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LC RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=

BEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR ANNIVERSARY SAY MANY HAPPY
RETURNS WISH YOU SEE OUR PEOPLE SET FREE AND THE HEBREW
ART THRIVING=

HABIMAH THEATRE.

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(DELIVER) THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

BRITISH ZIONISTS WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR FIFTIETH
BIRTHDAY WISH YOU MANY HAPPY RETURNS STOP WE SHALL ALWAYS
REMEMBER THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION WHICH YOU
PROVIDED US LAST YEAR OUR SECOND WAR EFFORT WHICH HAS
BROUGHT A RICH HARVEST BOTH FOR PALESTINE AS WELL
AS FOR THE GROWTH OF ENGLISH ZIONISM=E

BARNETT JANNER LAVY BAKSTANSKY.

JANNER LAVY..

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NLT HILLEL SILVER:

:THE TEMPLE CLEVE:

AS PRESIDENT BRITISH KEREN HAYESOD AND ON BEHALF OF ALL
FRIENDS AND SUBSCRIBERS CONVEY TO YOU OUR WARMEST GOOD
WISHES ON YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY AND WISH YOU VERY MANY
HAPPY RETURNS STOP WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR INSPIRING
WORK DURING YOUR VISIT TO ENGLAND STOP WITH KIND REGARDS:

:S INOM MARKS.

SIMON.

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REPRESENTED CAUSE OF CONSTRUCTIVE UPBUILDING AND ITS DEMANDS TO
AMERICAN JEWRY STOP MAY YOU BE GRANTED LONG TO CONTINUE YOUR DEVOTED
SERVICE FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL IDEALS AND CAUSE OUR PEOPLE UNQUOTE

KEREN HAYESOD

TELEPHONE HANOVER 2-1811

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TO RABBI ABAHILLEL SILVER QUOTE EXECUTIVE JEWAGENCY AND BOARD DIRECTORS

WERYESOD SEND YOU HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS YOUR FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

COINCIDING TWENTYFIFTH ANNIVERSARY YOUR ASSUMPTION CLEVELAND PULPIT

STOP FROM BEGINNING YOUR RELIGIOUS MINISTRY YOU HAVE MAILED CAUSE

YOUR PEOPLE MUST YOUR PUBLIC CAREER REALISING UNIQUE

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41 EAST 42ND ST NEWYORK

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AUSPICIOUS DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY STOP MAY YOU LONG
CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY CHAMPION OUR CAUSE WHICH IMMENSELY INDEBTED YOUR
WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION

GRANOVSKY KERENKAYEMTH

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OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP THIS
 MOMENTOUS ERA STOP ONLY THOSE ON PALESTINE SCENE CAN APPRECIATE
 WHAT YOUR DEVOTED EFFORTS FRONT RANK AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERSHIP
 PARTICULARLY CHAIRMANSHIP UPA HAVE MEANT IN MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL
 ACHIEVEMENTS IN ERETZ ISRAEL STOP YOU HAVE PERSONIFIED PRACTICAL
 EFFORT AMERICAN JEWRY FOR PALESTINE AND

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE=(CLEVELAND OHIO)=

BEHGII POH NODAH LI AL CHAG YOVLECHAH ANI SAMEACH LEHABIAH
LECHAH BERACHAH YEHAY HASEM ITCHAH BAAVODATCHAH HATZIYONIT
VETIZKEH LIROT BVINYAN ARTZENU HAKDOSHAH VEHASHLEMAH
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TD CLEVELAND OHIO 24

RABBI ABBI HILLEL SILVER

TEMPLE ANSEL RD AND E 105TH ST CLEVELAND

ON THIS YOUR TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE YOUR GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION. YOU HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN A KEEN INTEREST IN AND LOYALTY TO THE CAUSE OF THE AGED. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO BE THE NOBLE EXAMPLE OF TRUE JEWISH LEADERSHIP FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME.

THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS A E PERSKY PRESIDENT
ORTHODOX OLD HOME.

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PRESIDENT, THE TEMPLE EAST 105TH ST AND ANSEL RD 04

CLEVE=

GREATLY REGRET INABILITY TO ATTEND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE TO MY
GOOD FRIEND RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER. HE IS MOST
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF OUR INSTITUTION HIS WORK REFLECTS
HONOR UPON HIS ALMA MATER. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CONGRATULATES HIM AND YOUR CONGREGATION
ON THIS TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SPIRITUAL
LEADERSHIP WITH YOU=

RALPH W MACK, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEBREW
UNION COLLEGE.

HILLEL.ABBA.

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AND ANSEL RD=

WRHS



I AM MOVED AND HAPPY BY THE MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE THE
COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTRY IS RECORDING ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY
YOUR LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS ARE THE PRIDE AND GLORY OF THE
JEWISH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE GRATEFUL FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO HAVE
HAD YOUR GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION I REJOICE WITH YOU AND
BLESS GOD FOR THE GREAT SERVICE YOU HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR
PEOPLE AND YOUR COUNTRY HAZAK VEEMATAZ=

SAMUEL WOHL.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE (CLEVELAND OHIO)

PLEASE ACCEPT HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS OF MIZRACHI UPON YOUR
JUBILEE MAY GOD GRANT YOU AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE GIVING
OF YOUR GREAT TALENTS AND NOBILITY OF HEART FOR HIGHEST
INTERESTS OF AM YISRAEL AND ERETZ YISRAEL FOR MANY YEARS
TO COME=

LEON GELLMAN RABBI WOLFW GOLD GEDALIA BUBLICK RABBI

MAX KIRSHBLUM=

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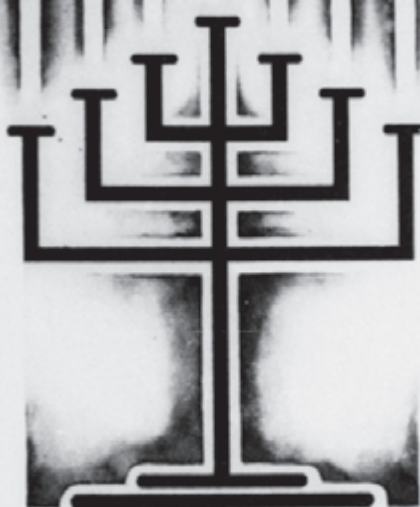
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1943

It is a privilege to send heartiest congratulations to you on the 25th anniversary of your ministry to Congregation Tifereth Israel. Your leadership in the field of Judaism has been a potent factor in the progress of the American Reform movement. The fine vision of your congregation pays a genuine tribute to your inspirational guidance. May I wish you many decades of strength and health.

