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Dear Rabbi:

On the occasion of your fiftieth birthday anniversary, may I, on behalf of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland, express our acknowledgment and appreciation of the outstanding contribution which you have made to our Federation and to our Community. Your leadership as chairman for many years of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund was responsible to a large extent for the marked success and growth of the Fund. Your activities in all welfare and communal matters over a period of many years and your spiritual leadership in our Community have been of inestimable value and inspiration.

Our Federation joins in wishing you many years of good health and continued service and leadership for the benefit of this Community and Jews everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

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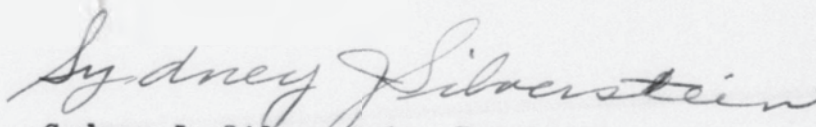
To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

On the occasion of his Fiftieth Birthday.

Our heartiest felicitations to a brilliant American Rabbi, a noble humanitarian, and a tireless protagonist of the cause of Israel's well being.

May he know many more years of healthful and useful service to his community and to his people.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In these days of sorrow and distress, we heartily welcome an occasion of happiness and joy. Such an occasion we greet at this time. We have the inspiring and gratifying privilege of paying homage to you, a great man in Israel. Your being amongst us, your work for and with us gives vision to our plans and strength to our efforts.

The Jews of Greater Kansas City, all groups and opinions, are united in a feeling of real affection and genuine admiration for you.

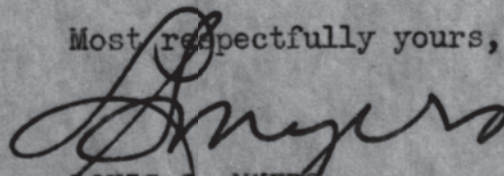
We American Jews need today more than ever before leaders who are blessed with a penetrating mind and a warm heart.

In you, Rabbi Silver, we greet such a man who has combined in him insight and fortitude, the knowledge of a scholar and the ability to translate ideas into progress.

We can not list all your achievements: how you stimulated your Congregation and enriched the general community. We will not enumerate your many thorough and brilliant articles, books and studies. We shall not mention all the organizations, agencies and groups which have gained immeasurably by your counsel and guidance-- We need not do that because, we the American Jews, know you so well through personal friendship and years of collaboration. We know that you are more than a foremost rabbi and Zionist leader, more than a devoted organizer and planner of communal and philanthropic endeavors, more than an outstanding speaker and thought-provoking author --- you all this, - and more. You personify the ideal of the American Jew at his best.

On the occasion of your fiftieth birthday, we greet you in humble pride and in deep gratitude. We add to our fervent prayer for your health and happiness our sincerest felicitation. May you be permitted to guide us for long years to come, - guide us to peace and justice.

Most respectfully yours,


LOUIS S. MYERS
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WHEREAS, the Jews of America have been extremely fortunate in being able to count among their leaders men of unusual distinction, character and ability; and

WHEREAS, among such leaders, there arises to proclaim the voice of Jewry, the outstanding personality of the beloved Doctor Abba Hillel Silver; and

WHEREAS, on the approach of his fiftieth birthday, all Jewry speaks forth to acknowledge in humble gratitude its love and admiration for the super human efforts he has expended in its behalf.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jewish Federation of Delaware, representing the sixty-five hundred Jewish men and women residing in the State of Delaware, does gratefully acknowledge the remarkable services which Doctor Abba Hillel Silver has rendered to the cause of world Jewry, and in which the Jews of Delaware have been the partial beneficiaries; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jewish Federation of Delaware unite with their brethren the world over in wishing him a full and active life, which must necessarily be consecrated to the cause of humanity in general and to that of his Jewish brethren in particular; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Doctor Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday.

January 24, 1943

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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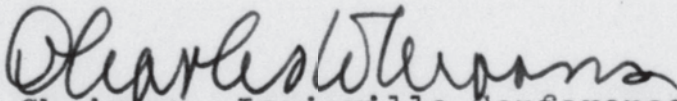
Dear Friend:

It gives me a great happiness to add my voice to the volume of tribute which is being paid to a great Jew and a great man.

