעך  
דאס בוד פון פייטסבורג, די ליבער  
ראלע פארשפרייט פון דער כנסת האט  
פאנען פרייטאג נאציאנאלע  
א ספעציעלע פרייזענדיג אין  
דעם אגודע פון דעם פארשטאנד  
בענעם ציוניסטישן פירער, די ישי-  
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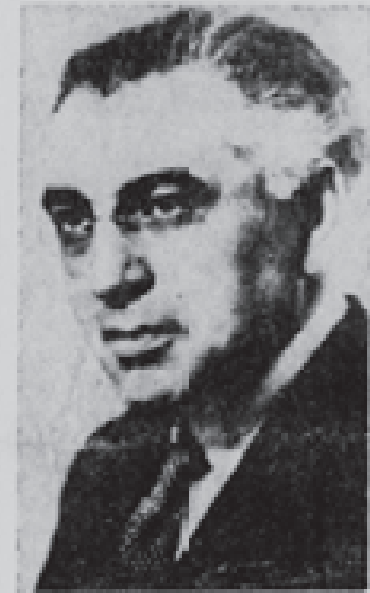
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Dr. Goldmann characterized Dr. Silver this week as one of the most courageous, powerful and effective leaders in the history of Zionism. "His great ability as an orator and a statesman enabled him to mobilize American Jewry in support of the Jewish State in a decisive way," Dr. Goldmann said.

Moshe Sharett, speaking on behalf of himself and of his colleagues of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, said: "With the death of Dr. Silver, the most dynamic and powerful figure has disappeared from the world tribune of the Zionist movement. As an inspired leader and redoubtable fighter, Dr. Silver played for many years a central role in the evolution of American Zionism. In the crucial years of World War II, he was entrusted with the supreme command of American Zionist forces. By his stand in that capacity on the American political scene and as spokesman of the Jewish Agency in the international arena, he made a decisive contribution to the attainment of the historical resolution of the United Nations General Assembly which opened for the Jewish people the portals of statehood in its own country."

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clips. 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 RAN 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."

## UNION 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 insidious, 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 bigoted, bigoted State Governors in Mississippi and Alabama defied the authority of the Supreme Court of the United States and by their shameful 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 should 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 stanza. 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 brother Jonathan.  
"How are the mighty fallen."

## Large Crowd in Tribute To Rabbi Silver and Lehman

Before a large crowd from the entire Bay Area, Rabbis and other prominent personalities paid special tribute to the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Senator Herbert H. Lehman last Sunday at Congregation Sherith Israel. The event was sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, San Francisco District. Participating were ZOA president Sam Lichtenstein, Dr. Morris Goldstein, Rabbi Louis Tachman, Judge Stanley A. Weigel, ZOA vice-president Louis Tuler, Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld, Executive Director of the World Hebrew Union; Cantor Avram Wilkomirski, Rabbi Bernard Duvoff, David Schneider, first violinist of San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; Louis Freehof, executive secretary of Sinai Memorial Chapel; Cantor Martin Feldman, and accompanist Mrs. Claire Friedling.

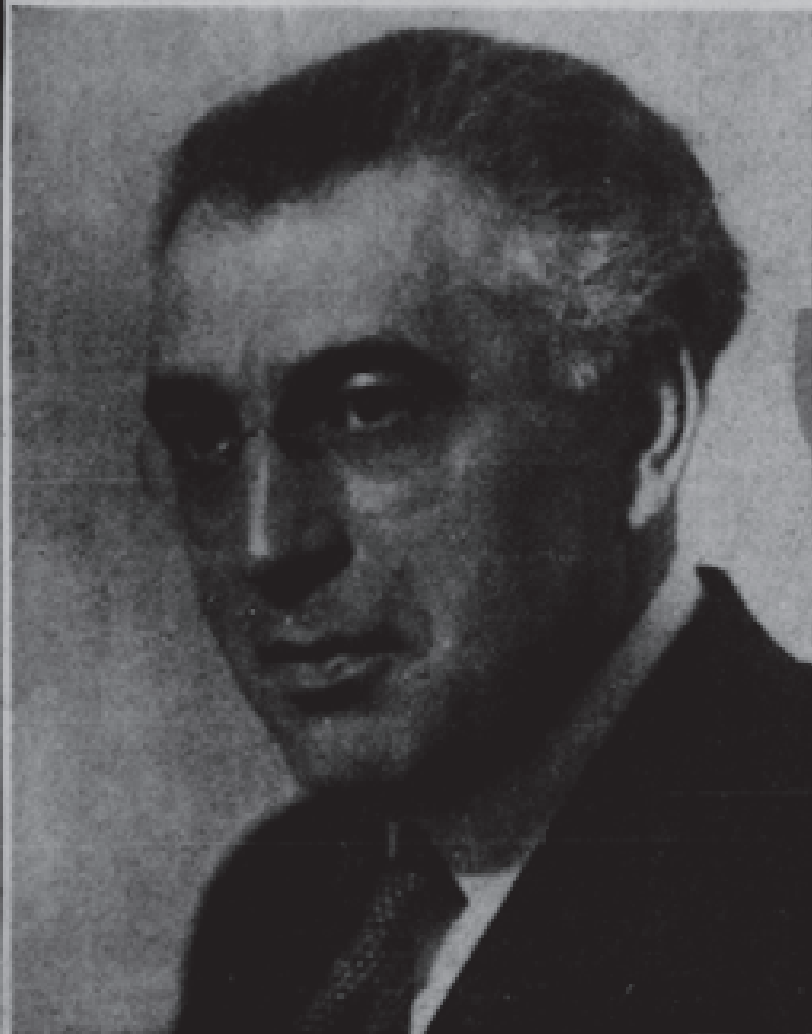
Dr. Goldstein, speaking for Rabbi Silver, said in part: "R

was my privilege to have known the late Rabbi Silver the past 40 years and it is therefore, from personal knowledge as well as the public record, that this prominent Rabbi will live on for his influence, his eloquence, his scholarship, his advocacy of human rights; but especially for his historic leadership in making real the state of Israel. We can honor his memory best by emulating his fearlessness in the continuing necessity of solving Israel's problems and strengthening its future."

Rabbi Bernard Duvoff, on Sen. Lehman, said in part: "Senator Lehman's life as a public servant in which he served with great passion the cause of social justice, embraced not only New York State, but the American nation and the world when one thinks of his pioneering efforts and personal sacrifices. As first director of UNRRA, he is to all of us the modern example of Isaiah's faith. The work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever."

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He had been president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; director of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; a member of the board of trustees of the American Civil Liberties Union; and active in the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education; the Jewish Welfare Federation; and the Jewish Community Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Jewish Publication Society; the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; the Council of Democracy; the American Birth Control League; the American Red Cross; and a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Silver was honored at many outstanding events during the last year upon reaching the age of 70. His awards and decorations included a long list of honors from many institutions of higher learning, Zionist and other Jewish organizations. In Israel, he was made an honorary citizen of Nathanya, Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. He was a prolific and prominent author on theology, world Jewish affairs and other progressive themes. Kfar Silver, a youth village in Israel, was named in his honor by the ZOA.

## Jewish Ledger

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1963

### Abba Hillel Silver

It is hard to grow accustomed to the idea that the voice of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has been silenced by death. It is hard to think of him and of death at the same time. He was so vital, so dynamic, so convincing as a Jew and as an American. We doubt not that he was the greatest man in the Rabbinate in many a generation.

Rabbi Silver was uniquely endowed, both physically and intellectually. An impressive figure of a man, he was a scholar who ranked high amongst professional scholars, an author who had the gift of lucidity and clarity, a preacher and speaker unequalled, a man of deep and abiding religious faith who believed and preached and exemplified the principle of the emulation of the divine attributes in social institutions, as well as in the everyday conduct of men and women.

He loved his people whose soul and history and ideals he knew and understood. He believed in his people's destiny and mission in the world. He believed in his people's capacity to fulfill its mission. He believed in the future of his people and believed it would be a great and noble future.

He loved his people's homeland and placed in the service of the reunion of land and people his unmatched talents. He was richly rewarded in the creation of the new State of Israel to which he dedicated from boyhood on, all that he had of love, of enthusiasm, of conviction and the great endowments with which a gracious God blessed him.

His going out of our midst creates a void which will not be filled readily, because he was unique in his generation in the fortunate combination of gifts of mind and heart, of enthusiasm and leadership of learning and personal charm and grace. He has won a place, and an honored place, in Jewish history, a place which is assured and which, in turn, assures that throughout generations yet to come, the name of Abba Hillel Silver will be remembered and renowned "among the holy and noble who shine as the brightness of the firmament."

Our generation was fortunate, indeed, in having him as one of us, in being blessed by his life and service and spirit; and we, in turn, bless his name and thank God for His gift to us in the life of this Rabbi and servant of God.

# THE TEMPLE BULLETIN



RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

PITTSBURGH, PA.

## ABBA HILLEL SILVER

My classmate and lifelong friend, Abba Hillel Silver, has suddenly passed away at the age of seventy. My own sense of loss is great. I have honored him as perhaps the greatest leader in our Reform rabbinate. More than a personal bereavement, this is a bereavement for our faith and our Jewish fellowship all over the world. No American has done anywhere near as much for making the State of Israel possible as had Abba Hillel Silver. He was my dear friend, an ornament to our Reform rabbinate and a great leader of world Jewry. May God console his mourning family and strengthen us all through the blessing of his memory.

Solomon B. Freehof

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# THE TEMPLE BULLETIN



## COLLINGWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE

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ELLIOT D. ROSENSTOCK, MAJLR, Associate Rabbi

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Vol. II

December 3, 1963

## In Memoriam

## DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

1893-1963

It is my very sad task to record the passing of Dr. abba Hillel Silver, my beloved teacher, guide and friend, world renowned leader, champion of justice, and the most eloquent preacher in American religious life. He was certainly the foremost Jew of our generation. His leadership in the effort for the establishment of Israel and his numerous achievements in many fields including Jewish scholarship, will find for him an important place in Jewish history.

For Mrs. Feuer and for myself this is a deep personal loss. I served as his first Assistant Rabbi. He was with both of us on every important occasion in our lives. He installed me as Rabbi of Collingwood Avenue Temple and was with our Congregation on numerous occasions including the dedication of the addition to our Temple.

I helped him to celebrate many notable events in his life. At his 70th Birthday celebration last January, I participated on behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

May the God of our Fathers grant peace and rest to his mighty spirit.

Leon I. Feuer



RESOLUTION NO. 63-68

By Mayor Aurelius,  
Councilmen: Elconin, Goodman, Konigsberg, Silver, Skall, Sugarman, Wallack.

BEING A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE DEATH OF RABBI  
ABBA HILLEL SILVER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of University Heights, Ohio, have been apprised of the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, at the age of 70, which occurred suddenly and without warning on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1963; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to express its grief and at the same time its admiration and respect for one who was probably the most famous and revered world leader of the greater Cleveland Community; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of University Heights, Ohio, all members unanimously concurring:

SECTION 1. On behalf of the citizens and residents of the City of University Heights, Ohio, many of whom worship in the Temple of which Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has been the spiritual leader for more than 40 years, this Council does hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver for his great spiritual guidance, moral precepts, courageous advocacy of enlightened civic and world issues and for his magnanimous devotion of a lifetime to the greater Cleveland Community including the City of University Heights.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's life has been one of great achievement to which columns of newspapers throughout the nation have been devoted and perhaps his greatest world achievement was his address to the United Nations which developed world opinion in favor of the establishment of the State of Israel. At the same time, he was a great advocate of local, state and national issues; and presidents, governors and mayors have looked to him for guidance and wisdom. He was a great American.

In his memory let us here resolve that the life and deeds of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver shall continue to inspire all of us and that his teaching shall never be forgotten in this Community.

SECTION 2. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the widow and family of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, so that they may know of the admiration and esteem which this City of University Heights, Ohio, and its citizens and residents have always had for this great patriot and servant of God.

WHEREFORE this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED: December 2, 1963  
APPROVED: December 2, 1963


(Signed) Earl W. Aurelius  
Earl W. Aurelius, Mayor

ATTEST: (Signed) Jean Lloyd Keller  
Jean Lloyd Keller, Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I, JEAN LLOYD KELLER, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of University Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 63-68, passed by the Council of said City at its regular meeting held Monday, December 2, 1963.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 2nd day of December, 1963.

  
Jean Lloyd Keller, Clerk-Treasurer  
City of University Heights, Ohio.

*acknowledged.*

Resolution No. 1874-63

By Mayor Locher and Messrs. Banko, Bell, Bilinski, Blaha, Brooks, Carr, Mrs. Cotner, Messrs. Dempsey, Dennerll, Duggan, Patica, Franks, Gaspar, Gilliam, Henry, Hooper, Jackson, Katalinas, Kellogg, Latkovic, Mastersan, McCafferty, Mrs. McCaffery, Messrs. Pecyk, Pilch, Russell, Sinkiewicz, Stanton, Sweeney, Turk, Mrs. Vales, Messrs. Williams, Zone.