Dana Evans

Executive Director,
National Federation
of Temple Sisterhoods.



"....SPEECH IS
THE MESSENGER
OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

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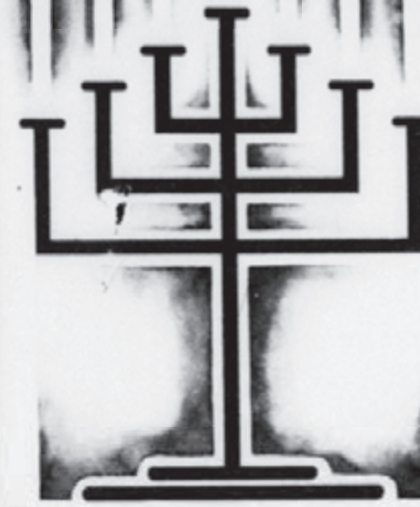
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1943

For myself personally as well as on behalf of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, may I extend sincere congratulations on the occasion of your 25th milestone of an inspired and fruitful ministry. Your quarter century of service in Cleveland for the cause of Israel has influenced not only the lives of the members of your Congregation, but has also served as a truly great impetus to all American Jewry. May God grant continued strength to you and Congregation Tifereth Israel on your joint service to Jewish idealism.

(Montego) Reine A. Hartmann

President,
National Federation
of Temple Sisterhoods



"....SPEECH IS
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To Abba Hillel Silver,
Address The Temple
City Cleveland, O.

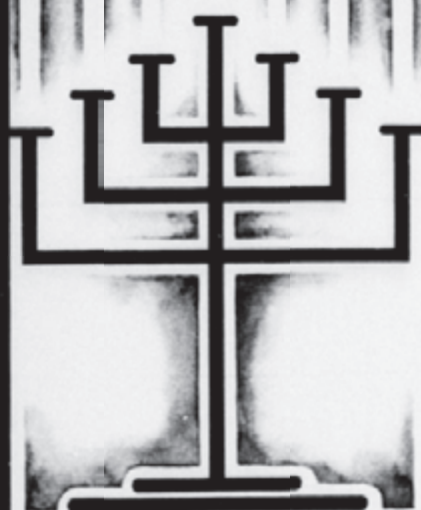
Date January 24, 1943.

My homage to the man who,
beyond all others in our
generation, has demonstrated
that speech can be wondrous !

Abraham Cronbach

Signature Abraham Cronbach

Address Hebrew Union College.



"....SPEECH IS
THE MESSENGER
OF THE HEART"
THE TALMUD

הוא יצא לאילנות י"א
21 I 1943

יציאת ארץ ישראל
אני מודת לך ליום הולדתך החדש
היה ברוך ויפה ברכה גדולה
יגדלך אלהים אלהי ישראל
אשר יצאך ממצרים
ויהיה לך חלק
אשר יתן לך אלהי ישראל
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בברכה - ב"ן י"א

א. י. פ.

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
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THE LIBRARY

לכב' הרב הד"ר אבא הלל סילבר יצ"ו
השלום והיקר :

אדוני הנעלה,
חנני גם אני להלוות על המוני בני אדם בכל משכנות ישראל העונדים עתה
ברכות ליום ההוא - לפני יובל שנים - אשר ילדתך אמך מב"ת ואשר בשרו
את אביך לאמר: ילד לך בן זכר, שמה ישמח כל צבאות בוני העם!
רבים וכן שלמים יפארוך על כח גבורותיך באמנות הדבור, כי אמנם דבר רב
כשרונות אלה והפה אדיר-הניב של תנועת הגאולה, אחרים יתנו שבחך בחר
פנות פעולותיך המסועפות בכל רחבי החיים הדתיים והאזרחיים - לא בקהלתך
בלבד, כי אם בכל המדינה כלה. ולי אני יקרו כל אלה ועוד אזכור כי נוסף
אל כל שפע נאומיך ומעשיך הטובים, אתה אדוני מייחד עתים קבועות לתורה,
שוקד על חכמת ישראל ומוקיר תלמידי חכמים, מחשב קצים לגאולה וחווה על
קנקן מינים ומאמינים בתנועות משיחיות, וקושר תפארת העבר בתקות העתיד.

היה ברוך, אדוני, על פעלך החמים לשם שמים, כי תבקש טובה לבני ישראל ומרפא
לשברם. ישגבך ה' והוספת עוד עשרות בשנים לחצוב להבות מלכות הללים להעיר
ולעורר את האהבה עד שתחפץ האומה גאולתה ושמעה את דבריך ועשתם (יחזקאל
לג, 31 ואילך). תנוב לגבורות דשן ורענן, נשיא ונערץ בסוד עמך וראש המנוצחים
על כל מפעלות התקומה והפרקן בישראל, וראית בנחמת ירושלים.

שית נא שלום וברכה גם לרעיתך הכבודה ולבניך החביבים, וזאת השמחה במעונכם,
כי הרבית הגילה לגוי למוד-יגון, והגדלת השמחה ללא נחמה, ישלם ה' פעלך וזהו
משכרתך שלמה מעם השוכן בהר ציון!

ברחשי יקר



כ"ב שבט תש"ג

WRITIS
I. NAIDITCH
23 WEST 73RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

לחבר וגדול בישראל
שחכים יתקרא ורבי יתקרא
מר אבא הלל סילבר
שלום וברכה.

ידידי היקר
אני בא מאוחר קצת באחולי ליובלך - אבל ברכות
בכל יומי זמני. הרשוני נא היום לברך אותך למשנה
החג שלך - היינו יובל החמשים וחצי יובל לעבודתך
עבודת העם והארץ.

