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Anniversaries, Abba Hillel Silver, centennial of his birth,  
correspondence, minutes, notes, and newspaper clippings,  
1992-1993.

# The Temple

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April 27, 1992

Mrs. Daniel Jeremy Silver  
2841 Weybridge Road  
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Dear Adele,

In 1993 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's birth. We intend to commemorate this important milestone with a series of appropriate events throughout the year 1993, involving not only The Temple congregation, but also the entire community.

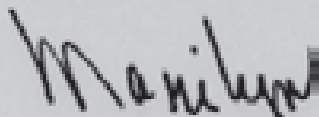
Dr. Susannah Heschel, who holds the Abba Hillel Silver Chair at Case Western Reserve University, has graciously agreed to participate in the planning of our commemorative events, and she will be with us at the first meeting of the planning committee.

I invite you to be a member of the planning committee for the Abba Hillel Silver Centenary Year, and I hope that you will be able to accept this invitation. The first meeting will be

**At The Temple Branch  
May 13, 1992  
4:30 P.M.**

Unless we hear otherwise from you, we shall assume your acceptance. If you do not wish to serve on this committee, please call Carole at 791-7755 before May 9th.

Warm regards,



Marilyn M. Bedol  
President



5/15/92 Phil B - re AHS Archives

Talked w. Henry Zucker -

PB doesn't think WRHS appropriate -  
but prefers HOC -

Asked HZ if ASA would be interested  
- esp. @ funding. Who might be  
wish to do it - Steve Ingers? Jack  
Mandel? were HZ's suggestions -

Told Phil I didn't want Mandel  
involved in it -

Also told Lem @ Ray is intention to  
talk w. Temple group - If he raised  
the issue on 5/13, PB says, and  
WRHS is where it goes, could be OK  
but not as good as ASA - Is it  
tied in to all scholarly ~~net~~ networks?

5/17/92

Ernie - will co-chair AHS event  
(Jim Reisk will chair entire committee)  
"trying to narrow it down"

excerpts of speeches in Dulletta

something in religious school @ AHS

one great civil event + several other things

Regis ideas - keep everything in AHS Archives -

(Ernie reported WRHS's Friedman Tangle  
archives area -)





May 7, 1992

Dear Susannah,

I'm sending you a copy of my response to The Temple president's invitation to me to serve on Dad Silver's centennial committee. As you can see, I've expressed--as briefly and clearly and fairly as possible, I hope--my own reservations about a year-long (or even half-year-long) effort at celebration. I've also told her that you're going to be able to explain my concerns and speak for me, although you have rather different views of the approach--and possibility--of more elaborate and ambitious celebrations.

Wonderful seeing you the other night! Sorry that Patricia and I didn't get to the Wednesday night lecture, as both of us would have enjoyed hearing you do your thing! Another time, I trust.

I'll be in New York til the 17th--call me there, if you want to: 212/787-7651.

Love,

*copy*

progress of the first planning committee the end of  
future meetings - it seems that will allow me  
to attend, if that can be arranged.

Very truly,  
Alice

5/7/92

After Monday,  
I shall be happy to arrive in the planning  
committee for the Temple's celebration of that historic  
centennial. Regrettably, the date chosen for the  
first meeting is a date that I will be out of  
town. Obviously I should not of been there.  
About the plan, it all will depend on the  
committee's recommendation about a series of  
conferences a long period of time - an ambitious  
and feasible approach, but one that will not  
quite measure the occasion. I should like to  
happy to see the celebration plan, and the  
wishes to believe that our major event, though  
which will make it distinctive and dynamic  
that energy and talent and support, could be  
possible.  
I look forward to hearing from you with the

Cathy

THE TEMPLE - TIFERETH ISRAEL

July 22, 1992

8:00 AM at The Temple Branch

SUMMARY NOTES

ABBA HILLEL SILVER CENTENARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE: Sis Gottlieb, Vice-chair; Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin, Adviser; James Reich, Chairman; Ernest Siegler, Vice-chair.