WHEREAS, Council is most grieved to learn of the passing of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who has gone to his eternal rest on November 28, 1963, at the age of Seventy; and

WHEREAS, being a gifted Rabbi, a towering spirit and force in world Jewry, a leader in the Zionist movement for almost half a century and an active leader in many of the civic and welfare causes of this City, Rabbi Silver was born in Neinstadt, Schirwindt, Lithuania on January 28, 1893, and represented the family's third consecutive generation of ordained rabbis; and

WHEREAS, migrating to this Country with his parents, at a young age, Rabbi Silver, early in life, became interested in the Zionist cause in which destiny had him become the leading figure in the formation of Israel as a free and independent homeland of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, after his graduation from high school, Rabbi Silver entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, at the same time attending the University of Cincinnati, graduating from both in 1915, completing a nine year rabbinical program in four years; thereafter serving as spiritual leader of the Eoff Street Temple (Congregation L'Shem Shamayim) in Wheeling, West Virginia, from 1915 to 1917; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, Rabbi Silver was appointed rabbi of The Temple (Congregation Tifereth Israel) in Cleveland, and served throughout the years as spiritual leader of The Temple until his passing; and

WHEREAS, while serving in France during World War I, Rabbi Silver's ministry to the Allied Troops won him the Academic Palms as Officier de l'Instruction Publique; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Silver's entire rabbinical career was crowned with honors; he was not only a spiritual leader but a profound student of Jewish lore, religion and history; author and advocate of progressive social movements without restrictive regard of race, creed or nationality and an eloquent spokesman for centuries-old aspirations of the Jewish people of a homeland, giving his energies, his heart and his brilliant ability in proclaiming the cause of the Jewish nation in the judgment halls and governmental councils throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Silver had forcefully and eloquently taught and espoused love of God and love of man and had been one of the strongest forces in our Community, our Nation, and throughout the world in bringing all people the message of brotherhood of man under God; and

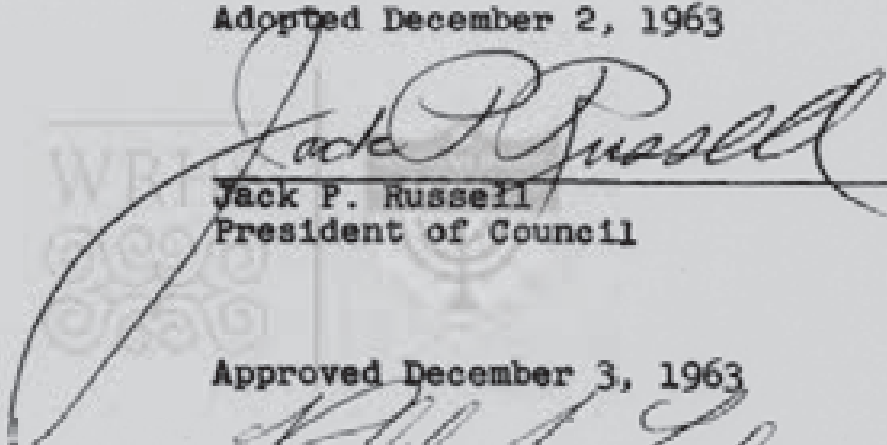


WHEREAS, Council desires to record and honor the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, whose whole life had been devoted, not only to wife and family, but to the welfare of the Community, Country and the world and whose passing will be mourned by all mankind; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Council does honor the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and extends its sincerest and deepest sympathy to his surviving wife, family and relatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Council be and he hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver at her residence at 19810 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Adopted December 2, 1963


  
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Jack P. Russell  
President of Council

Approved December 3, 1963

  
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Ralph S. Locher  
Mayor

I, Chad Fusco, Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1874-63, adopted by the Council of the City of Cleveland, December 3, 1963.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Cleveland, Ohio, this Third day of December, 1963.

  
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Chad Fusco  
Clerk of Council



STATE OF OHIO  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A RESOLUTION

H.R. No. 114

MESSRS. MATIA - CALABRESE, JR., - CORRIGAN - MRS.  
DONNELLY - MESSRS. FEIGHAN - FUERST - HORVATH -  
KRUPANSKY - MOONEY - NOVAK - POKORNY - SCHINNERER -  
STOKES - SWEENEY - TAFT

In tribute to the life and services of Rabbi  
Abba Hillel Silver, citizen of the world.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 105th General Assembly of Ohio have learned, with deep regret, of the untimely death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a great citizen of the world, whose greatness lies in the depth of the impression which his life has left upon the sands of time, demonstrated through the influence of his life on the minds and character of those who were so fortunate to come in contact with it and profited by its example; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, recognized throughout the world as a towering spirit and force in world Jewry for nearly half a century, and loved as a leader possessed of that instinct, that spark that made him unable to meet his fellow man otherwise than simply as a man; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of his deft hand and great heart, The Temple, an edifice considered to be one of the truly aesthetic masterpieces of twentieth century architecture, was erected in Cleveland, its congregation one of the most influential in America, and now this magnificent structure stands as a memorial to the wisdom of one of the great liberal figures of his age, and to the endless contributions he made as one of the architects and shapers of the modern state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Silver, in his own community, earned and held the admiration and respect of the Protestant clergy for his leadership in the community; in America he provided leadership for the Zionist movement, heading the Zionist Organization of America in the years 1945-46; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, in tribute to a great humanitarian, whose wide scope of influence extended throughout the world, and everywhere enhanced the cultural, moral, and spiritual well-being of his fellow man; as an expression of our deep sorrow and as a token of the deep sympathy each and every member of the House of Representatives of the 105th General Assembly bears, we adopt this resolution and cause a copy thereof to be spread upon the pages of the journal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit properly authenticated copies of this resolution to Virginia H. Silver, the bereaved widow of the deceased; to his two sons, Rabbi Daniel J. Silver and Raphael D. Silver; and to the President and Board of Trustees of The Temple (Congregation Tifereth Israel), E. 105th Street and Ansel Road, N.E. Cleveland, Ohio.

Adopted

December 5, 1963

ATTEST:



*Carl Gress*  
Clerk

Dear Friends,

We have within a period of a week been subjected to a series of stunning shocks. A few brief tearful days have passed since the astounding assassination of our young, talented and vital Chief Executive. Now comes the saddening news of the loss of our distinguished and beloved colleague, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Truly, in the midst of life we are in death, but, also, we believe in the midst of death we are at home in Eternal Life. The depth of our grief for Rabbi Silver is echoed in the scripture that he loved—in the faith that he promulgated in this way of life that he practiced—II Samuel, Chapter 3 v.38, "Know Ye not that there is a Prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." The Talmud further elucidates its praise of the great men of the past, it describes them in terms that are strikingly relevant, "Patish Chazok—V'Amud Barzel"—a mighty hammer and an iron pillar.

Rabbi Silver's voice was one of eloquence, reinforced by consummate scholarship and illuminated by prophetic fire. He was a mighty hammer, helping to create a nation on the anvil of circumstance and on the forge of history. One of the architects of modern Israel, he carried high the banner of leadership borne by Weizmann and Wise, and other departed giants of the spirit.

Rabbi Silver spoke out clearly and categorically, not shrinking from espousing unpopular causes. On issues that were significant to him, he stood as an iron pillar. Possessed by an impressive physical appearance, blessed with many talents and dowered with many gifts, he gave much to our community, to our people, to our faith and to the world.

We are certain that the memory of a well-spent life will bring to his loving family an abiding consolation.

*Rudolph M. Borenthal*  
Rabbi



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# bulletin

## Temple Israel

### Sabbath Evening Service

Friday, December 6th, at 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Morton M. Applebaum Will Deliver a Memorial Tribute:

"RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER:  
zechor taddik livrocho"

Candle Lighting: Mrs. Harry Pascover

Oneg Shabbat Hostesses: Mesdames A. Friedman, J. Heinick and H. Ardman



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#### IN MEMORIAM

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

1893-1963

Distinguished American, renowned world Jewish leader, scholar, author, champion of human and Jewish rights, a prime mover in the establishment of the State of Israel; 45 years spiritual leader of the largest Reform congregation in America, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio; Teacher and inspirer of Rabbis, including Rabbi Kaber who was confirmed by Rabbi Silver and sponsored by him for admission to the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Kaber was in Cleveland when Rabbi Silver passed away on Thanksgiving Day and attended the funeral service on Sunday, December 1.

# World Jewry Mourns Rabbi Silver

## President Shazar Eulogizes "This Great Figure In American Jewry"

CLEVELAND (JTA)—Thousands of mourners, including world and national leaders of the Zionist movement and high Washington, state and local officials, Sunday attended funeral services for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, outstanding Zionist leader, who died this weekend from a heart attack at the age of 70.

Eulogies lauding Dr. Silver as a Jewish leader, great orator and great American, were delivered before a hushed assemblage of 2,500 in The Temple, the famous synagogue in which he served as rabbi for many years, and at the graveside at Mayfield cemetery.

The eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel-American Section; U. S. Senator Frank J. Lausche, of Ohio; Rabbi Solomon Freethof, of Pittsburgh; and Rabbi Milton M. Matz, associate rabbi of The Temple. The services were conducted by Rabbi Leon Feuer, of Toledo, and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, of Fairmount Temple, Cleveland. El Moleh Rachmin, the traditional prayer for the departed, was chanted by Richard Tucker, of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Abba Hillel Silver was born in the Lithuanian town of Neistadt, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. He was of the fifth generation of rabbis in his family—and one of his sons, Daniel, is also a rabbi. Young Abba Silver was brought by his parents to the United States at the age of 8, and grew up on New York's lower East Side. He studied at the University of Cincinnati and at the Hebrew Union College, being ordained a Reform rabbi at HUC in 1915.

His first congregation was the Eff Street Temple, at Wheeling, W. Va. In 1917, he came here as spiritual leader of The Temple in this city. In World War I, he served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army in France, and later received a high decoration for his service from the French Government.

Rabbi Silver attracted wide attention early in his ministry through his theological writing, his vigorous and powerful oratory, and his advocacy of civil rights, the rights of labor, and his activities toward ending unemployment. Under President Hoover, he was a member of a national committee formed to fight unemployment. Later, he was chairman of the Ohio Committee on Unemployment Insurance, and a founder of this state's unemployment insurance movement.

Meanwhile, he had become one of America's most impassioned and most effective spokesmen for the rebirth of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. He was chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council in 1933-34 and again from 1945 to 1948. During the latter period, he was one of the leading fighters of world Zionism at the new United Nations, and was one of the most prominent participants in the UN debates that

led to the UN's adoption of the Palestine Partition Plan in 1947.

He had also served as president of the Zionist Organization of America; chairman of the American Section of the then Jewish Agency for Palestine in 1946-48; and as co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. At his death he was chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

He had been president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; director of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; a member of the board of trustees of the American Civil Liberties Union; and active in the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education; the Jewish Publication Society; the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; the Council of Democracy; the American Birth Control League.

Messages of condolence were received from President Zalman Shazar of Israel; Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; members of Israel's cabinet; and leaders of Israel's political parties, left, center and right. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, hailed Dr. Silver as "an outstanding voice of American Jewry—a great American and a great Jew."

### MEMORIAL!

Deeply moved by the sudden and untimely death of our beloved leader and teacher, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the Zionist Organization of Chicago will hold special memorial services in his memory immediately after the Shloshim period of mourning.

DAVID I. BERN  
ZOC president

## Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The role of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as one of the most important spokesmen for the Zionist cause, his contribution to creation of the State of Israel and his leadership in founding the United Jewish Appeal are a matter of record. Following is a personal evaluation of him written by Rabbi Elie E. Pilchik, who was a close associate for many years.

*The Jewish News (New York) 12-6-63*

**H**ARDLY had the heart risen from the ashes grief of the loss of the leader of the free world when sorrow struck again: The leader of American Jewry and of liberal Jewish faith, Abba Hillel Silver, was gathered unto his fathers on Thanksgiving Day, 1963. That unique genius, the human harvest of 40 centuries of Jewish life and tradition, in whom was blended God and Torah and Israel, left us when he had so much more to say to us. How desperately confused American and Israeli Jewry and oppressed Soviet Jewry needed his prophetic comfort and direction these coming two decades.

He had looked forward to retiring from the active rabbinate and devoting himself, under the inspiring sun shining over the State of Israel, to thinking through

our woes and our ways, to illuminating for us the path ahead. Few knew as Abba Hillel Silver knew the quintessence of Torah. Few felt as Abba Hillel Silver felt the Jewish pulse in the turbulent 20th Century. He more than any other man adapted Scripture and Talmud and Midrash and Jewish martyrology to these years and these days.

He comforted his people, during the blackest despair of nazism, in the accents of Deutero-Isaiah. He spoke to the nations of the world, pleading for the establishment of the State of Israel with Periclean classicism.

Our leader, our teacher, our statesman, our spokesman, the rabbi of rabbis has left us. V'niskadte ki yipoked moshvecho — you will be missed, Abba Hillel Silver, because your seat will be empty. Yet you handed down to us the consoling tradition: Tzadikim b'misasom nik'r'u chayim — the truly righteous, even in their death, are regarded as alive.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The sudden death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver came as a shock to many in Israel. At Kfar Silver, the youth village near Ashkelon, named after the American Zionist leader 10 years ago, flags were flown at half-mast. A condolence book was opened in the Village Hall, and many thousands of Israelis came to sign their names in the book. The village declared a week of mourning.

Israel's Liberal Party held a special memorial service in honor of the late Rabbi Silver. The entire Israeli press carried long articles expressing appreciation of Dr. Silver's career. At ZOIA House, in Tel Aviv, which already had its Israeli and American flags at half-mast in tribute to the late President Kennedy, banners were lowered and then raised again to half-mast in honor of Dr. Silver.

Israel's highest government officials voiced highest praises for the personality and career of Rabbi Silver. President Zalman Shazar, in a telegram to Mrs. Silver, spoke of the deceased as "this great figure in American Jewry" whom he viewed as "the most esteemed and illustrious of the spiritual and political leaders" of America's Zionist movement.



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## ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN DEEP MOURNING FOR RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

One of the giants of modern Zionism, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, died of a heart attack last Thursday at a hospital in Cleveland, in his 70th year.

He had waged an untiring fight for the establishment of Israel and had won an international reputation for his lifelong leadership in the Zionist movement. He was honored last January at a dinner in Cleveland attended by state and national welfare officials including U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Anthony Celebrezze. He was rabbi of Tifereth Israel Temple from 1917 until his death.

Born in Lithuania, the son of a rabbi, he was brought to the United States when he was eight and grew up on New York's lower East Side. He entered the University of Cincinnati where he received a B.A. degree and then attended Hebrew Union College which ordained him as a Reform rabbi.

A vigorous and powerful speaker, he attracted early attention in his fights against segregation, class domination and for the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively. After service as a chaplain in France in World War One, Rabbi Silver was named by President Hoover to a national committee to ease joblessness. Later he became chairman of the Committee on Unemployment Insurance when the Consumers League was working on anti-depression measures. As chairman of the Ohio Committee on Unemployment Insurance he was a founder of that state's jobless insurance movement.

He attained his greatest fame as an impassioned spokesman for the restoration of Israel. He had served as president of the Zionist Organization of America and rallied American Jews to the fight for a Jewish State during the British mandate and in the tense days in the United Nations preceding the vote on partition.