מיום שהיה לי הכבוד להפגש עמך בוועידה הלונדו-
נית בשנת 1920 ועד היום, למדתי להעריך אותך ואת
כשרונך הגדול שבו חונך ד", כנואם גדול וכעסקן
מלא מרץ ובעל לב רגש, והעיקר השלמות בציוניות.
עוד היום יצלצלו באזני דבריך החוצבים להבות
בימי יסוד קרן היסוד. ומני אז כל נאום ונאום
שלך הרים הכרת העם והארץ לנמודה היותר גבהה.
דעתי הגדתי לך לא פעם בפגישותינו - כי אתה אותו
האיש אשר אליו אנוחנו מחכים זה כבר, והגיעה השעה
להחליט.
אני מאחל לך בריאה נכונה והצלחה בכל אשר
תפנה.
שלך בידירות רבה, י. נ.

יצחק נידית

ניו יורק, פברואר 18, 1943

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND, OHIO

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

February 1, 1943

SAMUEL H. SILBERT
JUDGE

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Unfortunately for myself I am neither a gifted orator nor writer. As a consequence, try as I might, I have difficulty in endeavoring to shape my exact thoughts into actual words. This is especially difficult when I try to express the feelings of affection and pride that I entertain for you. However, I shall try to say just a few words.

I was present at the Temple on the occasion of your 25th anniversary and observed the spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm and friendship manifested towards you by the public from all walks of life, and regardless of their race, religion or creed. I know that this display of affection was sincere as well as it was deserved. I personally derived a great deal of "naches" in observing this demonstration.

The speakers stressed that you are America's outstanding Rabbi; that you are a national figure, and that you possess the spirit of the prophet within you. It is these qualities which enable you to go forth and give the proper perspective to the world in general and to Israel in particular. I agree fully with these views, but what I wanted to stress primarily was this:

The position of Rabbi, as you yourself have often said, has been that of a teacher in Israel. The Rabbi could narrow his tasks; confine his activities to being learned and to teaching and his duties would be fully performed. You, however, have chosen the hard way. You have deliberately accepted burdens, responsibilities and duties that would have staggered an average man.

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

CLEVELAND, OHIO

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SAMUEL H. SILBERT
JUDGE

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Unfortunately many of our people do not present themselves in the best possible light to the public. And you know what that means. The rest of us are blamed for their mistakes and errors. Consequently we need strong men to go forth to the world and show it the great talents and great hearts we possess, so that the world will know the Jew as he really is.

I am happy and proud that you possess the tact, oratory, courage and general ability to be Israel's champion before the world. You are truly our Ambassador of Good Will. You cannot and will not fail us. May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Yours devotedly,

WRHS *Samuel H. Silbert*

SHS:D

EDWARD BLYTHIN
CLEVELAND

January 23, 1943.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

The Blythins are very sorry indeed that it is not possible for them to accept the gracious invitation extended to them to be present at The Temple on to-morrow morning and to thereby form a minute part of the fine expression which we know will there be had of the appreciation of a great community of a great soul - one that has become a vital part of the community and meant so much to it. Am not quite clear whether it is fortunate or unfortunate that we lack the means of exactly measuring, as by a meter, the value of an individual to his fellow-men but it is grand to feel and know that there are those who would overtax any meter and we count you as clearly among them.

With the utmost sincerity we extend our congratulations but with still greater fervor our gratitude to you for what you have done and for what you are. We hope and pray for you and yours many more years within which your wisdom and character are going to be so needed by us all. No days have been as great as those that are to come.

Respectfully
Edward Blythin

CLEVELAND NEWS

EDITORIAL OFFICE

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February 2, 1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

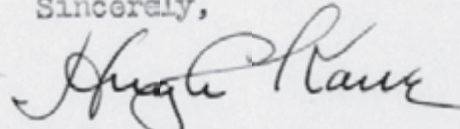
It was thoughtful of you to take time from your many duties to send a note of appreciation for our editorial comments in noting your anniversary.

If these expressions of newspapermen who have learned to know you, contributed in any small degree to the observation of this important milestone in your career, I am indeed happy.

Ever since the Sunday morning when I sat in The Temple and listened to sincere words spoken in your honor and in tribute to your endeavors as a spiritual leader, I have wanted to write to you and express my personal admiration for a teacher who has given so much of himself to the services and in the interests of his community.

May I here express the hope that Cleveland may be so favored as to your counsel, guidance and your eloquence for many, many years to come.

Sincerely,


Managing Editor.

P.S. The editorial was written by Mr. David Appel, of the editorial staff. HK

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January
Fifteenth,
1943.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Congratulations and felicitations to you on
the completion of twenty-five years as Rabbi of The Temple
in Cleveland.

I regret exceedingly that Mr. Bricker and I are
not able to join with your friends in paying tribute to you
on Sunday morning, January 24th.

You have our best wishes for many more years of
success and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of John B. Bricker, written in dark ink.

JWB:bh

United States Senate

CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY

January 18, 1943

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, President
THE TEMPLE
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Weitz:

Your letter of December 18th concerning the Anniversary Service to be held as a tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the 25th anniversary of his becoming Rabbi of THE TEMPLE, was promptly received. I have also received a formal invitation to this Service which is to be held on Sunday morning, January Twenty-fourth.

I deeply appreciate the invitation and would find it a pleasure to be there in person. In the absence of this possibility I take this opportunity to send my greeting of great esteem, to Dr. Silver, for his untiring services through a quarter of a century.

These twenty-five years have brought about many changes in the world, Dr. Silver has kept himself abreast of the vital events which effect our Era of civilization and I am happy to join with his thousands of friends in Cleveland and throughout the nation in congratulating him on his great work and wishing for him every success in the future.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alben W. Barkley

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

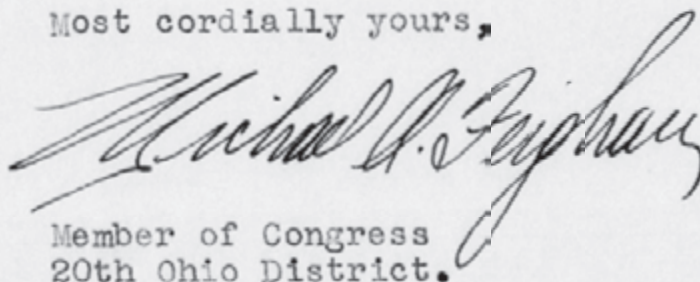
I cannot permit the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of your taking up your duties as Rabbi of the Temple to pass without adding my humble congratulations and expression of appreciation to those which have been universally and deservedly accorded you.

The spiritual and cultural life of this city has been enhanced by your two decades and a half of splendid leadership.