Through the years, it has been my privilege to enjoy many contacts with Dr. Silver, both in a personal capacity and on innumerable matters relating to the moral and spiritual welfare of our people. His courage, his genius for organization and his unparalleled eloquence have been an inspiration all over the country to those who work in Jewish causes and to all men and women, regardless of race or creed, who strive to improve the lot of our fellow men.

It is my hope, and that of the community which I have the honor to represent, that Dr. Silver will be spared to a grateful American community for many, many years to come.

Cordially yours,


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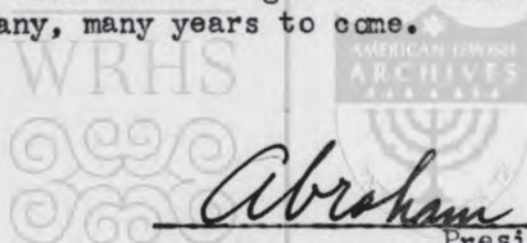
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I feel privileged in being one, of the thousands, of men and women who extend felicitations on this memorable day and wish you a long and happy future. Jewry the world over is indebted to you and America is truly proud of you.

May you have the will and strength to continue serving your fellow man for many, many years to come.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I deem it a very special privilege to be able to contribute a word of greeting on this your 50th anniversary. I regard too, as some of my most cherished memories, the opportunities that have been given to me to work in the ranks in many of the enterprises in which you have served as the leader. It has always been an inspiration to do one's best for the cause which you championed and which thereby acquired a new and more vital meaning.

The years are sure to confirm the conviction which we now hold that in one of Israel's darkest decades, your ardor, your courage, and your masterful eloquence served to keep alive the spirit of hope and of ultimate triumph. You have not believed and you have never advocated a compromise with wrong; you have never tried by twisted logic and dishonest dialectic to represent our people to the world in some false guise which might placate an enemy. Rather you have always urged the forward, positive and the creative impulses as our guide for Jewish living. And as you have served Israel constructively, even so have you wrought as a citizen and as an American; liberal yet fearless, kind yet just, understanding yet pardoning.

For all this we hail you on your 50th anniversary knowing that much opportunity for service lies ahead; that your past is a certain earnest of greater accomplishment and greater good which you will contribute to your people, your country and mankind.

Sincerely yours,

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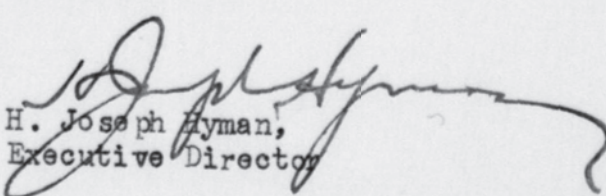
Dear Mr. Montor:

I appreciate exceedingly your advising me of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's fiftieth birthday, and of the project of the United Jewish Appeal to present him with a volume in celebration thereof.

I have known Rabbi Silver for certainly over a quarter of a century dating back to his brilliant career in the Hebrew Union College, then as Rabbi in several communities, and more recently, as a leader in the great work of rebuilding the Jewish homeland in Palestine. Again and again during these years he has appeared before the communities in which I have been privileged to work, in behalf of either the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal on occasions of fund raising or inspirational meetings launching Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns. At each one of these occasions, his stirring appeals have electrified our audiences and have helped us to raise the funds needed for Jewish relief and reconstruction activities. His presentation has always been scholarly and yet inspirational. We hardly ever think of any gathering of importance where a speaker is needed that we do not immediately think of Rabbi Silver, even though we know that on occasion we will have to impose upon his strength as well as his good nature.

I am sure that I voice the sentiments of this community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, when I express a wish that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be privileged to continue his leadership in health and strength for many, many years to come, and will live to see the day when the many years of his outpouring of his energy and his soul for the creation of a better life for our people as well as of humanity generally will blossom into fruition. It cannot be and it certainly must not be that a life spent for the ideal as expressed in Palestine and in the general relationship of minority groups in the world shall be for nought. We must continue with all the energy and resources at our disposal to help him in this task.

Sincerely yours,


H. Joseph Hyman,
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd St.
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My dear Dr. Silver:

As President of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service, permit me, on behalf of the 5,000 contributors, the Board of Directors and Officers of the Federation, and personally as well, to extend to you a hearty Mazel Tov upon having reached your Fiftieth Birthday.