He fought the Israel Government, too, when he considered that necessary, particularly what he called the denigration of the Zionist movement by Israeli leaders. In his last years, he had taken a less active role in the Zionist movement, serving as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

His biography in Who's Who



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

lists more than 10 organizations with which he had been affiliated and in many of which he had held the highest offices. He was the author of six books on Jewish subjects and Zionism.

The profound sense of deep sorrow and mourning at the death of Dr. Silver was voiced by Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the Zionist Organization of America, when he declared that "Jews throughout the world, man with bowed head over the bier of a man and leader who was principally instrumental in the fulfillment of the vision of Theodor Herzl, the immortal founder of the Zionist movement, embodied in the program he presented at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basle, Switzerland, which called for the establishment of a publicly recognized and legally secure national home in Palestine." He termed the passing of Dr. Silver "the severest loss suffered by the Zionist movement and

the entire Jewish people in a generation."

In this connection, Dr. Nussbaum pointed out the historic irony that Dr. Silver died on the very eve of the 16th anniversary of the passage by the United Nations (November 29, 1947) of the resolution for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, which marked the triumph of Dr. Silver's leadership in the battle for Jewish Statehood.

Dr. Nussbaum's statement continues: "Dr. Silver's lifelong militant struggle for Jewish redemption through the rebirth of the Jewish State, his indomitable courage and valiance coupled with his unwavering resolve and dedication to the Zionist cause which was the creed of his life, constitutes the most glorious and golden chapter in the 2000-year history of Jewish martyrdom. It was indeed the divine ordination that Dr. Silver saw and led personally to the ultimate conclusion the fruits of his labors and the triumphant culmination of the struggle of our movement for Zion Reborn."

"Dr. Silver's monumental achievements as political architect of the Jewish State, the translation of his Messianic vision into the emergence of the Third Jewish Commonwealth and his unrelaxed guardianship of the just interests and legitimate claims of the State of Israel — have truly made him the man of Jewish destiny."

"The nobility of his character and the liberalism of his philosophy were also reflected in his concern for the rights of labor and justice for the oppressed among all peoples."

Dr. Nussbaum, in his statement, called attention to "the unanimous, enthusiastic acclaim on the part of the entire people of Israel accorded to Dr. Silver, at the 70th birthday celebration rendered him at the first ZOA Convention held in Israel last July, a tribute which was led by the former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, President Shazar, Premier Eshkol and leaders of all sections of the country, who joined Mr. Ben-Gurion's tribute in describing Dr. Silver as the 'greatest and most courageous Zionist fighter in American Jewry.'"

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### Abba Hillel Silver, 70

*He guideth me in straight paths.*

— Psalm XXIII

THE vigorous, towering presence of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver always seemed to make one feel that here was a man able to carry history on those broad shoulders; as, indeed, he did. His commanding presence, whether in the hushed precincts of world councils in the United Nations, the hallowed precincts of The Temple, or on the rostrum for "mitzvah", carried a prophetic impact to his listeners.

A peaceful warrior for the Zionist ideal of a Jewish homeland in the Holy Land, Dr. Silver walked in "straight paths," never deterred by the seeming hopelessness of the moment or by the grimaces of the mighty temporal powers of the earth. He was a man who understood his mission. He did not deviate from his duty, nor from his devotion to it. If any single American deserves history's honor of carrying the ideal of a new birth of freedom to another cherished part of the world, it was he. A living memorial to Rabbi Silver is a vibrant, democratic state of Israel.

He was scholar, author, leader of spirit and spiritual leader, leader in the Jewish Community and leader in the general community. He was not afraid to say "Where Judahim Differed," nor where Rabbi Silver differed. Yet he was infinitely patient and compassionate with his people, in the way that the great leaders of the Jewish people from the times of the Exodus on down exhibited both a sense of urgency and a sense of patient understanding with people not always easy to lead. In the light of the coming Chanukah festival, may the reward of this peaceful warrior be as for one who helped to rededicate the Temple of old "in those days at this time."

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## THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL FOR RABBI SILVER IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND (JTA)—Thousands of mourners, including world and national leaders of the Zionist movement and national, state and local officials, attended funeral services for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, outstanding Zionist leader, who died Nov. 28 at the age of 70.

Eulogies lauding Dr. Silver as a Jewish leader, orator and great American, were delivered Sunday before an assemblage of 2500 in the Temple, the famous synagogue in which he served as rabbi for many years, and at the graveside. Many thousands, unable to get into the overcrowded synagogue, listened to the services outside the building over loudspeakers.

Eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel-American Section; U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche, of Ohio; Rabbi Solomon Freehof, of Pittsburgh, and Rabbi Milton M. Katz, associate rabbi of the Temple.

The services were conducted by Rabbi Leon Feuer, of Toledo, and Rabbi Arthur J. Leiveld, of Fairmount Temple, Cleveland. "Ki Moleh Rachamin," the traditional prayer for the departed, was chanted by Richard Tucker, of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE were received from President Zaiman Shazar of Israel; Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; members of Israel's Cabinet; and leaders of Israel's political parties. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, hailed Dr. Silver as "an outstanding voice of American Jewry—a great American and a great Jew."

The honorary pallbearers included a veritable Who's Who of civic and communal leaders, non-Jewish and Jewish; Zionist and non-Zionist. Among them were Anthony Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. T. Keith Glennan, president of Case Institute of Technology here; Dr. Nelson Gluskin, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Ambassador Avraham Harman, Israel's envoy to Washington; Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Locher; Dr. John S. Milia, president of Western Reserve University.

SILVER.

Abba Hillel Silver was born in the Lithuanian town of Neistadt, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. He was of the fifth generation of rabbis in his family—and one of his sons, Daniel, is also a rabbi. He was brought by his parents to the United States at the age of eight, and grew up on New York's Lower East Side. He studied at the University of Cincinnati and at the Hebrew Union College, being ordained a Reform rabbi at HUC in 1915.

His first congregation was in Wheeling, W. Va. In 1917, he came here as spiritual leader of the Temple. In World War I, he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army in France.

RABBI SILVER, building his congregations in Cleveland from a small synagogue to one of the outstanding religious institutions in the country, with a membership of more than 2500 families, attracted wide attention early in his ministry through his theological writings, his powerful oratory, and his advocacy of civil rights, and the rights of labor.

Under President Hoover, he was a member of a national committee formed to fight unemployment. Later, he was chairman of the Ohio Committee on Unemployment Insurance, and a founder of the state's unemployment insurance movement.

Meanwhile, he had become one of America's most effective spokesmen for the rebirth of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. He was chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council in 1933-34 and again from 1945 to 1948. During the latter period, he was one of the leading fighters of world Zionism at the new United Nations, and one of the most prominent participants in the UN debates that led to the UN's adoption of the Palestine Partition Plan in 1947.

He had also served as president of the Zionist Organization of America, chairman of the American Section of the then Jewish Agency for Palestine in 1946-48, and as co-chairman of the United Jewish appeal. At his death he was chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

## Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

By The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia

We mourn the death of one of Jewry's giant spiritual figures, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Master of eloquence, one of the builders of Medinat Yisrael, scholar, lover in equal measure of Zion and America, Rabbi Silver was, above all, a spiritual leader of his people and his generation.

Whether in the pulpit of his congregation or on the stage of the world, he bestrode both platforms with genius as he played his creative and spiritual role. Wherever and whenever he spoke or taught or wrote, whether to his own people or to the representatives of the nations, the spiritual quality of his Jewish commitment was unmistakable.

His Zionism was not a political creed only. It was the impulse of a messianic ideal. His Judaism was not just a formal allegiance to theology or observance. It was a life to be lived in the tradition of prophetic demand.

His Americanism did not consist in loyalty to a chance collection of human beings. It embodied a faith that this land could evoke man's potentiality as a child of God.

By THEODORE H. GORDON

The death of Abba Hillel Silver brings to a close one of the great rabbinic careers in American Jewish history. Rabbi of a distinguished temple, Zionist leader and devoted son of America, he was as well an assiduous student, scholar and writer. The volumes which he authored have illuminated our understanding of both our heritage and our destiny.

Countless audiences have been stirred by the smooth and fluent power of his oratory. By his very appearance, reserved and ironical, he created an aura of dignity and majesty yet not without warmth and twinkling humor.

His legacy to us is compounded of compassion and learning, of prophet-like vision and moral courage. Tzitzit Tzodik Liv'ra-r'cham! May he be remembered for blessing in the company of the righteous!

Theodore H. Gordon is rabbi of Mats Line Reform Temple, Beth Elshin.

ality as a child of God.

This is the Jew who has now entered life eternal. We shall not see his like again.

May the memory of the righteous be a blessing.

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## Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Dies

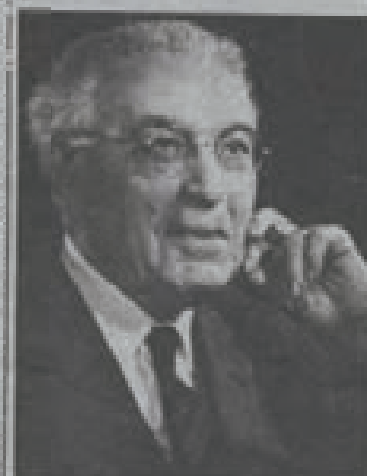
By RABBI MANUEL LADERMAN

The death on Thanksgiving of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, O., has robbed America of its greatest Zionist leader. No other single name has the same magic, nor deserved such praise as did this 70-year-old Rabbi.

Every American Jew has at one time or another had the opportunity of being stirred by his magnificent oratory. In his day he was the peer of American orators, and there was none who came close to him. It was proved most clearly in 1943 at the American Jewish Conference when all the leading lights of American Jewish leadership spoke on the same day, and Dr. Silver spoke at the end of the long evening, when all were apparently satiated with oratory. He carried his audience with him to new heights which went beyond anything that the conference had heard during all its duration.

The Jewish people have to devote to this lionine figure a special place when the history of the early twentieth century is written. A Reform Rabbi, he shook off the relative indifference of some of his colleagues, to become a clarion call in the direction of the great dream of a Jewish State. A Republican, he had influence in segments of American political opinion which were unapproachable by any other Jewish spokesman, because so many of them were identified with Democratic politics.

I first heard Silver in his maiden effort in Chicago, when a young Rabbi only five years in the pulpit of his Cleveland Temple, he was invited to speak at the Chicago Hebrew Institute on the old west side, in 1902.



RABBI ABBA H. SILVER

I was only a child then, but I can remember his gestures, his magnificent oratory, and his impressive forthrightness in spelling out the significance of the 50th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

I have heard him speak many times since, in Chicago, here in Denver, at the Zionist Congress in Basel, in New York and in Washington. Always he was a

magnet for the audience, and an inspiration to everyone who listened.

As a dominant figure in American Zionism he led the American Zionist Council for years in bringing to bear the highest kind of public pressure on the political leadership of our nation. He was known, accepted and listened to in every sphere in Washington.

When the battleground shifted to Lake Success in New York, the first home of the United Nations, he marshalled the forces of support for Zionism in the entire gamut of international help. He was able to make friends, and win influence in the delegations from far and near.

His generalship was the direct cause of the final vote for the establishment of a Jewish State on November 27, 1947. This was the high point of his career, success had come to the cause which he had so ably championed.

There were many who felt that he was treated less than adequately in the Jewish State when it was established. The inter-racial squabbles of Zionist leadership often left him on the sidelines of influence and recognition.

Fortunately his last visit to Israel was a triumphal tour. The village established in his name, Kfar Silver, will now stand as a monument to one of Jewry's most illustrious sons.

It was the prime spokesman of the hope for a Jewish State throughout America. There will not soon be found another to stand in his stead.

## Kiesler Tribute To Dr. Silver

Adolph Kiesler, regional governor of Israel bonds, who is recuperating nicely at home from a heart attack, expressed profound sorrow at the death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, outstanding American Jewish leader who was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds during the past eight years.

Kiesler paid tribute to Dr. Silver's "great and statesman-like leadership which won for him a special place in the hearts of American Jewry." He cited "his vision, his scholarship, his uncompromising perseverance, his incomparable oratorical powers, his love of Zion which was the very core of his life."

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Thousands at Funeral for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (ZINS) - 5,000 mourners, among them prominent Zionist leaders, U.S. federal, state and local government officials, representatives of the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and countless Jewish organizations and institutions, attended funeral services for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, held here at The Temple in which Dr. Silver served as Rabbi for over 40 years. A large ZOA delegation, headed by its President, Dr. Max Nussbaum, was present.

The eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann; former Governor of Ohio, Senator Frank J. Lausche; Rabbi Solomon Freehof of Pittsburgh and Rabbi Milton M. Matz, Associate Rabbi of The Temple. The services were conducted by Rabbis Leon Feuer and Arthur J. Lelyveld. El Maleh Rachamim was chanted by Richard Tucker of the Metropolitan Opera, who is also a known cantor. The honorary pallbearers included prominent Jewish and non-Jewish leaders, among them leaders of government and presidents of universities.

Among the many tributes paid to Dr. Silver's memory were messages of condolence from U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, former President Eisenhower, Israel President, Zalman Shazar and many others. Hundreds of cables of condolence were received by Mrs. Silver and by the Zionist Organization of America from every corner of the world.

The Most Illustrious American Zionist Leader, Says Shazar

In a cable to Mrs. Silver, President of Israel Zalman Shazar said: "I was shocked to hear the sad news about the sudden passing of this great figure in American Jewry - the most esteemed and illustrious among the spiritual and political leaders of the Zionist Movement in America - my dear old friend Abba Hillel Silver..." "History will forever record that this courageous fighter was in the forefront of the fateful struggle for the Establishment of the Jewish State."

ZOA and Jewish Agency Hold Memorial Meetings for Dr. Silver

NEW YORK (ZINS) - A eulogy for Dr. Silver was delivered here at a special meeting of the ZOA Administrative Committee by Dr. Max Nussbaum, President of the organization. Among those present were Moshe Sharett, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency and President of the World Union of General Zionists. Harold W. Carmely, Chairman of the Administrative Committee presided.

At the same time it was announced that a large public memorial meeting, under the auspices of the ZOA, will be held in New York soon.

Memorial services were held also here by the American Section of the Jewish Agency with Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Emanuel Neumann as the principal speakers. Representatives of all Zionist groups and institutions as well as of the Israel Government were present.

