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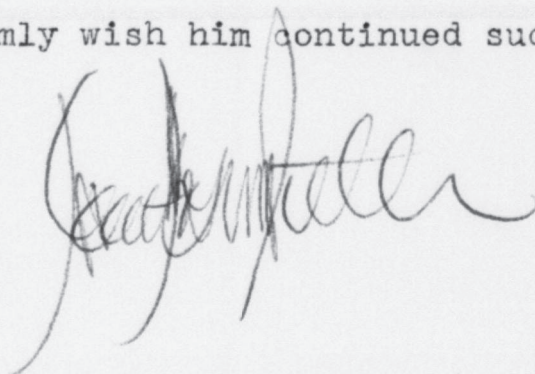
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Sixtieth birthday, correspondence, 1953 January.

STATEMENT BY JOHN FOSTER DULLES FOR
60TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE OF RABBI SILVER

I am proud to join in the tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his 60th birthday. It is my fervant hope that we shall all have the benefit of his wise leadership for many years to come. His heroic efforts in behalf of the establishment of the State of Israel belong to history.

Now as never in this country we have need for a spiritual rebirth, a re-awakening of the Judeo-Christian faith on which our great republic was founded. For over a quarter of a century, Rabbi Silver has given us that kind of inspirational guidance. His broad and sympathetic understanding, his ardent patriotism and devotion to the spiritual enrichment of America rank him with this nation's outstanding churchmen. I warmly wish him continued success and happiness.



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THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

December 20, 1952

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

With all my heart I join the worshippers at The Temple and all the people of Cleveland in warmest congratulations to that distinguished scholar, inspired teacher and devoted patriot, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. May his 60th birthday and his 35th anniversary as Rabbi of the famous Temple inaugurate a new period of successful activity in his life of piety and dedication to a sacred cause.

Dr. Silver belongs not only to his own congregation and city. He belongs to the Jewry of all countries and climates. He is, actually, one of the outstanding citizens of the world. He has reason to be happy on his Diamond Jubilee. Over and above the respect and affection of his people, he has the privilege of contemplating, across the seas, the consummation toward which he labored so hard and sacrificed so much in the establishment of the free republic of Israel.

In all civilization there has been no more effective champion of the rights and dignity of the individual than Abba Hillel Silver. He has not only preached but exemplified in all his activities the supreme truth that freedom is the gift of God Himself and that we are all members of Divine Brotherhood.

May he be spared for many years to come to uplift his congregation and inspire us all.

Sincerely yours,

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December 17, 1952

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

Please convey to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver my warm regards and felicitations on the occasion of his 60th birthday and 35th anniversary as Rabbi of The Temple. I have had many occasions to express my admiration for Dr. Silver. He is a servant of the Lord in the truest sense of the word. He is regarded as a great leader not only among his own co-religionists, but is held in the highest esteem by persons in all walks of life who have become familiar with his work on behalf of mankind in general.

I join with all of Dr. Silver's friends in the wish that God will endow him with many more years of health, strength and happiness in the continued service of his fellowmen.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Lausche
GOVERNOR

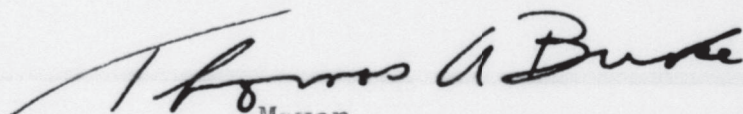
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THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

The commemoration of thirty-five years of outstanding service as spiritual head of the Temple and the celebration of the 60th birthday of a life well lived, provide the occasion for expressing to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the devotion, respect and admiration of the entire community. I know him as a warm friend and an inspiring personality. His influence is without limit. We honor him as a great leader who has shaped world history in the restoration of the Jewish State and as a man of great exaltation who brings comfort and understanding to troubled souls. In each he serves God's purpose as he serves mankind. No work is too big or too small for his spirit. May his years be long in a world of peace.

With deep sincerity,


Mayor

Washington, D. C.
January 6, 1953

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to convey warm greetings to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the happy occasion of his sixtieth birthday. I note that this coincides with the thirty-fifth year of his ministry as Rabbi of the Cleveland Temple and extend to his Congregation my congratulations on this distinguished anniversary.

Dr. Silver's outstanding service to the Zionist cause is too well known to need recapitulation. It is written into the immortal records of our people's struggle for national independence. At the crucial period of that struggle, it was he who stood at the helm of the great Jewry of the United States and in its behalf played a vital role in the events which led up to the historic recognition by the community of nations of Israel's right to independent, sovereign statehood. That part is one of which American Jewry and Dr. Silver may always be justly proud.

Long before that lofty peak in the political struggle of Zionism, Dr. Silver's leadership had been applied to the practical endeavors that provided the means for building up the Jewish National Home and thus for laying the groundwork of the political achievements.