May you be accorded the health and strength to continue for many years to come, the splendid work that you have been and are doing in our great city.

With sincerest best wishes and deepest respect, I am,

Most cordially yours,



Member of Congress
20th Ohio District.

MAF:RN

FRANCES P. BOLTON
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January 26, 1943

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Jewish Temple
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I add my word of tribute to the many that you received on the occasion of your 25th anniversary as Rabbi of the Temple.

You have been a strong arm in the interest of morality, justice and racial fair-dealing. Cleveland is the richer for your long service. May I hope for you and for Cleveland many years of continuing constructive leadership.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frances P. Bolton

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Herring HOTEL



AMARILLO, TEXAS

February 1st, 1943.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Belatedly, for reasons beyond my control, I beg to have the privilege of being among your congratulators.

Those who love Zion love you. We respect your towering personality, we admire your charm and wisdom, yet we love you because you are courageously, unflinchingly and uncompromisingly leading us the road at the end of which is Aree.

Visualizing that Providence will soon call on you to give yourself to higher and harder duties for and in the House of Israel, we pray and wish the Lord may bestow on you the strength and stamina necessary for the magnitude of the task. Ad multos, multos annos!

With heartfelt greetings, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Manfred Arie.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

To the overwhelming flood of
ecumenism (both public and private) Bertha & I
beg leave to say "amen" and "we most heartily
concur". Altho not privileged to be of your flock,
we nevertheless see you as a brilliant and
indestructible beacon shedding a never-failing
and hopeful light far and wide over a sad
and darkened world.

May it be your fortune (and
ours) to witness the final and permanent
enthronement of the eternal verities of which
you have been ever the unfailing advocate
and champion. (You will pardon, I know,
with your unfailing magnanimity, my
rather rapid switch of metaphor).

With much love and admiration
and best wishes for a future as
brilliant as the past, for you and
your dear & beloved Virginia.

Bertha & Muri Loeser

1/25/1943

E. M. BAKER
CLEVELAND

Wednesday
Jan. 27-43

Dear Rabbi Silver: My warmest admiration
and profound thanks for what you
have achieved. My confident hope
and deep faith in you for ~~what~~ the
great challenge that lies ahead.-
Congratulations on your fiftieth
birthday! Not that you have lived
fifty years - plenty of people have
done that - but for what you have so
valiantly and helpfully built into
those years. Please extend to your

family this word of greeting -
Cordially yours,
Em Baker



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

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ABRAHAM N. FRANZBLAU, PH. D., M. D.
Professor, Jewish Religious Education

January 18, 1943

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver,

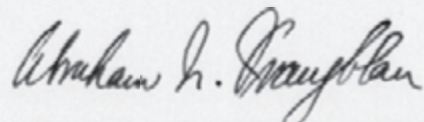
I was very happy to receive the invitation to attend your twenty-fifth anniversary service. Unfortunately, the date coincides almost exactly with my departure from the College on leave of absence for the duration, to enter the Army, filling an executive position in the office of the Surgeon-General in Washington, D.C.

I cannot leave without expressing my personal pride which, I am sure, is echoed throughout the Jewish world, in the magnificent achievements which have been the fruit of your labors during these twenty-five years. That you stand head and shoulders above your colleagues in the leadership of the American Rabbinate is a fact that even the most envious will be forced to admit, but you have been, in addition, a pillar of fire leading the entire Jewish people through the darkness of our present era.

I regard it as a great personal privilege to have been associated with you these many years and to have come to know your beautiful and charming wife and your splendid children.

Allow me to congratulate you and your dear ones, but even more your Temple, the city of Cleveland, and all of Jewry, who have been blessed through your labors. May God grant that you celebrate your fiftieth anniversary in good health with your dear ones.

Very sincerely,



Abraham N. Franzblau

ANF/g

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January 20, 1943

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

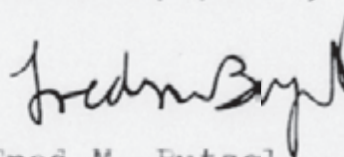
Gentlemen:

Accept my cordial thanks for the invitation to participate in the twenty-fifth anniversary service on Sunday.

I am indeed sorry that I cannot be with you on this occasion due to other important commitments.

Your community is truly fortunate in having enjoyed the services of Dr. Silver and both you and he have earned the gratitude of the entire American Jewish community on account of the invaluable and generous services contributed through him to the country. He is Jewry's number one statesman and I congratulate both The Temple and Dr. Silver on the fine association of a quarter of a century and pray that it may continue for many more years to come.

Sincerely yours,



Fred M. Butzel

Lester D. Alexander
SPITZER BUILDING
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JANUARY 22, 1943.

MY DEAR RABBI SILVER:

THIS CELEBRATION OF A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF MINISTRY TO YOUR CONGREGATION IS TRULY A GREAT EVENT. MOST REMARKABLE IS THE FACT THAT IT FINDS YOU IN THE FULL VIGOR OF YOUR TREMENDOUS CAPABILITIES.

THIS GENERATION OF OUR PEOPLE HAS HAD ITS FULL MEASURE OF TRIAL AND SUFFERING, YET IT HAS HAD ITS BLESSING, TOO, IN YOU. I SUFFER NO INHIBITION THAT PREVENTS MY TELLING YOU THAT, TO ME, YOU BELONG NOT TO YOUR CONGREGATION, NOT TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, NOT TO REFORM JUDAISM, NOT TO ZIONISM BUT TO EVERYTHING JEWISH AND TO ALL JEWS EVERYWHERE. IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN AS ONE OF ITS IMMORTALS. BECAUSE OF KNOWING YOU IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME TO UNDERSTAND THE ZEAL AND FERVOR WITH WHICH THE DISCIPLE KISSED THE MASTER'S FEET.

IN CONGRATULATING YOU I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT GOD, IN HIS MERCY, WILL KEEP YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES IN HEALTH, IN PEACE, AND IN CONTENTMENT.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

Lester D. Alexander

RABBI ABBA HELLEL SILVER,
THE TEMPLE,
ANSELL ROAD,
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January 21, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Ansel Road Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On this occasion of your 50th Birthday and 25th year of service as Rabbi of the Temple, we, the officers and the directors of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home, wish to extend to you our sincerest greeting and best wishes for a long life of health and happiness and fruitful service.