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Dr. Goldmann said in his eulogy that Dr. Silver's "belief in the Zionist idea and the Zionist movement was unparalleled. He was deeply convinced of the historical necessity of a strong Zionist movement even after the creation of the State of Israel. His concept and vision of the future of the Jewish State and of the Jewish people was statesmanlike and prophetic, and was based on the loftiest values and ideals of Jewish history. His sudden death deprives the Jewish people of one of its top leaders."

Dr. Neumann, speaking of his lifelong friend and associate said: "Zionism was the great passion of Dr. Silver's life. Dr. Silver, more than any other of his generation, brought to successful conclusion the task first set by Theodor Herzl--to secure international sanction for the re-establishment of a free and independent Jewish Commonwealth. The dazzling triumph won under his leadership has earned for him the proud title of architect of the new Jewish State, crowning his life with the aura of immortality."

#### Israel Mourns Death of Dr. Silver; Flags Lowered at Kfar Silver and ZOA House

TEL-AVIV (ZINS) - The citizens of Israel and its leaders were shocked at the sad news of Dr. Silver's sudden passing. Flags were lowered at half mast at the ZOA Agricultural Institute Kfar Silver near Ashkelon. The School, named in tribute to Dr. Silver was established by the ZOA on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Many thousands of Israelis came to sign their names in the Condolence Book which was opened in Kfar Silver. A week of mourning was declared in the campus.

At the ZOA House in Tel-Aviv American and Israel flags are flying at half mast. Inside the ZOA House a large portrait of Dr. Silver was placed, draped in black, in the main hall and flanked by lighted candles.

#### Memorial Services at Kfar Silver Synagogue for Dr. Silver

Hundreds attended the memorial services at the newly opened Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue in Kfar Silver. The synagogue was dedicated during the ZOA National Convention held in Israel last July with Dr. Silver as principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies. Aron Bilous, Director of Kfar Silver, delivered the eulogy to a hushed audience of students, their parents, members of the faculty and hundreds of Israelis who came from the surrounding communities and from Tel-Aviv. The ZOA House and Kfar Silver sent cables of condolences to the ZOA and to Mrs. Silver.

The Israel Liberal Party held a special memorial meeting. Members of the Knesset, Yosef Saphir, Moshe Kol and S.Z. Abramov delivered the eulogies.

#### Silver Eulogized at Israel Cabinet Meeting and in the Knesset

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was eulogized by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet. Mr. Eshkol emphasized Dr. Silver's leadership in the political struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel and his brilliant record in the Zionist Movement.

The Knesset stood in silent tribute as Yosef Serlin, Deputy-Speaker delivered a eulogy in memory of Dr. Silver.

The entire Israeli press devoted editorials and many articles to Dr. Silver. Reports on the funeral services were prominently published in all newspapers.





# שבועון כלי-מבטאה של ההסתדרות העברית באמריקה: יצא על ידי חברת הדואר

בהשתתפות המחלקה לחינוך ותרבות של הסוכנות היהודית לישראל

שנת הארבעים ושלוש, גליון ה' (א'תתק"ל)

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## דְּבָרֵי הַשָּׁבוֹעַ

אחרי מיטתו של אבא הלל סילבר ו"ל

במותו של אבא הלל סילבר נלקח מאתנו גדול מנהיגי היהדות באמריקה. שכבש את המוני בית ישראל שבארץ וז למאבק ההיסטורי על המדינה היהודית. כל ימיו נתן סילבר את חילו לתנועה הציונית. אבל לידי מנהיגות לא הגיע אלא בתקופת ההכרעה הגדולה בשנות מלחמת העולם השנייה ובשנים הראשונות לאחריות. רק כשבציטטנו שנים אחדות את התנה בידו. אבל במשך הזמן הזה היה המנהיג של יהודי אמריקה בח"א הידיעה. מנהיג שלא קם כמורח לפניו וגם לא לאחריו. מתאוס עלה כמאור גדול על שם התנועה הציונית. ומתאוס גם ירד מדין המנהיגות ונתרחק ונצטמצם בדי אמותיו כהנהגה ידועה של היהדות. כרוצם רוחני לקהילתו הריפורמית בקליבלאנד וכמנהיג מקומי. לפניו אל עברו. כחידה היתה עלייתו וכחידה היתה ירידתו. ולא נפתרה עד היום. ואשר שתקופת גדולתו חזתה. הרי כל מנהיג גדול הוא בבחינת יחיד. והוא היה מנהיג גדול. גדול מלואים מארשאל. מלואים בראנדייס ומסטיסן ויין. ומאב. קאהאן. לא קם מנהיג במותו. שידע למשוך אחרי את המוני היהודים באמריקה. לחשפם בכוח דיבור. ולחשל את רצונם ולהפיק בהם אמונה וביטחון בנצחון העתיד לבוא.

סימיו לא היה בו סמירת הביטחון בשום בחינה — לא בהיסטוריה ולא בתוכניותיו. הוא הצטיין כמלומד. כנאם על ביטת בתי-הכנסת וקנה לו שם גדול. עד שתצל בשיקור קומתו על בני אומנותו האחרים שבקצרו. שלמה גולדמאן. למשל. ממש ברח מקליבלאנד לשיקאגו. כדי שיוכל להתרבלם בקיר אחת ולהיעשות. אבא הלל סילבר של שיקאגו. אלמלי היה סילבר בקליבלאנד. היה בריקנר המאור הגדול שבאותה עיר בתוך חבורת הרבנים הריפורמיים הרגילים והנאמנים גם לרעיון הציוני. אבל קומתו של סילבר הטילה את צלה גם על בריקנר. אף-על-פי-כן כל זמן שעיקר פעולתו היתה בקליבלאנד לא נתבלטו בו סימניו של המנהיג בחיקף גדול. ארצי. עילמי. הרבה זמן ומרץ היה מבוזז על התכתשות ומריבות עם האישים הציוניים האחרים. עם ת. א. פרידלאנד. עם לואי ליפסקי. וגם עם מאיר וייסנאל ועוד. מפעם לפעם היה שמו מתפרסם בעולם היהודי מכוח נאומיו המזהירים. שנשא בסינטיס ציוניים — באלברט הול שבלונדון. בשנת הוועידה הציונית שנת כנסת לאחר מלחמת העולם הראשונה. בוועידות ציוניות באמריקה. וגם בקונגרסים ציוניים באירופה. אף גילה את כוחו וכשרונו המינהלי בתור יושב-ראש המגבית המאוחדת למען ארץ ישראל. אבל עד שבא וייצמן ומסך עליו את ידו בתקופת בילטמור. לא נחשב למנהיג ציוני גדול. הופעתו הראשונה. שהעלתה אותו כמנהיג. היתה בכנסת הגדולה של יהודי אמריקה בולדוורף-אסטוריה בניו-יורק. בשלהי שנת 1943. כאשר נשא נאום מזהיר ודרש לקבל את ההחלטה הרושפת הקמת מדינה יהודית



בארץ-ישראל לאלתר. את ההחלטה הציע הנרי מונסקי המנחה. נשיא „בני ברית“, שהיו בו כל סממני המנהיגות. אבל הוא מת בדמי ימיו.



כמאור. וייצמן הוא שסמך את ידו על סילבר כמנהיג. אבל כל שהתקדם סילבר בדרך מנהיגותו. היה תולך ומתרחק מוויצמן ומדיניותו ושיטתו במדיניות. דרכו של סילבר במשך שבע. שמונה שנות מנהיגותו היתה גרושה מאבקים מבית ומחוץ. מחוץ נגד מזין והממשלה האנגלית. ובמידה נימרת גם נגד רוחזולט ומחלקת המדינה ונגד אילי הנפט האנשי המיסיונים במזרח התיכון. מבית — נגד המהסרים ורבייה-הלכ שבמחנה הציוני. נגד מתחרים ויריבים אישיים (שלרבים מהם היו גם מענות צודקות על רקע אישי) ונגד אנשי הצמרת בארץ-ישראל. שאף-על-פי שכמה מהם ראו בעין יפה את הקו התקף של סילבר. מחוץ מהשתלטותו ומדיניות רגליתם ומשתעבדותו על הקו הכלכלי-חברתי שלהם ביישוב.

סילבר תולל מהפכה נפשית-רוחנית ביהדות אמריקה. הוא היה המנהיג הראשון. שהעז להטיח דברים נגד נשיא ארצות-הברית בעצמו על שום אדישותו לעניין היהודי. עד שבא סילבר לא אירע בדבר הזה. לפניו הית כל מנהיג ציוני רואה הישג גדול בעצם העובדה שנשיא ארצות-הברית מקבלו לראיון. משוחח אתו באדיבות ומביע דברי אהדה סתמים למפעל הבניין בארץ. סילבר ייצג את דור היהודים. שכבר נשתרשו בארץ וז ויודעים שכל אורח בעל עמדה ציבורית עלול להתקבל לראיון אצל הנשיא. וביקש לשמוע מפי הנשיא דברים ברורים. מה הוא מתחייב לעשות. הוא הפגין את הפרתו. שאין היהודי בארצות-הברית אורח ממדרגת שנייה. ואין הוא צריך להתחמק ולעצטדק לא לפני הממשלה ולא לפני דעת הקהל. כשהוא בא לטעון לדבר הנוגע ללב. ובן-חורין הוא להתארגן ולראגן ולנהל תעמולה ולאחוז באמצעי שתדלנות. כשאי כל קבוצות הלחץ וכל בעלי האינטרסים בארצות-הברית. אף גורת להמונים היהודים. שאין להתרפל סקסס הכינוי „ליברל“ הריפורמטי. כאילו הן לבדן ערובות ליום הונן אלינו. ואין להסתפק במליצות. בימיו ובמנהיגותו התבגר הציבור היהודי באמריקה.

העם בדרכו הלך אחריה. אבל אנשי הצמרת הציונית חששו מסבי העזות. מחוזה שהוא מותח את התכל. שהוא משניא את עצמו ואת כל העניין הציוני על הבית הלבן ועל הממשלה האמריקנית. ובקרב אנשי הצמרת בירושלים נתעורר הסוד. שהוא הורס את האפשרות האחרונה להידבר עם אנגליה. שהם עדיין תלו בה את תקוותם. גם וייצמן היה בין החששים.

לאמיתו של דבר. כשבא בן-גוריון לניו-יורק וכינס את ועידת בילטמור במאי 1943. ממש כפה על הצירים את ההחלטה המפורסמת הרי כניגית. הצירים הצביעו ולא בידרו לעצמם את העניין לאשורו. לדעת בהכרה ברורה בעד מה הם מצביעים. ומשנתקלו במכשול הראשון. מוכנים היו לסגת. והמכשול הראשון בא במושב הראשון של הוועידה היהודית האמריקנית. צירי הוועד היהודי האמרי-קני וצירי ועד הפועלים היהודי האמריקני היו מוכנים להצביע בעד דרישת עלייה חופשית וכיסול הספר הלבן. אבל לא היו מוכנים לדרוש מדינת יהודית לאלתר. מסימן

# Abba Hillel Silver - Rabbi, Citizen, Zionist, Leader

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Honorary pallbearers sounded like a list of Who's Who from all over the nation.

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Abba Hillel Silver was born in the Lithuanian town of Neistadt, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. He was of the fifth generation of rabbis in his family—and one of his sons, Daniel, is also a rabbi.

Young Abba Silver was brought by his parents to the United States at the age of 8, and grew up on New York's lower East Side. He studied at the University of Cincinnati and at the Hebrew Union College, being ordained a Reform rabbi at HUC in 1915.

His first congregation was the Eff Street Temple, at Wheeling, W. Va. In 1917, he came here as spiritual leader of The Temple in this city. In World War I, he

[Editor's Note: Few people in the world understood the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as did Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, Rabbi of Pittsburgh's Rodef Shalom Temple. He knew and understood Rabbi Silver as classmate, friend, rabbi, American Zionist, scholar, public figure, and human being. The following appreciation of Dr. Silver was written by Dr. Freehof especially for the Chronicle. Rabbi Silver, 70, spiritual leader of The Temple, Cleveland, died Nov. 28.]

By SOLOMON B. FREEHOF

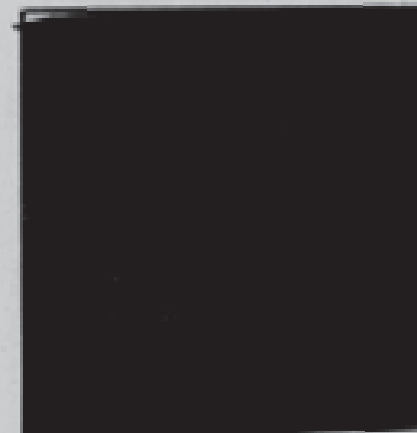
WHEN King David heard of the death of the great General Abner, he said: "Hast thou not heard that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?"

There is no man in public life in the Jewish community of whom these words can more appropriately be said than of Abba Hillel Silver. He was, indeed, a princely presence, a person of great magnetism and natural dignity. His very presence bespoke the confidence and the sure ability of a leader. This leadership proved itself in many ways.

There is no doubt that, more than any other American, Abba Hillel Silver deserves the credit for the existence of the independent State of Israel. Which of us will ever forget his calm, confident and powerful words at the United Nations when the matter was ultimately settled?

The cause of Zionism was his beloved Jewish world cause, to which he devoted his magnificent energies from his very boyhood; but it was also the rabbinate which was blessed by his half-century of devoted work.

Though he traveled constantly all over the world, in behalf of



Army in France, and later received a high decoration for his service from the French Government.

Rabbi Silver, building his congregation in Cleveland from a small synagogue to one of the outstanding religious institutions in the country, with a membership of more than 2,500 families, attracted wide attention early in his ministry through his theological writing, his vigorous and powerful oratory, and his advocacy of civil rights, the rights of labor, and his activities toward ending unemployment.



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

A princely presence.

Zionism, he never forgot that he was a rabbi in Cleveland. His congregation was his basic concern, and his work for Judaism was of crucial importance in all his labors.

(See Editorial, "Abba Hillel Silver, 70," on Page 4.)

What Abba Hillel Silver accomplished will be discussed and enumerated in many a meeting and in many an article. But at this moment when his recent death is a fresh and a sharp sorrow, we can only

think of his personality, of his presence which we should never allow to vanish from our minds.

