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University  
Club  
of  
Wheeling  
W. Va.

February 9, 1916.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am enclosing you herewith certificate No. 161 for one share of stock of the University Club for which you paid me some weeks since, and being a part of your membership requirements.

Very truly yours,

WRHS

Treasurer.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
1107 Chaline St.,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.



INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

No.            Shares   1  

# University Club

OF WHEELING, W. VA.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

— One —

*Rabbi A. H. Silver* is the owner of  
Shares of Ten Dollars each of the Capital Stock of

the University Club, of Wheeling, W. Va., Fully Paid and Non-Assessable,  
transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder  
hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate  
properly endorsed.

In Witness Whereof, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be  
signed by its duly authorized officers and to be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation  
at Wheeling, W. Va., this *5* *fifth* day of *January*, A.D. 19*16*.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

*[Signature]*  
President

SHARES

\$ 10.00

EACH



# CERTIFICATE

FOR  
— / —  
SHARES

OF THE  
**Capital Stock**

**University Club**  
WHEELING, W. VA.

ISSUED TO

*Rabbi A. H. Silver*

DATED

*January 5th, 1916*

*To the Honorable Secretary of the University Club, Wheeling, W. Va., to sign and transfer*

*Shares of the Capital Stock represented by the within  
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint  
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named  
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.*

*Dated*  
*in presence of*

*19*

NOTICE. THE SIGNATURE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT  
MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE  
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ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.





THIS EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE  
IS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF  
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*Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver*

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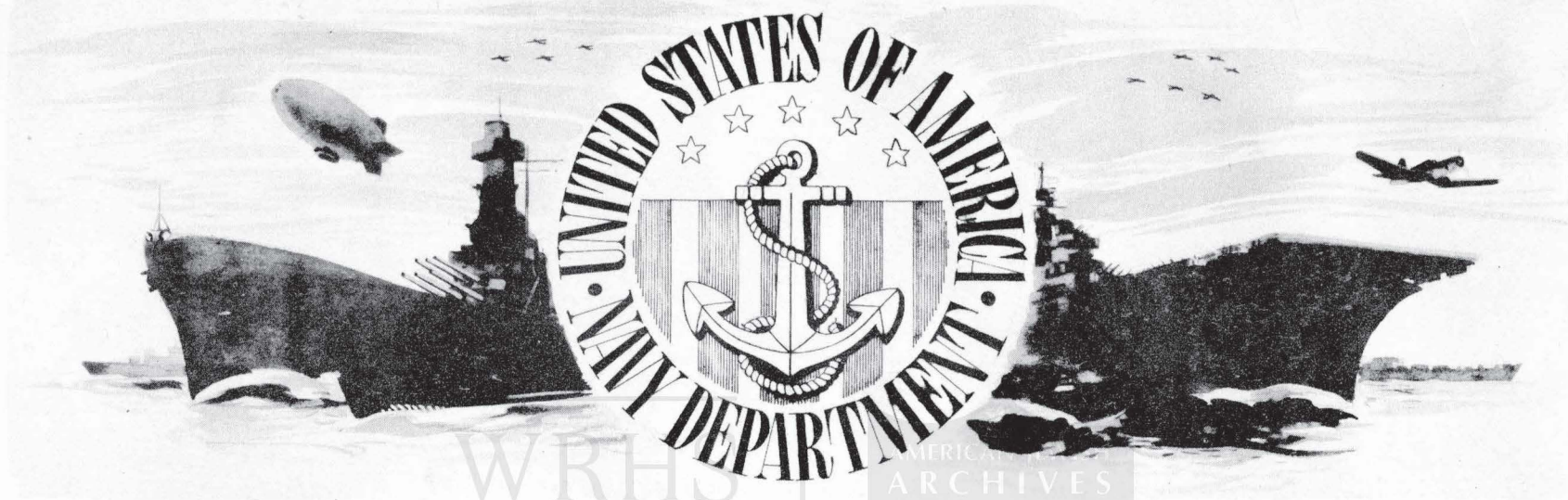
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CHIEF OF BUREAU OF SHIPS

15 NOVEMBER 1945





# The American National Red Cross

to  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

In recognition of meritorious personal service  
performed in behalf of the nation, her armed  
forces, and suffering humanity in  
the Second World War.