As a native of Cleveland, I remember very well the first time I saw and heard you in the old Temple on 55th Street. Since those days, you have contributed so much not only to the growth and development of your own community but to American Jewry as a whole that we in Minneapolis want you to know that our good wishes are with you wherever you may be.

Your service to the cause of Palestine and its upbuilding has become an important chapter in the life story of our people. That, through all these years you have added dignity and honor to the Jewish people, is another reason for extending our congratulations.

May it be given to you to continue to serve Israel in the best interests of all humanity for many, many years to come.

Cordially yours,

President

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
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Dear Abba:

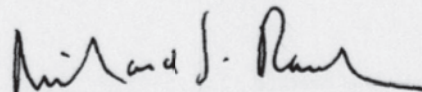
It is with a sense of deep satisfaction that I convey to you on behalf of the Executive Board of the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh, as well as the entire Jewish community of our city, their warmest and heartiest good wishes on the occasion of your "half century" birthday celebration.

Your manifold contributions to the cause of world Jewry -- local, national, and international -- have been so complete and so remarkable that it will always be difficult to properly and adequately appraise your great efforts in the modern Jewish scene.

You are held in deep affection by all who know you and by those whom you have touched through your superlative works, and therefore on the occasion of your fiftieth anniversary Pittsburgh Jewry sends you its wholehearted expression of congratulation, with the prayer that the next five decades will find you pursuing your high-minded services with the same nobility that you have manifested for the past many, many years.

And in conclusion, may I step aside from my official capacity as President of the United Jewish Fund and tell you that I have always felt a deep reverence for your limitless talents ever since the days when I had the temerity to speak from your pulpit in West Virginia. The years have not dimmed my admiration and devotion, and I personally send you my very warmest felicitations also.

Very sincerely,



Richard S. Rauh
President

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My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Canton Jewish community, I wish to extend to you our most sincere congratulations upon your Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary. You have indeed been of great service to our community as you also have to all our people in America and the rest of the world. Canton owes what success it has had in its small efforts a sincere vote of thanks for your help in our work.

May the future bring you much good health, happiness, and success in your worthy endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben F. Jacobson
Reuben F. Jacobson,
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THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CANTON, INC.

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January 14, 1943.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

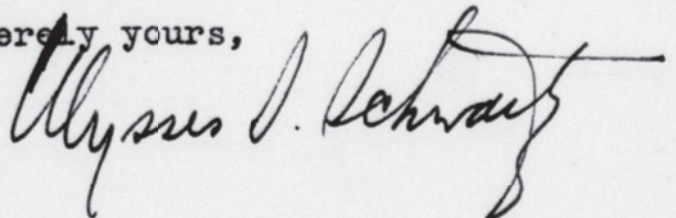
It has been mentioned to me that on January 24th you will have reached the mid-century mark in life, and I thought it was a happy occasion for a friend and admirer to greet you with the ardent good wishes to which you are entitled from every American and Jew.

A great rabbi is known to people not alone by his direct personal conduct and physical presence, but by that extension of his person, that lengthy radiance which, through his teachings, he transmits to a great multitude of people. For example, recently my wife and I read an article by you in one of the current secular magazines which explained to us for the first time how the Jew was not a philosopher or a dialectician like the illustrious examples produced by ancient Greece. The Jew is a common man possessed of the idea of God; and building his life about that perfection of ethical and moral behavior which he had constructed into a living and solid thing. For this portrayal to us, my wife and I will feel ever grateful to you.

You and I have not in the past and do not now see eye to eye on all things, but one important thing my experience in Jewish affairs has taught me---Jews must be straight and stalwart, unafraid and determined to be the equal of every man and fear nobody. You embody these qualities and have imparted them to other men in great measure.

For this and for the other great contributions you have made to Jewish life in America, I hail and honor you on your fiftieth birthday.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman,
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January 14, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I express my sincere congratulations to you upon your fiftieth birthday anniversary, the rounding out of a half century of able and inspiring leadership to vital Jewish causes. May God grant that for many years to come we shall have the benefits of your wisdom and spiritual inspiration.

Most sincerely,

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January 20, 1943

Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

The fiftieth birthday anniversary of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, which is to be observed on January 24th by the Cleveland Jewish community and friends elsewhere, affords me the opportunity of tendering my congratulations and expressing appreciation for his outstanding, splendid service, not only to his coreligionists and those of other faiths but likewise his contribution to the cause of the relief of our suffering brethren in foreign lands.