Like the light-giving sun you have not limited your services to one area or one segment of our people, but in the greatness of your spirit you have transcended all schisms and factionalisms which to our sorrow, plague the body of our people, and you have become the champion of Jewish right all over the world. You have become the symbol of unity and tolerance. You have given eloquent expression to our pain and sorrows, and like Phinehas you have always interceded in our behalf.

We therefore join all American Isreal in wishing you many years of energetic service in all fields of endeavor and may you see the day when your ideals and visions of a better world of peace and justice, in which Isreal will occupy its rightful place, will come true.

Sincerely yours,

ORTHODOX JEWISH ORPHAN HOME

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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January
27th
1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
105 Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At our Annual Conference of the Jewish National Fund of Chicago the following resolution was unanimously passed:

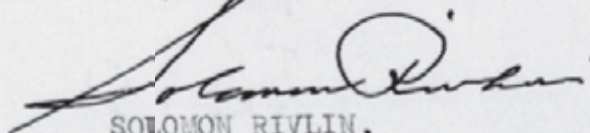
"This Conference recognizes that Zionists are indebted to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for his devotion and outstanding work in the Zionist cause. Upon the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, we note with satisfaction the high progress of his work and efforts in our behalf, and we offer a prayer for his continued good health and happiness."

Permit me to extend to you my own personal felicitations and I pray that God Almighty will give you health and strength to carry on your devoted services on behalf of your people.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

I am

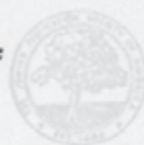
Very sincerely yours,


SOLOMON RIVLIN,
Executive Director

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January 26, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

May I, on behalf of the "official family" and the staff of The Jewish Publication Society of America, extend to you our felicitations and greetings upon your completion of twenty-five years as the Rabbi of The Temple? May we also add our greetings on your fiftieth birthday?

We are proud of the fact that you are a member of this organization, which was born just five years before you saw the light of day.

We look forward to the privilege of working with you for many years to come.

Cordially yours,

MAURICE JACOBS
Executive Director

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January 18, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should have liked very much to attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service which your temple is holding next Sunday in your honor, but it just so happens that my own wedding anniversary falls on January 24, and we are planning a small celebration here.

I happen to know that you will also celebrate a very important birthday on January 28, and may I congratulate you on both these occasions and wish you continued health and strength to carry on your work. You have crowded many achievements into the past years, and your activities in religious and humanitarian fields are a record which few men can equal.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Adolph Rosenberg

Adolph Rosenberg
Chairman of the Board

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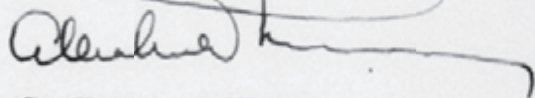
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Dear Doctor Silver:

If you are not already overcome by the avalanche of congratulations and good wishes, will you please accept my heartfelt felicitations in which the members of the Dropsie College Faculty join me most cordially.

Your brilliant career as rabbi and leader has not dimmed your enthusiasm for Jewish scholarship nor has it discouraged within you the creative impulse to add to the fund of Jewish learning. It is our hope that in the years to come, the affairs of the world may be such as to afford you more respite and a fuller opportunity to dedicate your remarkable talents to the enrichment of Jewish thought and scholarship.

Cordially yours,



ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Emanuel Congregation

Seven - O - One Buckingham Place
Chicago

FELIX A. LEVY
Rabbi

January 21, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I take this means of extending to you personally my heartiest congratulations on the completion of twenty-five years of service with your Congregation.

I need not tell you in what esteem you are held by your Colleagues. I, for one, look upon you as the clearest voice in the American Jewish pulpit. You have shown great qualities of leadership and have won for yourself a prominent and permanent place in the annals of American Jewry.

God continue His blessings upon you and grant you strength and wisdom to continue your work.

With warmest greetings from house to house,
I remain,

Cordially,

Felix

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Felix A. Levy
Rabbi

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
1212 EUTAW PLACE
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 3, 1943.
Dear Doctor Silver

By one of those
lapses which happen to us
in these crowded days, I was
under the impression that
the celebration in your honor
was to take place in ^{the} February
and so I delayed writing till
now when I learn that it is
past. But though late, this
shall not rob me of the
pleasure of sending you
my heartiest congratulations

and to tell you how greatly
I treasure our long friendship.
I must tell you too how
highly I esteem your services
to our People. We all owe
you a great debt & especially
for the inspiration of your
words & your deeds.

May you continue
in health & vigor & in
leadership for many years.

Sincerely yours

Harry Friedman

DR. JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN
TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON, MASS.

STUDY OF THE RABBI
LONGWOOD AVE. AT PLYMOUTH ST.

February
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1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

I want to let you know that I join with all of your other friends and admirers here and abroad, in heartiest felicitations upon your significant anniversary. I would have written you before this time but I just returned to Boston from a sad mission in Cincinnati. My wife lost her mother last week and at the time of your great anniversary celebration I was on my way to the funeral. Naturally the events of the past several weeks have been rather upsetting in our household and I am certain that you will understand why I did not write you before this time.

Any words of mine about your unique career might seem both presumptuous and redundant, particularly in view of the tributes that you have already received from truly famous men everywhere. I would not want this occasion to pass however, without letting you know what I once expressed to you personally after your address at the Weizmann dinner last June - that when I hear your matchless eloquence and feel the extraordinary power of your leadership, that I myself am proud to be a rabbi, a member of your profession. It is no exaggeration to say that your presence on the world Jewish scene at this critical juncture of our history is a blessing for us all. My wife joins me in the hope that you will be granted many decades of world Jewish leadership so that both Israel and America will continue

DR. JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN
TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOSTON, MASS.

STUDY OF THE RABBI
LONGWOOD AVE. AT PLYMOUTH ST.

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to be enriched by the moving brilliance of
your pen and the stirring challenge of
your voice.

With warmest personal greetings on your
birthday in which Fan joins me, I am -

Most cordially yours,

Joshua

JLL:brb



New York Jan 20 1943

The Rev Dr Abba H. Simon
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Abba:

Before leaving Cincinnati
I received the invitation to attend
the service in celebration of the
twenty fifth anniversary of your
ordination in your congregation.
I congratulate you heartily on
the unusual record you have
made. Although you & I do not

see eye to eye in some interpretations
of Judaism, this does not prevent my
recognition of your great gifts of
leadership. You stand easily in the
very front rank of the modern
g'dole yisrael.