*Albert M. Higley*  
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## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

*Tribute***Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver**

As spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland for forty years, Rabbi Silver has made innumerable contributions to the development of clear thinking and fellowship among persons of all faiths.

His efforts toward the birth of the free state of Israel are world famous, and his learned pronouncements on many of the important issues of our time have had a powerful impact and are written indelibly in the journals of our democracy.

Rabbi Silver has gained renown as an author, teacher, counsellor and, most important, as a leader.

It is fitting that the City of Philadelphia pay tribute to the leader of one of America's largest Jewish congregations, a man whose fortitude and forcefulness in speaking out for righteousness have enabled him to enrich the lives of persons throughout the world.



*Richardson Dilworth*  
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# University of Tampa



On the nomination of the Faculty  
has conferred upon

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

the degree of

Doctor of Humanities

Given at Tampa, Florida, this the eighth day of June, 1951

*David L. Smith*  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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President of the University

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# Ambassadors Club



**Whereas** the development of Air Transportation, by bringing the peoples within these United States and of the World closer together, fosters the growth of unity, amity and good will, not only within our own borders—East, West, North, South—but also among nations and peoples throughout the World, and whereas

**Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver**

by his use, recommendation and support, has contributed importantly to the expansion and progress of air transportation, be it known, therefore, that he qualifies as an "AMBASSADOR" and is hereby elected to the TWA Ambassadors Club, with full privileges of membership.

DATE

*August 14, 1952*

*R. Stanton*  
President





1956

CHARLES EISENMAN AWARD

to

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

Throughout his 40 years as Rabbi of The Temple, he has combined personal ministrations to his large congregation with active participation in local, national and international communal matters.

His life and work represent a synthesis of Judaism, Americanism, and Zionism. His stature in these fields is reflected in the many high offices and responsibilities with which he has been entrusted. His keen insight into the motivations of men, his penetrating understanding of the forces of history, and his broad scholarship have found oral and written expression in glowing words of beauty and strength.

With unfaltering courage and unwavering conviction in the ultimate triumph of the program for restoring statehood to the Jewish people, he never despaired no matter how dark the prospects. At a crucial hour in the history of his people, he marshalled before the nations of the world all his talents in a brilliant and cogent presentation that furthered the formulation of the United Nations epochal resolution to re-establish the Jewish Commonwealth.

In recognition of his dedicated and tenacious loyalty to worthwhile causes, the Charles Eisenman Award Committee of The Jewish Community Federation is pleased to present to him its Award for Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Max Simon

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Secretary

December 2, 1956



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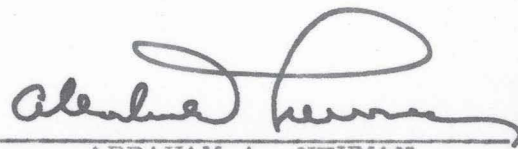
ABBA HILLEL SILVER, scholar, statesman, rabbi.

Your life-work is distinguished in many ways. Outstanding is your power to fuse theory and practice; theological doctrine and practical service. You have the gift of inspired speech that sways human emotions and the dynamic realism that is the essence of political leadership and statesmanship.

Your social philosophy is written into the liberal social legislation of your state. Your Jewish philosophy influenced by your deep study of Messianism and fused mystically with the poetry and love of Zion has moved tens of thousands to loyalty and sacrifice.

You are honored where Zion is loved. We of the Dropsie College are happy to embrace you as an honorary son of our College.

By a unanimous vote of the Faculty of this College, approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors, we gladly admit you to the Degree of Doctor of Literature, honoris causa, and declare that you are entitled to all the Honors, Rights and Privileges to that Degree appertaining. In token whereof, I hand you this diploma.



ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN  
President

May 22, 1957



Resolution No. 719-57

By Messrs. Berkebile, Bilinski, Blaha, Brooks, Capers, Carr, Colfer, Costello, Cotner, Duggan, Fakult, Flannery, Gallagher, Goldman, Horwitz, Jaffe, Kellogg, Klementowicz, Kovach, Kovacic, Latkovic, Livingston, Lysowski, Marshall, Masterson, McCafferty, McCaffery, Murphy, Perk, Russell, Sotak, Swanson, Williams.

WHEREAS, celebrated by a service of Thanksgiving, the 40th anniversary of the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver at the Temple was commemorated on Sunday, March 24, 1957; and

WHEREAS, serving as Rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in America, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has taught love of God and love of our fellowmen during these many years and has been one of the strongest forces in our community, our nation, and throughout the world in bringing to all people the message of the brotherhood of man under God; and

WHEREAS, now in his 64th year, Rabbi Silver has seen his congregation grow from 745 families to its present membership of 2,450 families, and has been a leading figure in the formation of Israel as a free and independent homeland of the Jewish people, giving of his energies, his heart and his brilliant ability in proclaiming the cause of the Jewish nation in the judgment halls and governmental councils throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the 40th anniversary of divine leadership by Rabbi Silver is an occasion of great civic import and worthy of the cognizance of our entire community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Council congratulates Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on the observance of his 40th anniversary as Rabbi of the Temple, and wishes him long years of continued service to almighty God and His flock.

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

Adopted March 25, 1957  
Jack P. Russell, President of Council  
Thad Fusco, Clerk of Council  
Approved by Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze  
March 26, 1957

I, Thad Fusco, Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 719-57, adopted by the Council of the City of Cleveland, March 25, 1957.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Cleveland, Ohio, this Twenty-sixth day of March, 1957.



*Thad Fusco*  
Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland



Resolution No. 716-59

By Mr. Goldman

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, on Sunday, March 8, 1959, presented Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the Human Relations Award for "elevating brotherhood"; and

WHEREAS, serving as Rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in America, Rabbi Silver has forcefully and eloquently taught and espoused love of God and love of man and has been one of the strongest forces in our community, our nation, and throughout the world in bringing to all people the message of the brotherhood of man under God; and

WHEREAS, it was an impressive and highly deserved tribute to Rabbi Silver, who long has been Spiritual Leader of the Temple; and

WHEREAS, the presentation to Rabbi Silver of the Human Relations Award, the highest honor in the inter-group conference, is an occasion of great civic import and worthy of the cognizance of our entire community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Council congratulates Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on having been presented with the Human Relations Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and wishes him long years of continued service to Almighty God and man.

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

Adopted March 16, 1959  
Jack P. Russell, President of Council  
Harvey B. Atkins, Acting Clerk of Council  
Approved by Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze  
March 17, 1959

I, Harvey B. Atkins, Acting Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 716-59, adopted by the Council of the City of Cleveland, March 16, 1959.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Cleveland, Ohio, this Seventeenth day of March, 1959.



Harvey B. Atkins  
Acting Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland

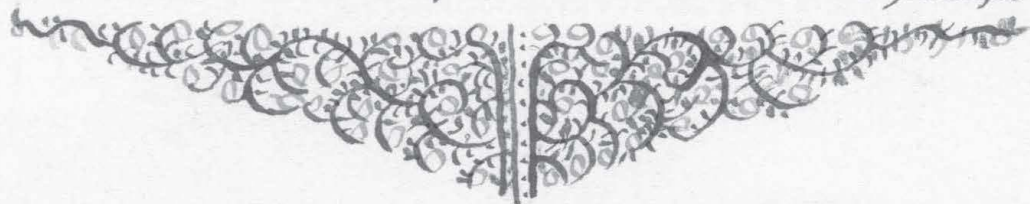


# WISDOM'S WAY WITH HER CHILDREN

## An Essay

**W**ISDOM exalteth her sons & taketh hold of them that seek her. ¶ He that loveth her loveth life; & they that seek to her early shall be filled with gladness. He that holdeth her fast shall inherit glory; & where he entereth, the Lord will bless. ¶ They that do her service shall minister to the Holy One & them that love her the Lord doth love. ¶ He that giveth ear unto her shall judge the nations; & he that giveth heed unto her shall dwell securely. ¶ If he trust her he shall inherit her & his generations shall have her in possession. ¶ For at the first she will walk with him in crooked ways, & will bring fear & dread upon him & torment him with her discipline, until she may trust his soul & try him by her judgments: then will she return again the straight way unto him & will gladden him & reveal to him her secrets. If he go astray she will forsake him & give him over to his fall.