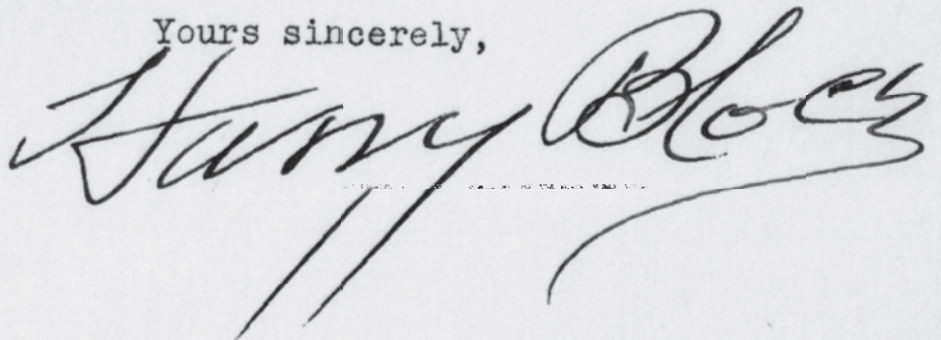
His service in such cause is immeasurable and much is due to his dynamic leadership in the success of fund raising campaigns that has made possible expansion of the work in Palestine, Joint Distribution Committee, National Refugee Service and others financed through the funds provided.

The Jewry of America and the world can well feel proud of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the city of Cleveland is to be congratulated on having in their midst such an outstanding personage.

May the Supreme Ruler give him increased power and strength and bless him with health that will enable him to carry on for unlimited years.

Yours sincerely,

HB:TD

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harry Block". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly in the "H" and "B".

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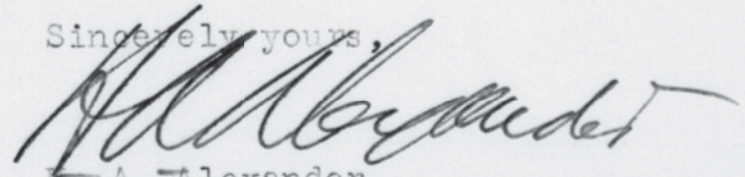
My Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to join your best of friends in extending to you
my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of
your fiftieth birthday anniversary.

May your lot be a long life of good health and the
continuance of your vigorous activity and leadership
in the service of American Jewry.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,


H. A. Alexander,
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January 11, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is with warm appreciation of the service which you have rendered on behalf of Jewry, that I take this occasion to extend sincere greetings to you on your Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary.

The Officers, Directors, and members of the Jewish Federation of Youngstown have long felt appreciative of your labors expended in behalf of Jews throughout the world, and particularly in Palestine.

We share with our neighbor, - the city of Cleveland - the hope that you will be granted many more years to continue in your leadership.

With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely,

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January 15, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

From this far off corner may I express my deep admiration and respect for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the anniversary of his fiftieth birthday. Living in this far off corner I have not had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Silver but I have taken deep draughts from the wells of his inspirational leadership and high statesmanship. I hope he counts me amongst his faithful followers.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Montor,

Thank you for your letter of January 8th.
Noting the approach of Mr. Silver's fifteenth birthday anniversary.

Some twenty years ago, as I recall, Mr. Silver addressed a Zionist gathering in the State Armory at Albany. My father was with me at the time, and the memory of the occasion is cherished as he turned to me at the conclusion of Mr. Silver's talk and in typically Yiddish manner, said, "Blessed is our cause for such men" He used the word "Gebenched".

As we look back to the agonizing years that our people have passed through and contemplate the present scene, I humbly echo my father's sentiments. "Gebenched," indeed are we for the Abba Hillel Silvers, and May God grant them many full and fruitful years in their golden endeavours.

Cordially,
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January 13, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

All of the Officers and Board Members of the Norfolk United Jewish Fund join with me in extending our very best wishes to you on the happy occasion of your Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary.

We earnestly trust that you will be spared for many years to come, and may you continue to carry on the gigantic tasks which you perform with so much success and enthusiasm.

We are with you in spirit on this eventful day, and we pray for your continued good health and well-being.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Harris.