His personality was primarily a public personality and his speech was essentially eloquent. This eloquence was far beyond the accidental gift of a magnificent speaking voice. It was an eloquence which combined past with present, the tradition with the problems of the day or, as he himself had phrased it unforgettably, "It was a blending of the timeless with the timely."

No one who ever heard him speak at some great Jewish public meeting could ever forget it. Listening to him on one of these grand occasions was simultaneously an intellectual and an emotional experience.

His mastery of our traditional literature was so profound that he virtually embodied its spirit. When he quoted something from the Bible or Jewish historical literature, it was not a quotation out of the book, but a quotation, as it were, out of himself. The tradition had become part of his personality. So when one listened to him, one felt carried away

onto the stream of great Jewish thought and inspired to continue the spiritual journey.

I shall not speak of my own loss of a classmate and a life-long comrade. The last task we did together was a dialogue at the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

We asked each other questions about our life, our rabbinate, our ideals, and our estimate of the future. We both enjoyed the occasion and the rabbis assembled were kind enough to say that they, too, found joy in it.

We were together countless times. There was no great occasion in my life or in his that we did not call on each other to help celebrate it. I mention this merely as an example of deprivation that many and, above all, his dear family will feel at his sudden departure.

His was a towering personality. It is not probable that we will have the like of him for a long time.

Because of his impressiveness, he will not be forgotten, and our memory of him will be a blessing to all.

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ויהי שם הוא היה מוכן לזאת. לא נמצא מנדט לסילבר מטעם איזה ארגון ציוני וסידרו לו מנדט אחר, ואז נשא את פאמו הגדול, הופע היתה פרש מן הוועידה ואילו נציגיה של ועד הפועלים היהודים נמנעו מן התצפעה, אבל לא שרשו מן הוועידה. בסופו של דבר, ניאוחו גם נציגי הוועד היהודי לדרוש מדינה יהודית לאלתר, אבל דרך המהפכה הזאת בידם היתה קשה הורעה התנגדות לסילבר.

סילבר ניהן בתאונה שהיא נדירה מאוד בקרב המנייגים הציונים: היה בו כשרון מינהלי (אדמיניסטרטיבי) מצוי. הוא לא ידע "להסתדר" עם חבריו בוועד, בייחוד עם התנגדיו, לא סבל התחרות, ועוד יותר מכן לא סבל התנגדות, ובייחוד לא יכול לשאת בסלנות נבוכה דיבורים על חברים של מה בכך, והיה מפגין את תגובותיו בדברים בויס, ולפעמים באופן גס. חבל שהיה רב ריפורמי מפועק, שציטרו סוגד לו, ולא היה עוררדין שנתתך על סובלנות וסביבות, הלמד לפקשים לדברי יריבה, לפנות אליו באדבות וגם לקבל "פעמים את נזיפת השופט, תכונה זו היתה בעיניו. אבל לא היה כמותו לכשרון לרכוש את מסיבות האנשים הנחונים למשמעתו, להפיה בלב כל אחד מהם את ההרגשה שהוא שותף למפעל גדול, לחלק את התפקידים ולמסור מסיביות ולפקה רק על העיקר.

ישענו הגדולה של סילבר תגיע ביום 8 במאי, שנת 1947, כאשר הופיע לפני הוועדה המיוחדת של האומות המאוחדות והגיש את עצומתו עם ישראל ודרישתו לחיים עצמאיים בארץ אבותיו. מי שהיה באותו מעמד, אם ביציע העיפונאים או ביציע הקהל, והסתכל בפניו של סילבר ובמני נציגי האומות שהקשיבו לדבריו — לא ישבח את המעמד הזה לעולם. מפעם שלא היה באותה שעה מקלט רדין בבית יהודי ובארצות-הברית שלא ישבו על-ידו אנשים צמודים לקול הקולה מתוכו ומקשיבים ברשט לדב"רים היוצאים מפיו של סילבר:

אומה בנינו בארץ-ישראל, והאומה הזאת דורשת עתה שתגידו בהי.

כל פרצוף נסביכו היה דרוך ועל כל פנים היתה נמוכה הצעה של יראת-יכבוד והכרת השיא בדראמה היסטורית גדולה, בכלל חברי הוועדה שישבו והקשיבו לנאומו של סילבר והסתכלו בפניו היו מגדולי הסנטימנים בעולם. מהם שכנעו הלכו לעולמם, מהם שנשכחו ומהם שעלו לגדלה מאו — כגון פול הנרי ספאק מבלגיה, לסטר פירסון מקאנאדה ואחרים. זו היתה השעה, שעליה חלמו והתפללו דורות של עם ישראל וחזנים ומשוררים וזו אותה — השעה שעם ישראל התדיין עם אומות העולם ותבע דין לעצמו.

מאתרי הרג הגדול הזה היה ריב מכוך בין חברי המוסבות. שם נורע הורע לפרישתו של סילבר מן המנייגות לאחר קום המדינה, בלא שניתן לו הכבוד שהיה ראוי לו.

ב' 29 בנובמבר, לאחר התצפעה באים והתכרעה ההיסטורית הגדולה, יצא סילבר לאולם ההסתתות, התחבק עם עמנואל ניומן, חבר לעבודה משנים רבות, וכירך ברכת "שתחינו" מתוך כני של שמחה.

אחריו התחילה ירידתו, שהביאה להסתלקותו. הסיחלקות היתה דבי שבתכרת והוא החליט כבר קודם לכן, שעם השגת המטרה המדינית אין לו עוד מה לעשות בתנועה הציונית והוא יחזור אל ה"מספלי" שלו, אלא ששני תבשו הדברים וסילבר פרש מן הסנטימנות לא בצורה שתכבדן לה בתחילה, אבל זוהי פרשת מיוחדת, שלא זו השעה להידרש לה

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# World Jewry Mourns Death of Abba Hillel Silver

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## Deceased Scholar Among Noted Architects of State of Israel

Representatives of Jewish communities from many states, spokesmen for other faiths and Government leaders joined on Sunday in paying tribute to the memory of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the most eminent rab-

binic scholar in the world who died Nov. 28 of a heart attack.

It was as the architect of the State of Israel, as one of the group that played a most vital role in presenting the



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

centenary of the establishment of the first organized Jewish community in America.

Funeral services on Sunday morning, at The Temple in Cleveland, which he had served as rabbi for 47 years, were attended by a Detroit delegation as well as delegations from more than 100 cities.

The tributes accorded him were in recognition of services the eminent rabbi had rendered during a lifetime that was marked by great accomplishments. He was well known in Detroit, having come here numerous times to address Allied Jewish Campaign meetings, to speak at Zionist gatherings, to address Temple Beth El services. He was the guest here also at the banquet that marked the

Jewish case before the United Nations in 1947, that Dr. Silver was especially effective. Prior to that, as head of the American Zionist Emergency Council, he gave his

entire time to the cause of defending the Jewish position in Palestine and in enrolling American support for the Jewish National Home. As a close friend of Senator Robert Taft, as an intimate of Presidents and noted American Christian leaders, he was a leader in the liberation Jewish movement.

It would be an error, however, to think of Dr. Silver only as a great Zionist leader. Linked with his leadership in Zionism was his fearless stand in defense of organized labor, his condemnation of anti-Semitism whenever it became evident, the leading role he played against Coughlinism and McCarthyism.

And equally important in his career was the great role he played in scholarship, in Jewish historical research, as an author and as a theologian.

When he marked his 70th birthday last January, Dr. Silver was honored nationwide. President Kennedy took note of the occasion and an impressive volume containing excerpts from his major writings and tributes by distinguishing world figures was published by Macmillan under the title "In the Time of Harvest." His son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, who now occupies his pulpit at The Temple in Cleveland, was one of the editors of that impressive volume.

He was a great analyst of world as well as Jewish af-

fairs and his New Year sermons were always viewed as "State of the Nation" evaluations.

Dr. Silver possessed a fine sense of humor. On his first visits in Detroit, before the Men's Club of Beth El and the Temple itself, in the late 1920s, he virtually held his audiences in stitches with his stories and his humorous descriptions of Jewish life. He retained that sense of the jocular throughout his life.

Born in Lithuania, brought to this country by his father, a venerable orthodox rabbi who died in Israel several years ago, Dr. Silver became a leader among the Jewish youth on New York's East Side. He was among the distinguished young people, who included Emanuel and Joshua Neumann, Abraham M.

Hershman who later became rabbi of Shaarey Zedek in Detroit, and many others who not only became famous as Jewish leaders but who were outstanding as Hebraists. Their activities were centered in the then famous Herzl Zion Club.

He was one of the world's most brilliant orators, and some of his addresses have gone down in history as the most moving public statements. The address he delivered at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York on the formation of the ill-fated American Jewish Conference was one of the most notable in his career, and his Zionist speeches are among the imperishable gems.

As president of the Zionist Organization of America, as chairman of the board of the Israel Bond Organization, as a leader in the Reform Jewish movement and as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as national chairman of the

United Jewish Appeal, he distinguished himself notably. The first Community Fund in Cleveland was founded by Dr. Silver. He was effective in inter-faith movements and was on a special mission for the United States during World War I.

He was given the ZOA Brandeis Award and received a number of honorary university degrees. He authored "Messianic Speculations in Israel," "Religion in a Changing World," "Vision and Victory," "World Crisis and Jewish Survival" and a number of other important books.

Surviving him are his wife, Virginia, and sons, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver and Raphael Silver.

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Messages of condolence were received from President Zalman Shazar, of Israel; Israel's Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol; members of Israel's Cabinet and leaders of Israel's political parties. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, hailed Dr. Silver as "an outstanding voice of American Jewry—a great American and a great Jew."

The honorary pallbearers included a veritable Who's Who of prominent civil and communal leaders, non-Jewish and Jewish, Zionist and non-Zionist. Among them were Anthony Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. T. Keith Glennan, president of Case Institute of Technology; Dr. Nelson Glusck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Ambassador Abraham Harman, Israel's envoy to Washington; Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Locher; Dr. John R. Miller, president of Western University; Rabbi Max Neustein, of Hollywood, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization; Louis E. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press; Thomas Vail, editor-publisher of the Cleveland Press; Max Bressler, president, National Fund of America; Harry L. Shapiro, representing the United Jewish Appeal; Dr. J. Teichman, representing the Liberal Party of Israel as well as the executive council of Kfar Silver, Israel youth settlement named after Abba Hillel Silver; Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the Zionist Organization of America; Harold Mason of New York and many prominent rabbis from various cities.

Among the many tributes paid to Dr. Silver's memory were messages of condolence and statements laudatory of his long career as rabbi, Zionist, Jew and American; from Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Abraham A. Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose E. Halprin, co-chairmen of the World Federation of General Zionists; the World Union of General Zionists; the World Union of the Herzl-Balzer move-

ment in Israel; the executive committee of the Zionist-Revisionists in America, Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith, and from heads of all National Jewish Organizations.

## Zionist Memorial Here on January 5 Planned in Tribute to Dr. Silver

Rabbi Moses Lehrman, Judge Ira G. Kaufman and Rabbi Leon Fram, presidents, respectively, of the Michigan Zionist Region, Zionist Organization of Detroit and Zionist Council, on Tuesday announced that a memorial meeting for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be held here at Temple Israel, Sunday evening, Jan. 5. They also announced that a chemical laboratory in memory of Dr. Silver will be set up in Kfar Silver in Israel by Michigan Zionists. Those desiring to participate in this tribute are asked to send their gifts to the Zionist Organization of Detroit.

## Jewish Agency Holds Service for Dr. Silver

NEW YORK (JTA)—Memorial services were held Tuesday for the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver by the American Section of the Jewish Agency here with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section, as the principal speakers.

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who had been scheduled to speak, was delayed in London and sent a message which was read at the memorial meeting. Rabbi Mordecai Kishshblum, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, conducted religious services.

With representatives of all the Zionist groups in America in attendance, the late Zionist leader was hailed for his role in presenting the Zionist case before the United Nations and in developing public opinion for the creation of Israel.

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## Knesset Eulogizes Argov, Rabbi Silver

(From JTA Teletype Wire to The Jewish News)  
JERUSALEM—The Knesset paid tribute Tuesday to two departed Jewish leaders—Meir Argov, the late chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs Committee, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

In honor of both men, President Zalman Shazar attended the Knesset's session. Argov was eulogized by Kadish Lun, Speaker of the House. Rabbi Silver's eulogy was spoken by Joseph Selin.

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# Dr. Abba Hillel Silver — a Great and a Mighty Prince in Israel

Sar v-Gadol Nofal b'Israel!

A prince and a great man has fallen in Israel!

The death of Abba Hillel Silver removes from leadership one of the most effective tribunes in Jewry.

He was a leader in the rabbinate, one of his generation's greatest orators, an outstanding and uncompromising Zionist, a distinguished Hebraist and a distinguished defender of Jewish rights.

Rabbi Silver was primarily a scholar. He was the author of a series of theological studies based on his lifetime of research into Jewish historical records. His evaluation of the Messianic idea in Jewish tradition is among his imperishable works, and his many tracts on Judaism, Zionism and Israel will remain among the great contributions to Jewish scholarship.

He was one of the builders of Zion. He may well be considered one of the architects of the State of Israel. His presentations of the Jewish case before United Nations commissions were among the most effective in the struggle for international recognition of Jewish rights to the Holy Land.

The Zionist movement remains indebted to him. He helped build a great monument in the Zionist idea, and as chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council he was an uncompromising advocate of Jewish statehood and a defender of Jewish rights during the trying days when it was so vitally necessary that the facts should be known about Jewish aspirations and that all misrepresentations should be exposed.

Kfar Silver in Israel, the agricultural school established in his honor for the training of Israeli youth in scientific agricultural endeavors, now stands as one of the monuments to his memory.

There are, however, many monuments in tribute to him: his writings, the inspiration he gave to his generation, the leadership he helped train in Jewish ranks, the encouragement he gave to the United Jewish Appeal, to religious and other movements.

His memory will, indeed, be a blessing for our own time and for many generations to come.

## Tribute To Memory Of Rabbi Silver Paid By M. E. Glass, President Of Federation

Following is the statement made by M. E. Glass, president of the Jewish Community Federation, on the death of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:

"Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a national figure and a world figure, but Cleveland was his home and it is here he will be most poignantly missed.