May Dr. Silver be blessed for many years with the strength and vision to pursue his devoted efforts for the advancement of the Jewish people and the welfare of Israel.

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December 29, 1952

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Friend

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations takes pleasure in saluting your illustrious Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of a two-fold celebration: his Sixtieth Birthday and the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of his Cleveland ministry.

Dr. Silver's name is a household word in American Israel as it is in America. Indeed, his unparalleled achievements have made him one of the leading personalities in the world today. We rejoice that his labors as statesman and as a tribune for social righteousness have ever been matched by unceasing dedication to the advancement of liberal Judaism.

As a distinguished and eloquent voice of Judaism Dr. Silver has conferred lustre not only upon himself and his Congregation but upon the entire Reform movement. He has lifted millions of his fellow-Americans to renewed appreciation of the need for religious faith. He has been the inspiration to a host of men who have chosen the rabbinate as a calling in emulation of his divinely-influenced career.

We pray that God may continue to shower the blessings of vigor and stamina upon your gifted spiritual leader, and that both Congregation and Rabbi may be permitted to enjoy unnumbered milestones in a spirit of mutual loyalty and unwavering consecration to our Father, our Faith, and our fellow-men.

Sincerely yours

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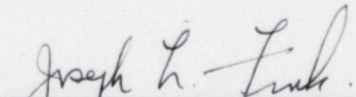
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I rejoice to send this message of greetings and congratulations to my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

He is a distinguished and universally esteemed member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. As a former President, he served our Conference with rare ability, vision, and courage. There are few men in our world who possess the clarity of mind, lucidity of expression, wealth of erudition, and understanding of the manifold problems of our world and society. In the great prophetic tradition of our faith, Dr. Silver has time and time again lashed out with trenchant criticism of inept government and unjust conditions be they political, economic, or social, Jewish or non-Jewish. The role he has made peculiarly his own has been that of a great leader of his own people in the time of their greatest need. He is a man of the deepest and strongest faith, a faith rooted in learning and manifesting itself in courageous devotion to Judaism in a great variety of expressions. He is a Mosaic figure in the modern synagogue and his leadership extends itself on a national and international scale.

I particularly congratulate the members of his Congregation upon whom he bestowed the gift of his presence during these many years. You have been blessed with the leadership of one who is an ancient sage in modern form. Gifted with the resources of a scholar, your Rabbi is a great modern preacher. I pray that God may grant him long life and health to continue his matchless service to Judaism.

On behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis I greet him on this his Sixtieth Birthday and on his thirty-five years as spiritual leader of your Congregation. May he continue his great work *ad meah shanah*.


Joseph L. Fink,
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December 17, 1952

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

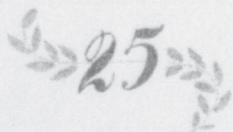
To catalogue the gifts and qualities which have enabled you to be of such distinguished service one would have to include a great soul, a first-rate mind, a powerful speaking competency, a compassion for suffering people, a patience with erring people, and penetrating truthfulness with regard to all peoples. These traits make those of us in the National Conference of Christians and Jews very proud and grateful of your relationship to the total work for World Brotherhood.

With warm personal regards and every good wish.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 1952

Mr. A.M. Luntz, President
The Temple,
East 105th and Ansel Road,
Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

I note with great interest that The Temple is to celebrate in January the 60th birthday of its beloved Rabbi, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, which will also mark the 35th Anniversary of his spiritual leadership there.

All of us of the Hebrew Union College would like to take advantage of this occasion to give expression to our very high regard and deep affection for one of our noblest and most inspiring sons. He has reflected great credit upon his beloved Alma Mater, the Hebrew Union College, which he now serves also in the capacity of a member of its Board of Governors. He has always been a tower of strength to American Reform Judaism and to America itself. The miracle of the renaissance of the State of Israel owes much to his great heart and his herculean efforts.

Wise and learned and capable beyond measure, dedicated and devoted, he has brought great luster to the American Reform rabbinate and his Alma Mater glories in him.

His love for Judaism has been further testified by the fact that one of his sons followed in his footsteps and has recently been graduated as a Rabbi from the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Silver exemplifies in his person and in his career the teachings and the inspiration of our faith and of our history. As a great Rabbi and as a great American and as a wonderful human being we rejoice in him.

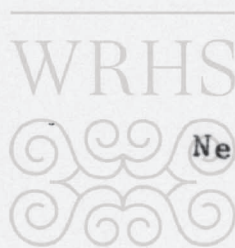
Mr. A.M. Luntz
December 9th, 1952

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May God's blessing continue to rest upon Rabbi Silver and upon The Temple which he has led so long, and grant him many more years of fruitful endeavor and accomplishment in the name of God.

With most cordial salutations to you and to all the other officers and members of The Temple, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Glueck, President

