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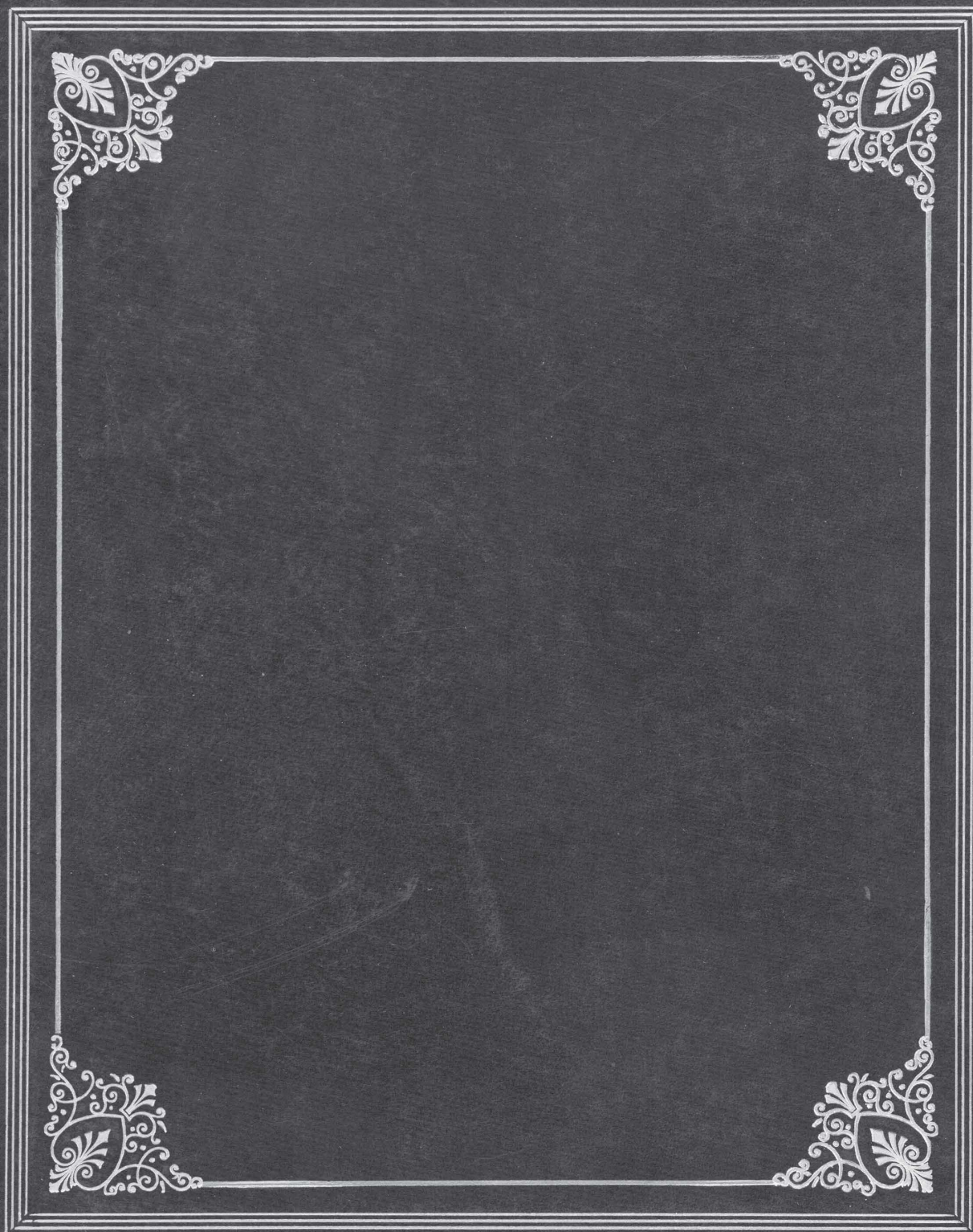
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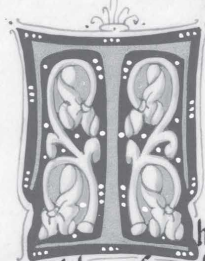
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Abba Hillel Silver, 1963.



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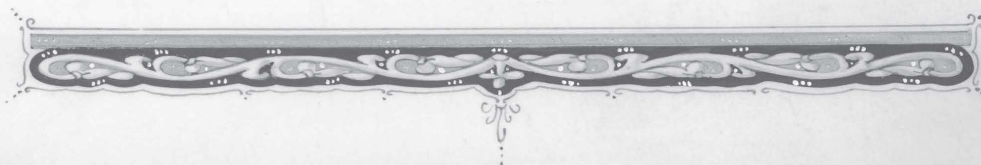
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver




The Board of Trustees of The Jewish Community Federation notes with profound sorrow and a deep sense of loss the passing of its beloved and revered leader and colleague, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.



Spiritual leader of The Temple for almost fifty years, he ministered also to the larger congregation of his community and his people. For almost all of these years, he was continuously associated with The Jewish Community Federation, serving as an Honorary Trustee, a Vice-President, and General Chairman of several of its Jewish Welfare Fund Appeals.



Rabbi, teacher, scholar, and statesman, he was an eloquent spokesman for and a dynamic protagonist of vital causes in American and Jewish life. His interests and activities spanned space and time, traversing continents and centuries, and invigorating the prophecies of old in the setting of his own era. Steeped in Jewish learning and history, he had an abiding faith in the triumph of social justice and a free Israel. With indomitable and unfaltering courage, he led the victorious struggle for the rebirth of the Jewish State in its ancient homeland and the reconstruction of overseas Jewry



from the ruins of World War II. He helped shape the pattern of Jewish life in one of the most crucial periods in its millennial history. 

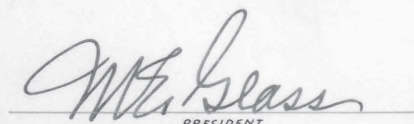
He was forceful, fearless, and forthright in charting new approaches to social problems and issues. He was in the vanguard of progressive forces seeking to promote the well-being of people, without restrictive regard of race, creed or color. With him, thought was linked with deeds, scholarship with teaching, and social vision with a program of action. He combined dignity of bearing with a warm and magnetic personality. He enjoyed companionship, enlivening any assembly of friends with his sense of humor and keen wit.

His passing leaves a great void in the life of the Jewish people everywhere. His dedicated service and his historic achievements constitute an enduring legacy and memorial to his people. We deeply mourn his death. We are profoundly grateful for the years he spent in our midst and shall cherish the memory of our association with him.  

The Board of Trustees directs that this Resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be presented to his bereaved family, to whom it expresses its heartfelt sympathy.  

The Jewish Community Federation


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR


PRESIDENT

December 30, 1963