"The Jewish community of Cleveland and its Federation are particularly bereft, for there is no phase of our communal life that he did not immortally enrich. For more than four decades, he not only taught and inspired us, but by accepting many posts of responsibility, he demonstrated through deeds as well as words the importance of community obligation.

"We were blessed to have him in our midst, and the most fitting tribute to him would be a rededication to those Jewish and American ideals which he so fearlessly and inspiringly represented."

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Thousands of mourners, including world and national leaders of the Zionist movement and high Washington, state and local officials, attended funeral services Sunday for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader, who died on Thanksgiving Day from a heart attack at the age of 70.

Eulogies lauding Dr. Silver as a Jewish leader, great orator and great American, were delivered before a hushed assemblage of 2,500 in the Temple in which he served as rabbi for many years, and at the graveside at Mayfield Cemetery. Many thousands, unable to get into the overcrowded synagogue, listened to the services outside the building over loudspeakers.

The eulogies were delivered by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel-American Section; U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche, of Ohio; Rabbi Solomon Freehof, of Pittsburgh; and Rabbi Milton M. Matz, associate rabbi of the Temple. The services were conducted by Rabbi Leon Feuer, of Toledo; and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, of Fairmount Temple, Cleveland. El Moleh Rachmin, the traditional prayer for the departed, was chanted by Richard Tucker, of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Messages of condolence were received from President Zalman Shazar, of Israel; Israel's Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol; members of Israel's Cabinet; and leaders of Israel's political parties, left, center and right. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, hailed Dr. Silver as "an outstanding voice of American Jewry—a great American and a great Jew."

The honorary pallbearers included civic and communal leaders, non-Jewish and Jewish, Zionist and non-Zionist. Among them were Anthony Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. T. Keith Glennan, president of Case Institute of Technology, here; Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Ambassador Avraham Harman, Israel's envoy to Washington; Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Locher; Dr. John S. Millis, president of Western Reserve University.

Rabbi Silver, President Zalman Shazar, in a telegram to Mrs. Silver, spoke of the deceased as "this great figure in American Jewry," whom he viewed as "the most esteemed and illustrious of the spiritual and political leaders of America's Zionist movement."

Messages of condolence to Mrs. Silver were also cabled by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Deputy Premier Abba Eban, and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency who said that the World Zionist Executive "deeply laments" the passing of Dr. Silver who was "a most dynamic and powerful figure" in the world Zionist movement.



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Also Rabbi Max Nussbaum, of Hollywood, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization; Max Bressler, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Harry L. Shapiro, representing the United Jewish Appeal; Dr. J. Teichman, representing the Liberal Party of Israel as well as the executive council of Kfar Silver, an Israel youth settlement named after Abba Hillel Silver; Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the Zionist Organization of America; Harold Mannon of New York; and many prominent rabbis from various cities.

Among the many tributes paid to Dr. Silver's memory were messages of condolence and statements laudatory of his long career as rabbi, Zionist, Jew and American; from Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Abraham A. Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose E. Halprin, co-chairman of the World Federation of General Zionists; the World Union of General Zionists; the world executive of the Herut-Hatsaar movement in Israel; the executive committee of the Zionists-F Revisionists in America. Label A. Katz, national president of E'nal D'rith.

Abba Hillel Silver was born in the Lithuanian town of Neistadt, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver. He was of the fifth generation of rabbis in his family—and one of his sons, Daniel, is also a rabbi. Young Abba Silver was brought by his parents to the United States at the age of eight, and grew up on New York's lower East Side. He studied at the University of Cincinnati and at the Hebrew Union College, being ordained a Reform rabbi at HUC in 1915.

His first congregation was the Eoff Street Temple, at Wheeling, W.Va. In 1917, he came here as spiritual leader of the Temple in this city. In World War I, he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army in France, and later received a high decoration for his service from the French Government.

Rabbi Silver, building his congregation in Cleveland to one of the outstanding religious institutions in the country, with a membership of more than 2,500 families, attracted wide attention early in his ministry through his theological writing, his vigorous and powerful oratory, and his advocacy of civil rights, the right of labor, and his activities toward ending unemployment.

Meanwhile, he had become one of America's most impassioned and most effective spokesmen for the rebirth of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. He was chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council in 1933-34 and again from 1945 to 1948. During the latter period, he was one of the leading fighters for world Zionism at the new United Nations, and was one of the most prominent participants in the UN debates that led to the UN's adoption of the Palestine Partition Plan in 1947.

He had also served as president of the Zionist Organization of America; chairman of the American Section of the then Jewish Agency for Palestine in 1943-48; and as co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. At his death he was chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

He had been president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; director of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; a member of the board of trustees of the American Civil Liberties Union; and active in the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education; the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland; the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Jewish Publication Society; the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; the Council of Democracy; the American Birth Control League; the American Red Cross; and a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Silver was honored at many outstanding events during the last years upon reaching the age of 70.



# DEATH OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER, GIANT OF MODERN ZIONISM

*He helped get American support for the Jewish State*

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The veteran Rabbi was honoured last January at a party celebrating his 70th birthday. The party featured national, state and city leaders. Some 2,000 well-wishers, ranging from U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Anthony Celebrezze, to priests, bishops and newspaper editors attended the banquet.

Born in Lithuania Abba Hillel Silver was the son of a rabbi, and he was brought to the United States as a child of eight. He grew up on New York's East Side. He studied at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his B.A. degree, and then entered Hebrew Union College, which ordained him as a Reform Rabbi.

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THE LATE RABBI SILVER

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### PREMIER'S MESSAGE

Levi Eshkol's message said: "We are deeply grieved at the loss of a dear friend and great leader of our people, in its struggle for national renaissance and independence. His deep-rooted Jewishness, love for the Torah and people, his electrifying personality, strong character and passion for justice, were a rallying point for Jews who streamed to the Zionist banner in the U.S.A. and elsewhere, to wage the battle for Jewish freedom. The Government and people of Israel mourn him. May his memory be blessed, and may you be comforted in the upbuilding of Zion and Jerusalem."

## Memorial Service at Temple Israel for Rabbi Silver

A special memorial service for the late Rabbi Hillel Silver, outstanding Zionist leader and Reform Rabbi, will be held at Temple Israel, Paul Nel Street, Johannesburg, on Friday evening, December 6th, at 6 p.m., in conjunction with the weekly Sabbath Eve service. Rabbi Dr. Ahron Opher, Chief Minister of Johannesburg's United Progressive Jewish Congregation, who was a life-long friend of Rabbi Silver and was associated with him on many national bodies in America, will preach the sermon and conduct the service.

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## Histadrut Ivrit Meeting To Honor Memory Of Rabbi A. H. Silver

The next scheduled all-Hebrew meeting of the Cleveland Chapter of Histadrut Ivrit of America, which will take place Sunday evening, Dec. 8, at 8 o'clock at the Bureau of Jewish Education building, 2030 South Taylor Road, will have a two-fold program.

The first part will be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who had a life-long interest in the renaissance of the Hebrew language. Rabbi Israel Porath, honorary president of Histadrut Ivrit, will deliver the eulogy; Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Community Temple, will chant the Memorial prayer and Yosef Levi, director of B'nai Akiva, will read selections.

Moshe Z. Efrati, one of Israel's leading educators and authors, will deliver a lecture on "The Role of Education in the Integration of the Exiles." Mr. Efrati is a member of the Board of Education sponsored by the Education Ministry of the State of Israel. He is also an executive member of the national organization of religious teachers and chairman of the national principals' organization of the Government religious schools. The meeting is open to the public.

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
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In 1911, he entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and at the same time he attended the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated from both in 1915, completing the nine-year rabbinical program in four years.

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Rabbi Silver took part in a historic conference of American Jewry in New York City in 1942 at which a definite program was adopted defining the establishment of an independent Israel as the principal aim of Zionism.

He presented the Zionist case before the United Nations in 1947 and 1948 and on May 14, 1948, the state of Israel was officially proclaimed.

During the past 10 years, Rabbi Silver had received many honors awards and citations, including the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1953.

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## RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER — A TRIBUTE

By RABBI HARRY J. STERN, LL.D., D.D.  
Temple Emanu-El, Westmount, Montreal

The last time we were in the presence of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, was at the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, held in June (1963) in Philadelphia. He participated in a program that had to do with the appraisal of the rabbinate, and he and his classmate Rabbi Solomon Frechot of Pittsburg, engaged in a dialogue — a most inspiring dialogue pertaining to their experiences in the American rabbinate. And now alas our colleague is no more for his life came to a sudden end last Thursday in the City of Cleveland where he served for the past forty years with such high distinction. Of him it can truly be said — "know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (II Samuel 3:38).

"When a great tree falls, we are impressed with how meagre the landscape seems without it." So when a great man dies, when he is gone, life seems less interesting. Abba Hillel Silver was indeed great as a orator, leader and scholar. He was one of the most gifted in the Reform Jewish rabbinate. He devoted his whole life to the service of the Jewish people. He commenced his preparation for this service as a member of the Herzl Club, founded in 1904 on the East side of New York, and among the members of this club were such distinguished men of the Household of Israel as Emanuel Neumann, who became Silver's closest leader in the cause of Zionism and such Rabbis as Abraham Feldman, Benjamin Friedman, and the late Barnett

Brickner and the late Jesse Schwartz, who was summoned not some months ago to his eternal reward.

History will record Dr. Silver as the architect of the new Jewish State of Israel. He will be remembered as champion not only of Jewish rights but of human rights for all, having been his whole life motivated by the prophetic tradition of our precious faith, Judaism.

On a number of occasions, Rabbi Silver graced the pulpit of Temple Emanu-El here in Montreal. We well recall how a crowded Temple waited for the good Rabbi over two hours as a Temple forum meeting, he having been delayed by plane, arriving from Cleveland to Montreal. But it all was worthwhile waiting, for his inspiring address was listened to by leading citizens both Jewish as well as non-Jewish of our community.

When in 1947, the Central Conference of American Rabbis met in convention here in Montreal with Temple Emanu-El as host, it was Dr. Silver who held then the high office of President of this conference. For us it was the 50th anniversary of the conference's revival in our city for as early as 1897, this rabbinical body met in Montreal under the leadership of the founder of American Reform Judaism, namely Rabbi Isaac M. Wise.

We thank God for the life of Abba Hillel Silver — a life blessed with inspiring work and great accomplishment. He had indeed set an example for all who are engaged in the noble task of leadership in religion in Israel and in the work of humanity. May God bless and hallow the memory and the heritage of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER, PRINCE OF AMERICAN JEWRY  
IN MEMORIAM

AS DEEP A GRIEVOUS LOSS THAT CAME TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR LATE BELOVED PRESIDENT, JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, SO AMERICAN JEWRY HAS SUSTAINED EVEN AS GREAT A LOSS IN THE PASSING OF ONE OF ITS GREAT GIANTS OF LEADERSHIP, A SCHOLAR, WHO HAS BLESSED AMERICAN JEWRY WITH ALMOST A HALF A CENTURY OF LEADERSHIP IN THE PERSONALITY OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER. HE WAS WITHOUT QUESTION THE GIANT OF HIS TIME. HE WAS THE MOST GIFTED, NOT ONLY IN ORATORY, BUT AS LEARNED IN SCHOLARSHIP. WITHOUT QUESTION HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED GRADUATES OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE. HE HAD THE GREAT ABILITY TO GIVE OF THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT AND HIS SPIRIT, SO THAT HE BECAME IN TIME NOT ONLY THE LEADER OF AMERICAN JEWRY, BUT THE INTERNATIONAL SPOKESMAN OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

DESCENDED FROM FIVE GENERATIONS OF RABBIS HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1902 FROM LITHUANIA AS A YOUNGSTER OF NINE YEARS. HE CAME FROM A FAMILY OF SIX CHILDREN, AND HIS FATHER WAS THE NOTED RABBI AND SCHOLAR, RABBI MOSES SILVER. HE WAS RAISED AND NURTURED IN THE TRADITIONS AND FOLK-WAYS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWRY, WHICH HE CARRIED DEEPLY IN HIS HEART WITH THAT PASSIONATE LOVE OF HIS PEOPLE'S TRADITION AND HIS PEOPLE'S WAY OF LIFE. HE COMBINED WITHIN HIMSELF A SPIRITUAL TRADITION AND LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE THAT CARRIED ITSELF FORWARD IN A REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM OF HIS COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL ZIONISM, AND HIS LOVE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE. HERE IN AMERICA HE FOUND A NEW PASSIONATE LOVE FOR THE DEMOCRACY WHICH HE FELT WAS A POSITIVE FORCE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF GOOD IN LIFE. HE CAME NOT ONLY TO LOVE AMERICA, BUT TO BE ITS LEADER AND ITS SPIRIT IN TERMS OF THE RECOGNITION THAT HE WAS A MOST ELOQUENT VOICE OF AMERICAN JUDAISM.

SURROUNDED AS HE WAS IN THE SPIRIT OF JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP AND LEARNING, THERE FLOWED FROM HIS HEART SOMETHING WHICH WAS A DEEP PART OF HIS



JEWISH HERITAGE, AND THAT WAS THE REBUILDING OF THE ANCIENT HOMELAND OF HIS PEOPLE IN THE LAND OF ZION. THE BIBLICAL HEROES OF THE PAST, THE PROPHETS, THE SAGES AND THE MODERN ESSAYISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS LIKE BIALAK AND AHAD HA-AM, ALL HAD A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS DESTINED TO BE THE LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE. ALREADY IN 1904 AT THE TIME OF THEODORE HERZL'S DEATH, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND HIS BROTHER FORMED THE DR. HERZL CLUB. IT WAS THE FIRST ZIONIST HEBREW SPEAKING GROUP IN AMERICA. FROM THIS CLUB CAME THE MOST NOTED OF PERSONALITIES LIKE EMANUEL NEUMAN, BARNETT R. BRICKNER, ABRAHAM FELDMAN, ALL RABBIS AND WORLD LEADERS IN THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. DR. EMANUEL NEUMAN, A MAN RECENTLY HONORED FOR ALMOST FOUR DECADES OF WORK ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT, WROTE ABOUT THE DR. HERZL ZION CLUB IN THIS MANNER: "I JOINED ON A WINTRY SATURDAY EVENING, WHEN THE CLUB WAS CELEBRATING THE BAR MITZVAH OF THE PRESIDENT. ITS PRESIDENT THEN AND ITS NATURAL LEADER FOR YEARS AFTER WAS ABBA HILLEL SILVER. HIS WAS A FIRM RULE, TEMPERED ALWAYS WITH A SAVING SENSE OF HUMOR. HE WAS LOVED, ADMIRER AND OBEYED. HIS WORD AT THE END OF A LONG DEBATE HAD THE RING OF FINALITY AND WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEMUR. THE VERY QUALITY OF HIS VOICE BROUGHT CONVICTION."