*Taken from the first book of ECCLESIASTICUS and made for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver by R. J. Bucholz, Cleveland, Ohio, June 1960*





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April 28, 1964



The Temple  
Silver Park at E. 105 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: President of the Congregation

Dear Sir:

By authority of Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity in convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the enclosed resolution was authorized in memory of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

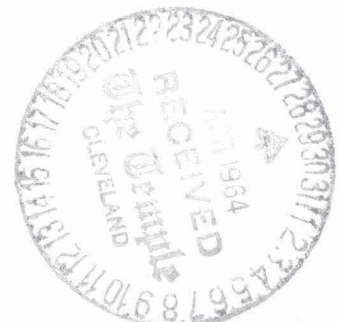
The late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a recipient of the Benjamin N. Cardozo Memorial Award, and as such, we trust that the enclosed resolution will be placed in the temple which he so dearly loved.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack Schon*  
JACK SCHON, Supreme  
Master of the Rolls

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Enclosure



# International Society of Theta Phi

Abba Hillel Silver

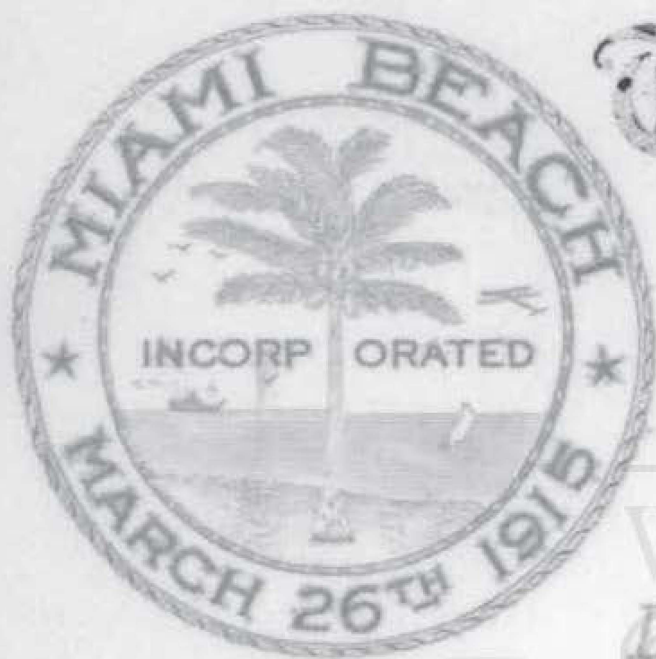
Has been awarded membership in  
the Society in consideration of scholarship  
and distinction.



Frederick B. Fisher  
President

Edmund Heenan  
Secretary





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OF THE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARE EXTENDED TO

— Dr. Abba Hillel Silver —

BY THE

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

*Harold Shapiro*  
HAROLD SHAPIRO, MAYOR



ROYAL CHARLES MAYOR  
*[Signature]*

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA  
BY THE

DR. ARTHUR HILLER, JR. —

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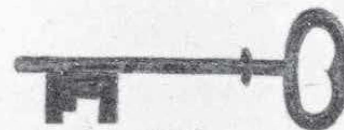
**The Mayor**

**MIAMI BEACH**





Wilmington, Delaware  
*"The First City of the First State"*



**REV. DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER**

*In giving you this, the symbolic key to the City of Wilmington,  
we extend to you the hearty greetings and well wishes of its citizens.  
May your stay ever be remembered with the fondest thoughts for us.*

*Alexander R. Abrahams*  
MAYOR