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Mr. Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

It is indeed a great privilege to pay tribute, in behalf of the Jewish Community Council of Utica, to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday.

American Jewry - yes, World Jewry - has been blessed by the presence of such an outstanding and brilliant leader in its midst as Dr. Silver. In times like the present when our people are going through a great crisis, world-embracing in its scope, it is a source of consolation and inspiration to have at our side a man of the vision and understanding of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

May his much-needed service to the Jewish people continue for many, many years.

Sincerely yours,

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January 13, 1943

Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

The officers of the Fall River United Jewish Appeal appreciate this opportunity of extending their congratulations and felicitations to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver upon his fiftieth birthday.

Those of us who have had the privilege of working under Dr. Silver in the cause of Jewish relief and resettlement are especially appreciative of the inspiration and encouragement he has given us.

Millions of human beings throughout the world have received material support and moral sustenance through his brilliant leadership.

We in America are deeply indebted to Dr. Silver for the spiritual elevation he has enabled us to enjoy.

May God bless him with many more active years.

Sincerely,

Harry Gottlieb

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Dear Dr. Silver:

On the coming occasion of your fiftieth birthday anniversary, I should like, on behalf of myself and my organization, to express to you our keen realization of the fine work which you have carried on these many years and to express the hope that in the years to come you may have the health and strength to carry on the work which you have thus far so nobly advanced.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd. Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Memphis, we take this occasion to extend congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of your birth.

Your dynamic leadership, not only in the United Palestine Appeal, but in every worthwhile Jewish undertaking has been a source of inspiration to your co-religionists throughout America.

But more than that: you have contributed largely to making available a haven of refuge in Palestine for our oppressed brethren in Europe. Greater satisfaction than this can come to no man.

We trust you will be spared for years to come; and that you will continue to do great work. Titanic as have been past accomplishments, they dwarf into insignificance when measured by future needs.

The command is forward!

Cordially and sincerely,

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January 18, 1943

United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N. Y.

Attention : Mr. Henry Montor
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am very happy to pay my tribute to Abba Hiller Silver. Kindly insert in the planned volume the following statement:

"On the occasion of the 50th birthday anniversary of Dr. Abba Hiller Silver, the Jewish Community Council of Paterson, New Jersey, extends its cordial felicitations and good wishes for a continued life of devotion to Judaism and world Jewry.

Dr. Silver's burning love for the Jewish people has been an inspiration to his many associates and friends in the United States and Palestine. His untiring efforts on behalf of Eretz Yisrael has gained him the respect and admiration of Jew and Gentile alike".

Sincerely yours,

Philip Dimond

Philip Dimond, President
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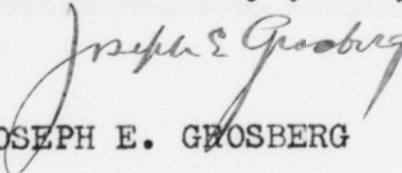
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

May I take this occasion to extend to you my felicitations and best wishes upon your 50th anniversary. It has been my great privilege and good fortune to be associated with you in the great work of the United Palestine Appeal and it was your great leadership and personal example of sacrifice that inspired me to do what little I could in this great work. There were several times when I thought I ought to relinquish my job and you inspired me to continue, for which I am now very grateful. I am quite sure that my personal experience is typical of hundreds of others throughout this country who have been inspired by you to do the great things that have been accomplished for our people.

I know I express the prayers and wishes of every person in this community that you may round out another half century of leadership for our people and that we shall soon have a victorious peace and under your guidance the rehabilitation of the remnants of our stricken Jews and the rebuilding of our homeland in Palestine.

Most sincerely yours,


JOSEPH E. GROSBURG

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David Diamond
Buffalo, New York

January 20, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The city of Buffalo joins in the nation-wide procession of the grateful legions who felicitate you on your fiftieth birthday.

The advent of the year of jubilee in this instance carries with it no connotations of limitation. For your service to humanity at large and your outstanding leadership in the service of our people, know no limitations of jubilee.

The end of every year of your toil on behalf of the earth's oppressed is but the beginning of another. May your efforts be soon rewarded in peace and happiness for all for whom you so nobly labor.

Sincerely yours,

David Diamond.