With kindest regards to you and
your dear wife I am.

Sincerely yours

David Philipson

CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Feb 1/43

Dear Colleague:

My greetings and congratulations came thus belatedly, because I was away from home for some two weeks and it was only on my return after your anniversary celebration that I found the announcement of the auspicious event among the accumulated pieces of mail on my desk.

Let me join your many, many other friends, admirers and well-wishers in paying tribute, simple but sincere, to your fine worth as a man and minister and your great work as a leader in American Israel.

In you, a most vital and vibrant personality has combined with versatile ability of high order and together, under the impulse and inspiration of a passion to serve God, Israel and humanity, they have made possible

CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

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a record of achievement that is nothing short of remarkable. You deserve all the honors and distinctions accorded you in full measure.

God grant you health and strength to add to your present "Silver" jubilee, at least twenty-five more years of active service unto a Golden anniversary. More power to your eloquent tongue and trenchant pen!

With warmest felicitations and every good wish,

Cordially

Harry W. Etteson

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

January 19, 1943

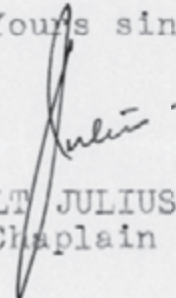
My dear Abe:

I join your great host of friends throughout the country in expressing heartfelt congratulations to you upon your double celebration. Even more to be congratulated than yourself, is your congregation, which has enjoyed your leadership for a quarter of a century.

Without any attempt at flattery, or desire to make you blush, may I say that you are the kind of Rabbi that hundreds of your colleagues, including myself, would like to be.

May you continue to serve Israel and mankind in health, and in strength, for many years to come.

Yours sincerely


LT JULIUS MARK USNR
Chaplain

Dr Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland
Ohio.

RABBI C. E. HILLEL KAUVAR

January 20, 1943

To the President, Officers and
Members of The Temple.

Gentlemen:

I deem it a privilege to associate myself with the host of friends in The Temple who are eager to honor their spiritual leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

His captivating eloquence, his profound learning, his selfless devotion to his people, his sacrificial service to the cause of Zion, his prophetic enthusiasm for our timeless ideals that can regenerate the world have made him the honored and beloved spokesman for our people, the moulder of the philosophy of American Judaism, the builder of our Homeland and the ambassador of God to his generation.

My Congregation joins me in an earnest prayer that God may crown his blessed ministry with His choicest gifts.

Faithfully yours,

C. E. H. Kauvar

C. E. H. KAUVAR, Rabbi
BETH MEDROSH HAGODOL CONGREGATION

The Cleveland Jewish Center

EAST 105TH STREET AT GRANTWOOD

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Armond E. Cohen
RABBI

January 25, 1943

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. at 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

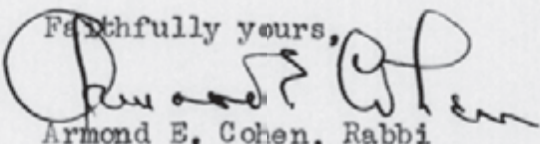
My dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Anshe Emeth Congregation, we extend to you a hearty Mazel Tov upon your completion of twenty-five years as the Rabbi of The Temple. We know that we speak for every member of our Congregation in wishing to you, the Rebbetzin and your children, a great many years of health and happiness together.

In this quarter-of-a-century of service you have been not only the Rabbi of The Temple, but a leader of world Jewry. You have gone far beyond the confines of any one wing of Jewish-religious life and have held close to your heart every cause that is concerned with the welfare of the Jewish people.

May we express the hope that the many prayers which you have uttered for the welfare and happiness of our people may be fulfilled for you as well as for Klal Yisroel. We remain

Faithfully yours,


Armond E. Cohen, Rabbi

Henry A. Rucker, President

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Congregation Beth Ahabah

- ORGANIZED 1841 -

Richmond, Virginia

January 15, 1943

Trustees of The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

It affords me pleasure to join in the tribute that will be accorded to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, by yourselves, in commemoration of his twenty fifth anniversary as your spiritual leader. You can rest assured that that celebration will not be confined to your Temple nor to your state. Rabbi Silver's name and fame are known not only in America but beyond the seas. He is, in my opinion, the most gifted and outstanding Rabbi in the United States. I do not always see with him eye to eye, but I admire his gifts and I rejoice in his labors for Israel.

May I add that these congratulations to you and the Rabbi are shared by the officers and Board of my Congregation, also in the hope that for many years to come you may be favored with the splendid leadership of Rabbi Silver.

With cordial good wishes,

Very truly yours,

Edward N. Calisch

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HENRY J. BERKOWITZ, LL. D.
RABBI
BROADWAY 5214

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

NORTHWEST FLANDERS AT NINETEENTH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OREGON

January 21, 1943

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Israel of Portland, Oregon, desires to extend our sincere and cordial congratulations on the occasion of your completion of twenty-five years of service as the spiritual leader of The Temple.

While we are some three thousand miles away, we have nonetheless felt the inspirational influence of your consecrated leadership. On the rare occasions that it has been our privilege to have you in our community, we were revitalized by the message that you always brought to us. We earnestly pray that you be given strength to serve our people and mankind for many years to come.

Our Rabbi, Henry J. Berkowitz, would have personally forwarded a message to you, but he is now in the service of his country as a Chaplain in the United States Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, and I am sure joins with the Board in sending his best wishes.

Cordially yours,



Samuel B. Weinstein,
President, Temple Beth Israel
Portland, Oregon

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"Friday Night is Temple Night"

UNION TEMPLE OF BROOKLYN

17 EASTERN PARKWAY

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

January 22, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend and Colleague:

It is a pleasure and privilege to congratulate both you and your Congregation on your twenty-fifth Anniversary Service.

No man in America has ever served with such distinction and your Congregation ought to be proud, as all of us are, to have this Service in your honor.

Sincerely hoping that you will be privileged to enjoy many years of splendid association with your Congregation, and with k'lal Yisroel, I am,

Faithfully yours,


SIDNEY S. TEDESCHÉ

SST:JS

CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM
SEVEN WEST EIGHTY THIRD STREET
NEW YORK

January 14, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of Congregation Rodeph Sholom and myself, let me extend to you our warm felicitations upon the 25th Anniversary of your ministry as Rabbi of the Temple.

