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Clipping scrapbook, 1951 January-June.



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Clipping scrapbook, trip to Israel, 1951 May.



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Clipping scrapbook, trip to South Africa, 1951 June.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1951.





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Clipping scrapbook, 1952.



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Testimonial, naming of Nahlat Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, 1952.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1953.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1953.



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Clipping scrapbook, sixtieth birthday, 1953.



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The American Zionist, 1953 February.



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Jewish Ledger, Silver Commemorative Issue, 1953 February.



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Life Magazine, 1953 April.





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Clipping scrapbook, 1954.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1955-1956.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1956.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1957 January -1958 May.



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The Young Zionist, 1957 February.



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Israel Tenth Anniversary dinner, clippings and publicity, 1958  
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Clipping scrapbook, 1958 June - 1960 December.



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Clipping scrapbook, 1961 April - 1963 November.





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Clippings, eulogies, and tributes on the death of Abba Hillel Silver,  
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Clippings, eulogies, and tributes on the death of Abba Hillel Silver,  
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Reprints issued by the American Zionist Emergency council,  
1941-1949.



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Tenth anniversary at The Temple, clippings and correspondence,  
1927 May.



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Fifteenth anniversary at The Temple, clippings and  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver: The Rising Son of Judaism,  
1933 December.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE RISING SON OF JUDAISM

Out of the dawn of American Jewish life comes Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Rising Son of Judaism! Out of the dark background of prejudice, hatred and insecurity comes a spiritual guide endowed with faith, hope and understanding, whose words live in one's consciousness like the light of the first sunrise in our eyes.

Rabbi Silver symbolizes spiritual power. When he lifts his arms into the air during the benediction, he seemingly takes all humanity into his embrace. When he bows his head in deep humility, he prays for you and for me in his universal tribute to God!

We as ordinary human beings like to believe that our great men are not human, that they are more visitants from another sphere where perfection is not an illusion but a reality among the attributes of a higher life.

When I speak of Rabbi Silver I feel the same sentiments rise within me as when I stand before the portraits of Josef Israels the great Hebrew painter of Holland, whose masterpieces one is privileged to visit in the Rijks Museum in Amsterdam. Those portrait characters cannot talk but their Jewish characteristics of suffering, agony and endurance speak for themselves..and so it is when I look at the shining countenance of Rabbi Silver he need not speak, his spiritual qualities shine forth from his eyes like the light of the Rising Sun upon the earth below.

I am inspired with Rabbi Silver because in his search for perfection he never loses sight of the many imperfections thru



which he must first wander before reaching his ultimate goal. Rabbi Silver looks into the infinite not only as a spiritual leader but as a man whose prophetic qualities enable him to pass judgment on economic and political crisis as well. Rabbi Silver is aware of the varied aspects of human life and as they militate before him, he unafraid looks into the seething depths of each adjutant calm and full of vision.

Rabbi Silver has purity of thought, spiritual kindness and soulful endeavor in his delivery. I like his restless eyes that move as quickly as the words that spontaneously come from his heart. I like his spirit of universality, his international census-taking, his unlimited vision, his all-embracing tact and fair decisions. He never says that we as Jews are altogether right or that they as Gentiles are altogether wrong, but rather as in the spirit of an Abraham Lincoln there are times when we as Jews are right and when we are wrong. Rabbi Silver's voice is like a carillon that calls people to prayer. His inflection is like a song, a solo of harmony calling forth all to worship. That voice possesses beauty and poetry, and the power of expressing truth unafraid of human mental limitations forever surrounding the great thinkers to belittle his joys of freedom of thought and unfolding wisdom.

Rabbi Silver is grateful for the greater opportunities he has enjoyed as a Jew and as a faithful spiritual guide, he recognizes the greater responsibilities which always accompany opportunity.... towards being an even greater Jew in bringing to the world convincing evidence of the beautiful thoughts of a Jewish mind, the immortal words expressed thru the medium of a Jewish heart, and the joyous deeds with which one can make the life of a Jew more significant.



Rabbi Silver in a flash of insight leads vast multitudes out of the darkness of human thought into the illumined pathway of blessings in Jewish life, the revelation of which rises like a dawn beautiful, enlightening, purifying. Within Rabbi Silver lay the strong qualities of life which he joyously and vigourously moulds into expression in moments of freedom of thought comparable only to men of genius who become free from uttermost bounds into the realm of boundless freedom.

Awaken us, O Rising Son of Judaism! To glorify ourselves in the possession of our Jewish heritage! To give us strength in our times of persecution! To help us endure the ravages of suffering in our cause! To Rabbi Silver, then, the Rising Son of Judaism in whose light we are but shadows, in whose infinite greatness of spirit we <sup>are</sup> but finite material beings, all in search for the day when Judaism shall be represented by the light of the rising sun that shall, we hope, dispel all the darkness we have endured thru out the ages... thru out the ages!

Each spiritual age has its leader! May Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver continue to grow toward the lofty supremacy of spiritual achievements above the turbulence and distress of world-thought into the light of a new dawn of Judaism, when "Behold, the children of Israel shall be more and mightier than we".

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