ALREADY IN HIS EARLY CAREER AS A YOUTH HE PLURGED HIMSELF FORWARD TO MAKE HEBREW A LIVING LANGUAGE, AND TO MAKE THIS CLUB A MODEL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOVEMENT HE WAS LATER TO BE THE INTERNATIONAL LEADER. THERE WERE MANY ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK WHO LOOKED UPON THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AS HERESY, AND BELIEVED THAT HEBREW WAS A LANGUAGE OF PRAYER AND NOT A LANGUAGE TO BE USED IN CONDUCTING MEETINGS. IN ABBA HILLEL'S PERSONALITY WAS THE FORCEFULNESS OF LOGIC, DYNAMIC PERSUASION AND A FORCEFULNESS WHICH FULFILLED ITSELF IN THE MANNER OF THE MAN WHO BELIEVED THAT DESTINY OF A PEOPLE TO RETURN TO ITS SOIL DEMANDED OF HIM TO FOLLOW HIS BELIEFS TO VICTORY. HE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THE LEADERS

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE THAT THEY HAD A RIGHT TO MEET IN THEIR OFFICES AND TO CONDUCT THEIR MEETINGS IN HEBREW IN THE SPIRIT OF THE REBIRTH OF AN ANCIENT FAITH AND AN ANCIENT HOPE. THIS WAS THE FIRST SUCCESS OF HIS YOUNG CAREER, A MODEL OF WHAT WAS YET TO UNFOLD.

WHEN ABBA HILLEL SILVER ENTERED HEBREW UNION COLLEGE IN 1911, THERE WERE MANY WHO FELT HE HAD BEEN A TRAITOR TO HIS ORTHODOX BACKGROUND AND HIS ZIONIST LEANINGS WHEN HE ENTERED AS A STUDENT. AT THAT TIME REFORM JUDAISM WAS BITTERLY ANTI-ZIONIST, AND ANTI-CEREMONIAL IN ITS POINT OF VIEW. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS FELT THAT HIS JOINING THE REFORM MOVEMENT WAS TO ALIENATE HIM FROM HIS BACKGROUND OF TRADITION AND HIS LOVE FOR POLITICAL ZIONISM. HE WEATHERED THE STORM NOT ONLY WITH STRENGTH, BUT HE CAME OUT MORE FORTIFIED THAN EVER BEFORE, NOT ONLY AS A REFORM RABBI BUT AS A LEADER OF A NEW FAITH, TRANSFORMING THE IMAGE OF REFORM JUDAISM <sup>FROM</sup> ~~IS~~ ONE OF NEGATION TO AFFIRMATION.

UPON LEAVING HEBREW UNION COLLEGE HE BECAME RABBI OF HIS FIRST CONGREGATION IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA AT THE EOOF STREET TEMPLE THERE. AFTER TWO YEARS IN THAT PULPIT HE WAS CALLED TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PULPITS IN AMERICA - CLEVELAND'S TIFERETH ISRAEL, LATER TO BE CALLED THE TEMPLE. FROM 1917 HE MADE THIS CONGREGATION THE BELOVED SPIRITUAL HOME WHERE FOR NEARLY FORTY-SIX YEARS HE REIGNED THE SUPREME PRINCE OF HIS PEOPLE. THERE HE CREATED ONE OF THE LEADING CONGREGATIONS OF THE LIBERAL TRADITION IN AMERICA. HE HAD THE POWER NOT ONLY OF ORATORY, BUT OF A GREAT CREATIVE MIND THAT HE WAS ABLE TO TRANSFORM A CONGREGATION OF 725 FAMILIES TO A CONGREGATION OF NEARLY 2,500. HE BUILT ITS MAGNIFICENT NEW STRUCTURE, FORMULATED ITS PROGRAM AND GUIDED ITS DESTINY. NO MATTER WHAT WORLD LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS HE WAS CONCERNED WITH, HE WAS FOREVER MAKING TRIPS ON TRAINS AND PLANES IN ORDER TO BE BACK WITH HIS CONGREGATION ON THE SABBATH. HE TREATED HIS PULPIT WITH A KIND OF SACREDNESS OF THE MESSAGES HE DELIVERED WEEK AFTER WEEK, MESSAGES THAT BROUGHT THRONES

OF PEOPLE TO HEAR THE GREAT MASTER, WHO WAS ABLE TO TAKE A SUBJECT AND MASTER IT WITH SUCH THOROUGHNESS OF LOGIC, RHETORIC AND ELOQUENCE THAT FEW HAD THE POWER OF SERMONIC ELOQUENCE THAN HE ACHIEVED IN HIS LIFETIME. HIS TEMPLE BECAME THE MODEL FOR REFORM CONGREGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PURSUIT OF ELOQUENCE WAS THE PURSUIT OF HIS CONGREGATION AND HIS IDEALS, FOR HE FOUNDED NOT ONLY THE FINEST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BUT AN EXCELLENT LIBRARY, A WONDERFUL MUSEUM OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND CEREMONIAL ART, AND ANY NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS WHICH MADE HIS CONGREGATION EXEMPLIFY WHAT EXCELLENCE CAN AND SHOULD ACHIEVE. THERE IS ALWAYS THE DANGER IN ALLOWING A LARGE CONGREGATION SUCH AS HIS TO BECOME BIG BUSINESS WITH BIG EXECUTIVE PROBLEMS, AND LOSE THE PURPOSE OF HIS EXISTENCE. DR. SILVER ALWAYS HAD IN HIS COMMAND THE DETERMINATION TO MAKE HIS CONGREGATION PRIMARILY A PLACE OF STUDY, WORSHIP AND THE TRAINING GROUND FOR LEADERSHIP. OUT OF HIS CONGREGATION HAVE COME TWENTY-FIVE RABBIS, WHO WERE INSPIRED TO THE RABBINATE AND WHO CAME TO ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE IMAGE OF THE KIND OF RABBI THEY WANTED TO BE IN THE FRUITFUL FIELD OF THE SPIRITUAL LABORS THAT HE MOVED HIS PEOPLE.

AS DEEPLY IMBUED WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPHETS, HE WAS A CHAMPION FOR SOCIAL LEGISLATION AND SOCIAL BETTERMENT. HE STRUGGLED TO MAKE CLEVELAND A BETTER COMMUNITY BY WORKING FOR THOSE CAUSES, WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HONORED HIM AS MAN WHO WAS TRULY "A PROPHET WITH HONOR WITHIN HIS OWN COMMUNITY". IN THE MIDST OF ISOLATIONISM, WHICH HATED ANY THOUGHT OF INTERNATIONALISM OR THE UNDERSTANDING OF UNITED NATIONS OR LEAGUE OF NATIONS, HE FOUGHT FOR THE PRINCIPLE THAT AMERICA CANNOT REMAIN ISOLATED, BUT MUST PLAY A WORLD ROLE WHICH IT WAS LATER DESTINED TO PLAY AFTER WORLD WAR II. HE SAW THE TRAGEDY AND OPPRESSION OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN THE MIDST OF A COMMUNITY WHICH HAD CONTEMPT FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT, HE WITH ALL OF HIS HEART AND SOUL CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF THE CLOSED SHOP, THE RIGHT OF LABOR TO ORGANIZE AND OF THE PRIVILEGE

TO MAKE LABOR A DIGNIFIED MEMBER OF SOCIETY. IT WAS THROUGH HIS VISION AND ENERGY THAT THE TEMPLE BECAME THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE GREAT SOCIAL IDEALS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, WHICH LATER GAVE BIRTH TO A NATIONAL CAUSE IN THE UNITED STATES. HE FOUGHT AGAINST THE USE OF CHILD LABOR, AND ESTABLISHED THE STATE OF OHIO WITH LAWS TO PROTECT THE CHILD FROM THE CRUEL BARBARISM WHICH EMPLOYED CHILD LABOR FOR EIGHT AND TEN HOURS A DAY. HE WORKED WITH GREAT DILIGENCE AGAINST THE SLUM, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND WAS EVER DETERMINED TO TRY AND BRING THOSE PRACTICES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL HARMONY WITHIN THE CAUSE OF HIS PEOPLE. NEVER FAILING TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST EVIL AND VOICE THE ETERNAL TRUTHS OF THE PROPHETS, HE BECAME RECOGNIZED BY JOHN GUNTHER IN THE BOOK, INSIDE USA, AS ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND, OF THE STATE AND OF THE NATION.

NO MAN COULD HAVE GIVEN HIMSELF TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF HIS HERITAGE AND TRADITION. THE GREATEST MOMENTS OF DR. SILVER WAS NOT ONLY IN THE PULPIT, NOT ONLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF BEING A CIVIC LEADER, BUT IN THE QUIET PRIVACY OF HIS STUDY, WHICH HE LOVED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN HIS LIFETIME. AS BUSY AS HE MUST HAVE BEEN WITH SO MANY PROJECTS, WITH SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, YET HE FOUND TIME TO DELVE DEEPLY INTO THE SCHOLARLY BACKGROUND OF HIS HERITAGE AND TRADITION. EARLY IN HIS LIFE HE WROTE AND PUBLISHED HIS DOCTORAL THESIS ENTITLED "MESSIANIC SPECULATIONS IN ISRAEL". THIS BOOK TRIED TO SHOW THE MESSIANIC SPIRIT, THE MYSTICAL POWER WHICH THE JEW HAD LOOKED FOR IN THE HOPE TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD, THAT HOPE TO SEE AN END TO MAN'S PROBLEMS. THIS WORK WAS THE BEGINNING OF A HOST OF MANY OTHER WORKS, BOOKS LIKE "WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL". THERE WAS ALSO IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THE TIME HE TOOK TO MAKE A STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF JUDAISM, ITS IDEALS, ITS TEACHINGS AND ITS RATIONAL CHARACTER.



HERE WAS A CLASSIC WHICH EVERY JEW AND EVERY MEMBER OF ANY FAITH CAN UNDERSTAND THE BEAUTY AND RHAPSODIC QUALITY OF HIS STYLE OF WRITING IN THE BOOK ENTITLED "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED", HIS LAST SCHOLARLY BOOK "MOSES AND THE ORIGINAL TORAH", WHICH IS A SCHOLARLY QUEST TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS THAT CONSTITUTED THE PURE FAITH OF MOSES AS IT WAS TAUGHT IN THE TORAH. IT IS STRANGE, INDEED, THAT THIS SHOULD BE HIS LAST BOOK? HE WAS IN OUR TIME A SENSE OF MOSES, WHO IN A MOMENT OF GREAT DARKNESS AND UNCERTAINTY LED US THROUGH THE DEEP RED SEA IN THE BLOOD THAT STAINED THE SOIL OF EUROPE, THE DARKNESS OF THE CREMATORIUM, THE NIGHTMARE OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMP, BUCHENWALD AND AUSCHWITZ, THE VOICE OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER SPOKE TO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

GOD HAD SENT HIM TO US AT THE MOST CRUCIAL HOUR OF OUR EXISTENCE. AFTER WORLD WAR II GREAT BRITAIN WAS READY TO SCRAP ITS PROMISES OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND DESTROY ANY POSSIBILITY TO CREATE A JEWISH STATE, WHICH THEY SO SOLEMNLY PROMISED IN THE BALFOUR DECLARATION. IT WAS THE VOICE OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER, MILITANT AND DETERMINED, WHO WOULD NOT STOP AND NOT BE DETERRED IN THE AIMS TO ACHIEVE THE CREATION OF A STATE OF ISRAEL. THERE WERE MANY ANTI-ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS WHO PUT EVERY OBSTACLE IN HIS PATH, AND TRIED TO BESMIRCH HIS CHARACTER. YET HE CARRIED ALOFT THE FLAME OF THE CAUSE HE SO MAGNIFICENTLY CHAMPIONED. HE WAS UNAFRAID TO FACE THE ADMINISTRATION AND TO DEMAND JUSTICE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

THOSE OF US WHO KNOW JEWISH HISTORY WILL NEVER FORGET THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT WHEN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE BROUGHT A MAJORITY REPORT AND A MINORITY REPORT. WHO WAS THE VOICE THAT SPOKE FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE BEFORE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ON THAT FATEFUL DAY IN NOVEMBER, 1947 - NONE OTHER THAN THE VOICE OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER, WHO PLEADED BEFORE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THAT HIS PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED SO MUCH, WHO HAD MET THE TRAGEDY OF BLOOD AND THE ASHES OF THE BURNING OF JEWISH BODIES, MUST BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO AFFIRM THEIR OWN DESTINY. HIS PLEA WAS

SO MOVING THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ARABS HAD TRIED TO PERSUADE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO VOTE AGAINST THE CREATION OF THE JEWISH STATE, THE VOICE OF ABBA HILLEL SILVER SAVED THE DAY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE. ON NOVEMBER 27, 1947 DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER IN HIS GREAT PLEA WON OVER THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND THE COUNT WAS 31 TO 13 IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GAVE THE INTERNATIONAL SANCTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE. HIS DEAR FRIEND, EMANUEL NEUMAN, WRITES THESE WORDS: "ONE BY ONE WE LEFT THE HALL AND DRIFTED INTO THE LOBBY. WE WERE OVERCOME BY EMOTION. I GLANCED AT SILVER AND SAW WHAT I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE - HE WEPT." YES, HE WEPT TO PLEA FOR HIS PEOPLE. HE WEPT AS HE KNEW THE SORROW OF THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF JEWISH HISTORY, AND YET HE LIVED TO SEE THE GREATEST TRIUMPH OF HISTORY. HE LIVED TO SEE IT BECAUSE HE MADE IT, HE ESTABLISHED IT, HE CREATED IT AND HE GAVE ALL OF HIS LIFE TO IT. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL WAS HIS GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN HIS LIFETIME. WE WHO ARE THE HEIRS TO THIS GREAT HERITAGE WILL NOT FORGET HIM BECAUSE THROUGH HIM WE HAD THE GIANT OF OUR GENERATION SPEAKING TO THE WORLD ON BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE. ALL OVER THE JEWISH WORLD WE MOURN THE PASSING OF THE GIANT OF AMERICAN JEWRY, THE PRINCE IN OUR MIDST IS MOURNED IN CLEVELAND, IN PHOENIX, IN NEW YORK, IN LONDON AND IN JERUSALEM. THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY ALL OF US IS A LOSS THAT WILL GIVE US THE STRENGTH AND THE POWER TO MOVE FORWARD THROUGH HIS LABOR AND THROUGH THE ENNOBLEMENT OF HIS SOUL AND HIS SPIRIT. WE WHO ARE HEIRS TO THE GREAT PROPHETIC TRADITION OF HIS LIFE WILL NOT FORGET HIM, BUT THE POWER AND STRENGTH OF THIS GREAT PRINCE WILL LIVE ON FOREVER IN THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE. HE IS IN THE HALL OF GREATNESS FOREVER ENSHRINED IN THE HEARTS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE. AMEN.