Everyone knows the significance and influence of your Rabbinate, without which Jewish life in this country and abroad would be greatly different. You have made an indelible imprint upon the spiritual and cultural life of our day--a fact which your colleagues are happy to join great multitudes in honoring on this anniversary occasion.

May you be spared many, many more years in continuing vigor and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Newman

Temple Israel

BRYDEN ROAD AND 19TH ST.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 7838

January 18th, 1943

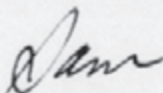
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:-

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of your ministry to The Temple, I wish to convey to you my very warm and sincere good wishes. Yours has, indeed, been a marvelous ministry, distinguished beyond words in achievements. The many qualities with which God has blessed you have under the direction of your will been used wisely and well for the benefit of our people and our country. As a Rabbi writing to a colleague, I say that I know of no Rabbi in Israel who excels you in talent and leadership. I pray that God may safeguard your health for many years to come and enable you to continue your unparalleled record for good.

With heartfelt greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,



SMG:dr

DR. JOACHIM PRINZ

49 SHANLEY AVENUE

NEWARK, N. J.

January 20, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I received the invitation to participate in the celebration of your Twenty-fifth Anniversary as Rabbi of your Temple. I don't have to tell you how eager I would be to attend and to congratulate you personally. However, Cleveland is far away, and I will have to express myself in a letter.

It is now many years ago that I heard you for the first time at the Zionist Conference in Lucerne, Switzerland. From that day on, I have never ceased to believe in you. I do want to say to you on this day of your twenty-fifth anniversary that ~~the~~ post-war World Jewry and American Jewry will need you more badly than at any other time, and although I have always appreciated and respected your reasons of abstaining from assuming certain responsibilities in the past, I hope and pray that you will seize the reins as soon as you possibly can. It is not too much to say that the day when you are going to do it will be the beginning of a new era in American Israel.

You will probably remember that I delivered in your synagogue, shortly after my arrival here, an address which you considered extremely pessimistic. I know Stephen Wise spoke to me about your reaction. I am still very pessimistic, and because I am, I know that we need you very badly.

I hope you don't mind my sending you this letter instead of the usual, conventional congratulations. It is written in order to express my fervent belief in you, the great hopes which I, and with me, thousands, are placing in you, and my very best wishes for your strength and health and the invaluable sense of independence in thinking and living which you have been able to maintain.

Very cordially yours,

Joachim Prinz
Dr. Joachim Prinz

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RABBI CHARLES E. SHULMAN
GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

January 22, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

Your twenty fifth anniversary observance as Rabbi in Cleveland should call forth from your colleabues of all wings of Judaism a word of appreciation for the distinguished service you have rendered to Jewry in your career in the ministry.

I know of none who has more admirably fulfilled the traditional demands of our calling than you. Through your love of Jewish learning and your large storehouse of the spiritual tools of your people you have faithfully abided by the Talmudic dictum. You have known what to say to the unbeliever. Through your great natural gift of expression you have been able to influence many in your generation toward a nobler understanding of Israel's role in the world. Not the least of those so influenced, it can be said parenthetically, are your own colleagues before whom you have spoken so frequently at Conference gatherings. But it is through your "Chibbath Zion" that the world has been able to judge your remarkable representation of the values of our past and the hopes for our future.

American Rabbis often present a strange interpretation of the phrase "kinnath soferim". This must have occurred to you at times in your colorful career. I hazard the opinion that deep in their hearts they cannot but feel something of the sentiment which it is a pleasure for me to express to you on this felicitous occasion. And those feelings must in the end be guided by the knowledge that you are deserving of the appreciation which will no doubt be showered upon you in public on January 24th.

Our paths do not cross often enough these days. But the thought of your presence in our midst is to those who love Jewish life and values a heartening sign in a world of confusion and sorrow.

With hearty congratulations to Virginia and yourself and with every good wish in which Avis joins me, I am

Sincerely,

Charles E. Shulman

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BUFFALO . . . NEW YORK

January 15, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mrs. Hindman and I join your many other friends in sending congratulations on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your great service as Rabbi of The Temple. Your ministry has been a blessing not only to the members of the Jewish faith but to hosts of us who call ourselves Christians. Your written and spoken word has carried moral and spiritual force to the great centers of influence throughout the nation. We revere you not alone for your mental ability but also for your consecrated spirit and your sympathetic heart.

From the viewpoint of a minister, I know that you feel that the good people of The Temple have been most patient and gracious in listening to your words for such a long time. But those who sit in the pews would no doubt express a different viewpoint, namely, that of their great privilege in worshiping under your ministry.

Would that it were possible for me to be present on Sunday, January 24 to express my good wishes to you personally. As that is impossible, this letter will have to carry my affection and great regard and my prayer that God may bless you and use you for many years to come.

Loyally yours,

Ralph B. Hindman

THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
(UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN)
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January 20, 1943

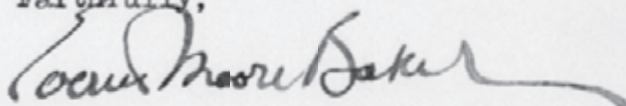
Greetings:

The Congregation, Board of Trustees, and the Ministers of the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland unite in sending to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of The Temple, their greetings and hearty congratulations on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary.

Rabbi Silver has long been a familiar and honored figure among Unitarian churches and ministers. His contributions to our national life deserve highest praise.

We are glad to join with his many friends throughout the land in bearing testimony of our esteem and gratitude for what he has done for our city and our nation.

Faithfully,



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January the 20th, 1943.

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COUNCIL AND ALSO OF THE
C. M. E. CHURCH

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi of The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear and Honored Sir:

I write to congratulate you upon your completion of Twenty five years as Rabbi of The Temple. Your labors during these years have been remarkably distinguished by reason of your outstanding success in the erection of The Temple and because of the unprecedented manner by which your charming personality has been reflected upon the current events and life of this city as some mountain reflects itself in some gentle stream which flows at its base.

