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Rabbinical activities, religious school, tribute book, 1932.

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Preface ~:~:~.

This book reflects the expression of the religious school after Rabbi Silver had completed fifteen years of service at the Temple. Without preparation or previous knowledge the children of the Temple Religious School were requested to write some thought about him. . . . From each class a single essay was selected, which best put into words, what Rabbi Silver has meant to these boys and girls.

The following were selected as representative of the fifteen classes attending the school, from the kindergarten through the college department.

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ברוך אתה בבאך
ברוך אתה בצאתך
תרצב

Kdg...

Rabbi Silver helps me do good things and I like him very much.

Bobby Rosenberg

First grade.

Rabbi Silver is like my Daddy to me, he tells me stories about the Jewish people, and he loves me like Daddy does.

Ruth Green

Second grade.

I think Rabbi Silver a wonderful rabbi - I love him very much.

Barbara Shoenfeld

Third grade.

Rabbi Silver is a great man. He teaches us to be good and kind. He teaches us to worship God. He is kind and generous. He is known over ... Cleveland and Europe and Palestine. He confirms the older children and marries them when they get older. He tells good stories to us too. He gives good sermons for our mothers and fathers. He gives Seders for us.

Ruth Kronheim

Fourth grade.

I like Rabbi Silver because he is friendly, not a cold outsider who gravely shakes his head, and soberly discusses the Jewish religion, Judaism and other serious problems. Rabbi Silver talks straight from the heart regardless of whom he is talking to. I like him because he is never too busy to talk to you no matter who you are. Altogether I think there are very few men in the world who can compare with Rabbi Silver.

Shirley Goldman

Fifth grade.

Rabbi Silver means very much to me because before I came to his school I could not read one word in Hebrew. Now I can read Hebrew very well. I also learned very much about the history of the Hebrews. Before I came to Sunday school I did not even know who Abraham was. During the years he has been in his school his teachers have taught many people like me.

Richard Mailman

Sixth grade.

As long as I have been going to Temple I have always been an admirer of your skill as a scholar and writer. I have attended numerous sermons and always have found that they were easy to understand and enjoy. Although I have never read of your books, but from what is said about them, I can readily see that they are well written. It is ambitious of men to achieve such success as you yourself have achieved. It is a worthy goal.

Bernice Krichman

Seventh grade...

A kindly teacher, a profound thinker, an awe inspiring orator, a great author, a tactful diplomat, but above all a great Jew.

Vera Goldman

Eighth grade...

Rabbi Silver has been with us for more than fifteen years. In this time he has achieved world-wide fame. He has a ... place in the hearts of both Jews and non-Jews. An inspired leader, he has given ... freely of his time (and fortune) to those less fortunate. A gifted speaker, a devout Jew, his rabbinical activities have made him well-known. He has caught the true spirit of Judaism in its highest form. ... Words seem inadequate praise compared to the great tribute, a lasting monument in the hearts of the people, for this great rabbi.

Esther Goldwasser

Ninth grade...

Rabbi Silver has an outstanding character and a magnetic personality. The high ideals in which he firmly believes, he has .. implanted in the hearts of others and the religious fervor he puts in his work have ... made others admire Judaism, and himself as an unusual person. ...

Joan Green

First year high...

Rabbi Silver is a frank exponent of .. idealism. In his fifteen year of contact with members of a new generation of Jewry he has fired his pupils with an idealistic enthusiasm and firm belief in the ancient moral and ethical teachings of our people. . .

His inspiring character and willingness to help his pupils to get more out of a course of religious training, have left a definite ... mark of sincerity on all the boys and girls with whom he has been connected. Rabbi ... Silver has added a real richness to the ... course of study. He has inspired his associates to a higher feeling of the glorious, traditional, and moral principles of the Jewish race ...

Allen Geismar

Second year high..

To me, Rabbi Silver has always been a great spiritual leader. His .. marvelous eloquence and his soul-inspired fervor has on more than one occasion banished my religious doubts. I conceive of him not only as a leader but as a servant who has dedicated his life to both ideals and practical realism...

Sanford Sugarman

Third year high...

Rabbi Silver is the type of spiritual leader that his position demands; he is an inspired man, tempered with an unusual high degree of learning, human understanding, and sympathy with the past and present problems facing Jews and Judaism...

Celeste Green

First year college...

Throughout the years which I have had the pleasure of knowing you, I have been inspired by you. You have heightened in me a love of the intellectual and the beautiful. You have been a light shining and lighting the future for me. Your thoughts have often brought out of the pits of despair and revived me with hope. I, too wish to be a rabbi. I shall strive to follow your ideals and thoughts; to try to be as great as you, though I know I .. shall never succeed. However Browning said, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp,

Or what is a heaven for."

Thus I shall always work with a picture of you before me ... you are my ideal. May happiness and joy always be yours as you have helped bring it to others. ...

Leo Bergman

Second year college.

To Rabbi Silver I owe my real attitude toward Judaism ~ an understanding of the philosophy and religion of the Jewish people. As a leader in Israel Rabbi Silver has no equal ~ as a leader in world religion he ranks with the greatest.

His love for children has endeared him to his school. May the Lord be gracious unto him and may he continue his goodness to the end of his life.

Norton Pierman



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