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Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
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Dear Mr. Montor:

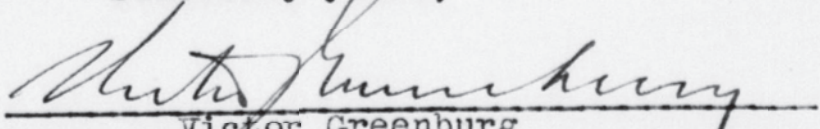
The anniversary of the riftieth birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the 24th of January is a milestone not only in the life of this truly great man but in the life of Jewry.

The force of his leadership, the wisdom of his counsel and the momentum of his action have made a deep impress upon Israel.

We join in the felicitation on the birthday of this leader in American Jewry. May his life be long and his capacities even greater in the building of "Eretz Yisroel", where his sorely tried brethren may find Home again.

We salute in reverence and love Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Sincerely yours,


Victor Greenburg
President, Passaic Jewish Community
Council.

VG:EF

January, 1943

A B B A H I L L E L S I L V E R

The survival of the Jewish people is generally agreed to be the most amazing of all historic miracles. This continued existence in the face of repeated adversities in almost every period in history has been attributed to many factors. None of these circumstances can be said to transcend in importance the strength contributed to the Jewish will-to-survive by Israel's great teachers and leaders.

We have been blessed by the appearance of such titans, particularly in periods of greatest stress, when the odds against our continued existence appeared to be preponderant. RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER has long been regarded one of America's most distinguished figures, with his vast contributions to its intellectual ferment by virtue of his rich creative mind and his untiring scholarship. The trials to which our people have been subjected during the past decade have led to the further emergence of the personality of ABBA HILLEL SILVER, and our recognition of his magnificent gifts of leadership.

It is with genuine regard for the role Doctor Silver has played, is playing and is to play in the determination of our people's destiny that I join in conveying my humble tribute to a great leader in Israel, our own ABBA HILLEL SILVER.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Sir:

On your fiftieth anniversary, for myself as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in New Bedford, Massachusetts, which includes the United Palestine Appeal, and for all my colleagues here--I extend to you sincere felicitations and appreciation for the good work you have done and are doing for the United Palestine Appeal.

May you live to enjoy the old age of youth and then live on to enjoy the youth of old age in work well done.

Respectfully,

Max M. Margolis

MMM:GP

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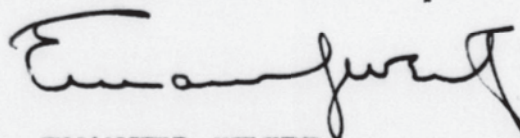
My dear Dr. Silver:

It has come to my attention that you are about to celebrate your fiftieth birthday on January 24th. It is indeed a pleasure for me to join with your many friends in wishing you well.

We in Jersey City feel particularly close to you, not only by reason of the service you have rendered in this community, but also due to the fact that your beloved sister, Mrs. Bessie R. Liebow is a resident and one of the good workers in Jewish and other communal causes. I have been personally acquainted with your good sister for over 25 years. Because of this, I happen to know that it is a happy circumstance that she celebrates her birthday on the same day with you. I trust that you will both be in a position to continue your good work and celebrate many birthdays in doing so.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



EMANUEL WEITZ

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January 20, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Henry Montor, Ex. Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

It has come to my attention that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will shortly celebrate his 50th birthday.

I wish it were possible for me to share with his friends and co-workers the celebration and greetings that I know will be extended to him.

From this far distance on the Pacific Coast, I can only express in writing my very heartiest wishes for his long life and continued service to his fellow-men.

The service he has rendered to his stricken people the world over must ever stand as a monument to him and through him, to the Jews of America.

I wish to felicitate him and to wish him health and strength to carry on his great work.

Sincerely,

Arthur M. Epstein
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January 12, 1943

Henry Montor,
Executive Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Many years ago I joined the Dr. Herzl Zion Club of which Junior organization Abba Hillel Silver was then President. That was forty years ago. Since then we have been associated in many ways as friends and co-workers in Jewish causes.

At the age of ten he was a leader in Zionism among the youth of our country. With the passing of the years he has maintained that leadership both in Zionism and in all other great and noble causes in which Israel has been concerned.

It is my fervent hope that God will grant him many more years of active leadership and service. As long as he lives he will remain true and steadfast to the preservation of all that is eternal in Judaism and Israel.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Friedman