Young and just in the prime of life, for, few men consider themselves old who have attained unto your age, yet you have lived more in deeds than in years; more in thoughts than breaths; more in feelings than figures on a dial. You count time by heart throbs. You know that "He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

By that standard Rabbi Silver, you have been a friend to my race and to all races. I thank you for the invitation to be at The Temple this Sabbath at ten A. M. and further felicitate you both upon this period of time in your life and upon your Twenty five years of service in The Temple and wish you many returns of these Anniversaries.

Most respectfully yours,

C. H. Phillips
C. H. Phillips

Senior Bishop of the

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CHURCH SECRETARY

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TREASURER

January 16, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I want to take the occasion of your anniversary to express my personal appreciation of your leadership, not only in your own temple, but in the entire city. I have been here for sixteen years, and I know of no voice that is heard in this place with more general appreciation, no voice raised with more generous concern than yours. You have paid the price for your success. It has called for unrelenting labor, for courage, and for prayer on your part. The tributes you receive are well deserved and I hope they will bring you, even in the midst of these days, no little joy and satisfaction.

We have a saying among us that a long-time pastoral is

easy on the church but hard
on the preacher. If you have
found this true, I hope that
the worst is over and the next
twenty five years will be
easy on both preacher and people.
I have enjoyed immensely
our personal fellowship
about the goodly talk-over
and smoke-over of the Olathians.
I look forward to your paper
on the 25th. I regret that a
previous appointment prevents
me from attending the great
service at the Temple on the 24th.

Sincerely yours,
Howard M. Wells.

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EUCLID AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EUCLID AT E. 100th St., CLEVELAND, O.

January 25, 1943.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

My congregation joins me in expressing congratulations to you and the Temple in your quarter of a century of fruitful association with each other as co-workers.

Your ministry in Cleveland has been epochal, I have followed your activities closely; and more than you will ever know, you have been an inspiration to me.

You have been a trail blazer whom I could follow with a feeling of confidence.

Of course it is the prayer of your multitude of friends that you may be spared for another twenty five years of leadership in the Temple, in Cleveland and in our Nation.

affectionately yours friend,
J. H. Goldner

Melrose Unitarian Church
70 West Emerson Street
Melrose, Massachusetts

Minister:
Chadbourn Spring

January 30.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I happened to pick up a Plain Dealer on Tuesday for the first time in half a year, and there I saw an account of your twenty-fifth Anniversary at the Temple. Mrs Spring and I would like to add our belated congratulations.

You have achieved a splendid record in Cleveland, and are in the opinion of myself and of others too many in number to list, the outstanding exponent of liberal religion, Christian or Jewish, to-day.

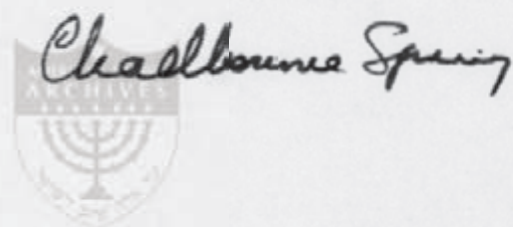
I always relish the account you gave me on

the train one day of the celebration of your
predecessor and the infirmity that clutched your
heart.

In the light of your magnificent
achievements that story is a rare one.

Our best to you and Mrs Silver.

Sincerely,



Erie, Pa.
Jan. 27th, 1943
One Day closer to VICTORY

My dear Rabbi,

I hope it isn't too late to offer you my most sincere congratulations on your Twenty-fifth Anniversary as Rabbi at the Temple of Cleveland. I hope that you will celebrate many, many more Anniversaries there.

I was sorry that I had to work the evening that you spoke here in Erie, on the Temple Men's Club course. But I had always hoped that sometime I would have the opportunity to see you in person, when I could talk to you. For Rabbi, I owe you a great vote of thanks. This is a thanks that mere words do not express. In my heart I know what I would like to say but somehow I just can not put it in words.

Rabbi, I don't think that you will recall this incident, but I'm hoping that you will, but I will never forget it. I'll try to explain the way it happened, so here goes.

A long time ago, in fact I think it was 26 years ago, our family lived in Wheeling W. Va. and right after this incident you left Wheeling for Cleveland I believe. As my Father was not living at home at the time, my Mother made a living for her family of three children, by selling chickens. And as small as I was I helped by delivering chickens on Thursday nights to the Jewish trade. Most of my deliveries was up around 11th and Chapline street. And I used to ride a street car up and deliver the orders from a large market basket. Then I would walk home with the empty basket. I recall that it was around the holiday season when Hanakah and Christmas came out about the same time, and on my way home I stopped in the Hub to visit Toyland. There I saw you and spoke to you and I remember that you asking me what I would like for Hanakah. Now I wanted to say a tricycle of some sort but I looked down at the old dirty market basket with the bottom covered with blood and feathers from the chickens and something made me say "A WAGON". And you, Rabbi, bought me the largest wagon in the store. I ran home as fast as my legs would carry me and told my Mother and how proud I was when the big Coaster Wagon was delivered to me on Friday night. Was I proud! I don't think that I slept at all that night.

Well Rabbi, I don't think that you ever realized what that wagon did for us. It made our load a lot lighter for years to come. For all we ever had to haul our chickens out to market on was an old wheelbarrow. But from then on we always had a wagon to haul our chickens on, whether it was to North, South, East Wheeling or the Island.

Many and many are the times that I wanted to write you and thank you for all this, which to you may of

been very small, but to me was a great event. Now as I tell this to my children, every so often and as I write this letter I get a big lump in my throat and tears come to my eyes, but all I can say is THANKS A MILLION.

And, Rabbi, I hope that I will be this close to Cleveland when you celebrate your Fiftith Anniversary, so that I will be one of the first to congatulate you instead of being so late. Why it is late is because I just saw last weeks Jewish Review at the store where I work.

And may I add that our two youngsters, Eugene age 13 and June age 11 both go to the Temple here in Erie and Rabbi Currick will tell you that they are both good Jews. Eugene, one of these days will be a leader in the Temple Sunday School. Neither one hardly ever miss a Sunday School class. And they put me to shame with the questions that they ask, and some I can't answer because I didn't go to Sunday School and learn the type of teachings that they get. Of course to them Rabbi Currick is tops.

So Rabbi, again I'll say thanks a million for a wagon.

Sincerely yours,

Louis L. Kerness.

L. L. Kerness
811 Chestnut St.
Erie,
Pa.