## Workers Lose a Friend

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Ohio workers have lost a lifelong champion of their rights and welfare in the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland.

Rabbi Silver was known as the father of the unemployment insurance system in Ohio. He believed that the unemployed worker should have the dignity of unemployment insurance and not be forced to rely on charity.

Rabbi Silver started his campaign for a state unemployment insurance program in 1928 and later drafted the first Ohio legislation on unemployment insurance.

It also should be recalled that Rabbi Silver was one of the first and most vigorous opponents of the so-called "right-to-work" proposal that was soundly rejected by Ohio voters in 1958.

Another indication of Rabbi Silver's feeling for the worker was his resignation in the 1920's from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce because of what he labeled its anti-union policies.

To the family of Rabbi Silver goes the heartfelt sympathy of Ohio workers along with the assurance that Rabbi Silver shall always occupy a special place in their hearts for his contribution to their welfare.

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## "LOOKING THINGS OVER"

In my youth I grew up in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland had a most remarkable Jewish community in those days because of the exceptional leadership given it by a small group of men. There was the famous educator, A. H. Friedland, who headed the Hebrew schools in the community. There were several rabbis who achieved national prominence through their brilliant oratory and splendid scholarship. One of these was Solomon Goldman who served a Conservative synagogue. Goldman eventually left Cleveland to head a large Conservative congregation in Chicago. Another of these gifted rabbis was Barnett R. Brickner, the spiritual leader of a great Reform congregation. I came to know Rabbi Brickner very well and was especially close to him in the last years of his life. Another great rabbi of that period, probably the most famous rabbi of our generation, who also served a Reform congregation in Cleveland, was Abba Hillel Silver. A. H. Friedland, Solomon Goldman and Barnett R. Brickner departed this life some years ago. On Thanksgiving Day the news was flashed over the radio that Abba Hillel Silver had died.

As I think back with nostalgia to the days of my youth I recall that it was a favorite pastime for the young people of my generation to visit the synagogues of these great rabbis. At the same time, as most of us were enrolled as pupils in the Cleveland Hebrew School, we came under the personal influence of A. H. Friedland and also of a most remarkable Hebrew teacher by the name of Zvi Shuster. As a result of this two-pronged influence — the dedicated guidance of inspired teachers and the moving experience of listening regularly to three of the most gifted preachers the American rabbinate has ever known — a good many of us decided that the only career for us was the rabbinate. Thus, Cleveland began to produce rabbinical students in greater profusion than any other city in the United States with the possible exception of New York. The proof of this exists in our own New England area — Rabbi Albert S. Goldstein of Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Temple Israel in Boston and Rabbi Albert Gordon of Temple Emanuel in Newton are products of that milieu. In other parts of the country also numerous former Clevelanders of my generation have risen to prominence both in the rabbinate and national leadership in Jewish life.

With the death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver it seems that an era has come to an end. As Silver was a great Zionist leader, so were Brickner and Goldman. The competition between them was quite intense, not only in their Zionist interests, but in their pulpitering as well. Visitors to Cleveland were often

astonished to learn that the two largest Reform congregations in America, and probably the largest conservative synagogue, were all in the city of Cleveland, so magnetic was the preaching of these three titans of oratory.

But besides giving us brilliant oratory the three rabbis of that glorious day also fired us with an intense love of Judaism and a passionate desire to do something for our people. These were days of crisis for the Jews of both Europe and what was then Palestine. We followed the lead of the three rabbis and threw ourselves into the Zionist cause with all the intensity and fervor at our command.

In world Zionist councils Silver achieved greater prominence than Goldman or Brickner — indeed, the leadership of world Zionism eventually fell into his hands in the fatal months before the creation of the State of Israel. It was he who served as the spokesman for the Jewish people in those emotion

packed days prior to the United Nations partition of Palestine. An Israeli attached to the Israel embassy in Washington once told me that had Silver moved to Israel following the creation of the state, the likelihood was that he might have been made Chaim Weizmann's successor as president of the republic.

I had the privilege this summer of seeing Rabbi Silver frequently at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America held in Israel. Numerous honors were heaped upon him by admiring Zionist delegates. The leaders of the Israeli government, including Mr. Ben-Gurion with whose political views Dr. Silver did not always agree, paid him homage at great public gatherings. Heaped with fulness of years and honors, and apparently in good health, Rabbi Silver made his usual striking appearance wherever he went as adoring Israelis and American gave him their highly deserved respect.

A. H. Friedland, Solomon Goldman, Barnett R. Brickner — and now Abba Hillel Silver. All great men in their lifetime, they gave their fullest measure of love, strength, talent and wisdom to the cause of Judaism and the Jewish people. In these days of Hanukkah one cannot help but think of them as modern Maccabees, true successors to the Hasmoneans of old, in their zeal for Torah and the fiery eloquence with which they championed the cause of Israel reborn. Will their kind ever appear again on the scene of Jewish history?

Joseph Klein



Rabbi Doctor Abba Hillel Silver

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the greatest man in any profession whom I have had the privilege of knowing as a close personal friend. Not only did we enjoy and appreciate personally the privilege of being fellow leaders of two major religious institutions in metropolitan Cleveland and more especially in the University Circle community, but we led our congregations into a rich fellowship in common spiritual heritage. This was typical of Rabbi Silver's irenic, inclusive spirit. He never compromised his integrity as a strong and faithful Jewish leader, but his heart was great enough to respect and appreciate the heritage of others.

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Harry Bertrand Taylor

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## Rabbi Abba Silver, Crusader for Justice

By REY L. GILLESPIE

The death of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of The Temple removed from the ranks of our religious leaders a great crusader for justice at a time when the world is filled with hatred and fear.

Some historians no doubt will describe the life and achievements of Rabbi Silver for he lived through a turbulent period in the history of his people in Europe and became one of the great leaders in the establishment of Israel as a homeland for them.



REY L. GILLESPIE

For many years I accepted an invitation from a fellow member of the Churchman's League to attend the annual Brotherhood Dinner at The Temple. On these occasions I had the opportunity to talk briefly about race relations with Rabbi Silver and to meet some members of the congregation and their guests.

ONE STATEMENT he made to me impressed me strongly. It was: "The history of oppression is an old and ugly one. Even the concomitants of religion and its moral values have failed to create a society of brotherhood."

The statement made me wonder how the institution of slavery was ever given religious sanction in this country. For as a freedom-loving nation with a national creed of "In God We Trust" it would seem to have been a damnable way of life.

Even today when our nation has become a leader in

world affairs we are surrounded by fellow Americans who are filled with race prejudice and religious intolerance. Let no one be deceived into believing that the social behavior of our young people is not being strongly influenced by these persons.

THE CHURCH or synagogue, beyond all else, must be considered a place of education in the practice of human relations. Our religious leaders must set the pace in the public acceptance of the ability of all people to work together and achieve their potentials as individuals.

MY GREAT RESPECT for Rabbi Silver has been shared by many other men in the service of God. Here is a statement by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Fairmount Temple, who served as co-chairman of the membership drive of the Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people:

"There is a statement in the Talmud that tells us that when a great sage passes away everyone in his kinsman, for everyone is directly bereaved in his passing. When we say that everyone is expendable we are simply stating an untruth, for men of wisdom and dedication are irreplaceable."

"Abba Hillel Silver was such a man. He was a towering figure. He was not only a world leader who shored up the spirits of the Jewish people during the years of the Nazi destruction and was their tribune and spokesman in their struggle to establish the Jewish state in Palestine, but he was also a prophet in his own

community and honored as such.

"He spoke with unparalleled effectiveness for justice and for human brotherhood. His wisdom, his eloquence and his commanding dignity all had the quality of greatness. In the pulpit he had both the mien and wisdom of a biblical prophet. We are all of us somewhat diminished by his death."

DR. KENNETH W. CLEMENT had some warm words of praise for Rabbi Silver. He is the president of the National Medical Association, past president of the Cleveland Baptist Association and a vice president of the Cleveland NAACP.

Dr. Clement said: "There are few ways that men can achieve immortality. Extraordinary concern for mankind is demonstrated by countless acts of benevolence—defense of the weak, protection of the poor or consummate and self-sacrificing devotion to one's own country; or in meaningful pursuit of great principles, justice and freedom, that lead to world peace and understanding."

"It is enough that men stand apart in one of these, but Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will live forever in the hearts of countless millions because he excelled in all these."

"He was the foremost among religious leaders of the world to bring great ethical and moral conviction to the solution of social and political problems of our time."

"In crisis or normalcy, his was a life of total commitment to improving society through personal involvement."

"He will be missed, but never forgotten."

HERE IS ANOTHER fine statement from the Rev. Dr. Harry B. Taylor, pastor of the Church of the Covenant. We have served together for many years on the board of world-famous Karama House.

Dr. Taylor said: "Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the greatest man in any profession whom I have had the privilege of knowing as a close personal friend. Not only did we enjoy and appreciate personally the privilege of being fellow leaders of two major religious institutions in metropolitan Cleveland, and more especially in the University Circle community, but we led our congregations into a rich fellowship in common spiritual heritage."

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## 2,000 Jewish Leaders Here Get Pleas to Help the Oppressed

Two thousand American Jewish leaders were told last night that the basic objective of the United Jewish Appeal was to assure the physical survival of any Jew in the world "threatened by oppression or need."

In setting forth what he described as the "heart and philosophy" of the appeal's 23 years of relief and resettlement work, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman, listed these other basic aims:

"To assure spiritual liberty and freedom for Jews who do not possess it, primarily through migration."

"To support the growth of free Jewish communities, particularly in Israel, and thereby insure that Jews may continue to remain free."

Rabbi Friedman spoke at the dinner session as his organization continued its 26th annual national conference at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Heavy Immigration Noted

In noting the renewed heavy immigration of Jews to Israel, he said it had resulted in a "steep rise in the number of social cases—in aged, handicapped, blind and chronically ill persons." He said that this had imposed a heavy financial burden on the Jewish agency, which carries out programs of settlement and rehabilitation among the immigrants.

He also said that the pace of immigrant absorption "has never kept up with the pace of immigration itself, and the gap between the two has become marked in recent years, with a consequent rise in human suffering."

In stressing the importance of migration in the appeal's pro-

gram for next year, Rabbi Friedman said that "we will see another year of peak movement of Jews overseas to Israel and other havens."

Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, said financial aid was needed from American Jews to complete "the rehabilitation of many thousands of newcomers still unabsorbed among Israel's 1.1 million immigrants since 1948."

Meeting Most of Cost

He said his nation was meeting through the taxation of Israelis "two-thirds of the cost of this refugee rehabilitation program."

A study issued at the conference also cited the need for American Jews to help Israel's people speed up the processes of immigrant absorption. Miss Ruth Gruber, writer and sociologist, prepared the study, which was based on an inquiry she made last October.

Joseph Meyerhoff, the appeal's general chairman; Mrs. Israel D. Pink, head of the women's division, and Alan Sagner, chairman of the appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet, were honored for their services to the appeal.

Mr. Sagner led 75 members of the United Jewish Appeal to the University of Chicago last afternoon to pay their respects to the late Herbert A. Lehman, Mr. Lehman, a founder of the appeal and its honorary chairman at the time of his death, had addressed the Young Leadership Cabinet a year ago yesterday.

Tributes were made in memory of President Kennedy and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

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PRESS RELEASE

GENERAL ZIONISTS IN 50 COUNTRIES TO HOLD SHLOSHIM MEMORIAL MEETINGS

FOR DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HEAD OFFICE OF WORLD UNION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS CALLS FOR COMMEMORATING  
SILVER'S MEMORY THROUGH NAMING OF STREETS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL

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New York (Special): -- General Zionist organizations in over 50 countries affiliated with the World Union of General Zionists will hold memorial meetings at the end of this month marking the end of the Shloshim, the traditional 30 day period of mourning, for the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, according to reports made public at a special meeting of the Head Office of the World Union of General Zionists. The Head Office is comprised of all American members of the World Union Executive.

The meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the World Union of General Zionists, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the Government of Israel, on the Jewish Agency Executive and on the municipalities in Israel to commemorate the memory of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as the political architect of the State of Israel, by naming streets and public institutions in his memory which would serve "as everlasting living testimonials to his monumental achievements in bringing into fruition the 2,000-year old strivings of the Jewish people."

Another resolution unanimously adopted called upon General Zionist organizations throughout the world to commemorate the memory of Dr. Silver through the

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establishment of new projects in Kfar Silver, the only institution in Israel bearing the name of Dr. Silver, established and financed by the ZOA.

Kfar Silver, Agricultural Training Institute, near Ashkelon, now numbers 260 students. Recognized as one of the foremost agricultural training institutions in Israel, Kfar Silver is the only American chartered school in that country having been granted a charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in 1957.

During the 66th annual Convention of the ZOA held in Israel last July, the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver addressed over 1,000 ZOA delegates at a session of the Convention held there.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was one of the founders and leaders of the World Confederation of General Zionists in 1946 which, last summer at its world conference in Israel, evolved into the World Union of General Zionists.

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