James Reich opened the meeting by relating the circumstances of a recent meeting between Mina Kulber and Abba Eban on a flight from Israel to New York. According to Mina, Eban expressed interest in participating in a program honoring the memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. He planned to be in New York the entire month of July and he gave Mina his address there. Rabbi Kamin wrote to Eban in New York on July 8 to confirm the interest of our congregation in engaging him as a featured speaker next spring. No reply has been received yet. In discussion it was agreed by all present that Abba Eban would be an ideal speaker for a major event at the Main Temple honoring Rabbi Silver. His eloquence and name recognition would assure a full house, it was agreed. His availability and the size of his fee are the only question marks. Rabbi Kamin is to try to contact him again to determine these points.

*BK has written  
to offer \$10,000  
and any date -  
and has gotten  
no answer -*

Other possible speakers were discussed, in the event that Abba Eban would not be available. The following were discussed as suitable possibilities:

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Director of World Union for  
Progressive Judaism  
Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, President of Hebrew Union  
College  
Mayor Teddy Koilek of Jerusalem  
Yitzak Navon, former President of Israel

The desirability of developing an audio/video presentation on the life of Rabbi Silver was discussed. This could be done from existing material in the archives and other sources. Such a project could have several uses - possible showing on one of the local TV stations, use in our Religious School, sale of copies to Temple members and other interested parties, etc. Natalie Epstein began work on such a project a few years ago, but suspended the work when Rabbi Dan's illness began. Jim Reich agreed to contact Natalie to determine her interest in completing the project. Bud Weidenthal and Lee Goldman were mentioned as writers who might help with this project.

Abba Hillel Silver Centenary Executive Committee

It was agreed that Dr. Susannah Heschel can serve as an important scholarly resource for our programs, and also serve as liason to the Case Western Reserve University community. It was decided that we should invite her to accept the title of Scholar-Advisor to the Silver Centenary Committee. Rabbi Kamin was to issue the invitation to her.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Submitted by James M. Reich

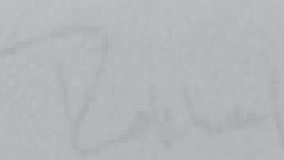
cc: Sherry Gluchov  
Alan Krause  
Acele Silver  
Raphael Silver  
Barbara Goldfarb  
Tcm Mendelsohn  
Dr. Susannah Heschel



I am pleased to hear that you will be attending the Friday evening May 2nd, 1980, event at the Cleveland Hebrew Center. This event is a celebration of the life and work of Rabbi Hillel Silver, who was born in Cleveland in 1892 and died in 1963. It is a great honor to have you and your family join us for this special occasion. We look forward to seeing you there.

I look forward to seeing you there.

With best regards,

  
Raphael D. Silver

cc: Alan Krause



RAPHAEL D. SILVER  
600 MADISON AVENUE - 18TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022  
(212) 355-0200

September 11, 1992

Mr. James M. Reich  
Chairman  
Abba Hillel Silver Centenary Committee  
The Temple  
University Circle at Silver Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

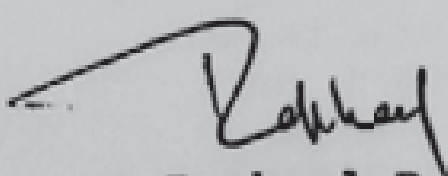
Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 1992. I was pleased to learn that The Temple is planning a Centenary event celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dad's birth.

I would be pleased to serve as honorary chairman of the Silver Centenary Committee if I could be consulted regarding the plans for this proposed event. I am concerned, for example, that the date you have currently selected, Friday evening May 7, 1993, would preclude the participation of other Rabbis and other congregations in the Cleveland community in this celebration because of conflict with their own Sabbath observances. It seems appropriate that a celebration of Dad's centenary should allow other congregations in Cleveland to participate in the commemoration of Dad's life and his rabbinate.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

With best regards,

  
Raphael D. Silver

cc: Alan Krause

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## THE TEMPLE-TIFERETH ISRAEL ABBA HILLEL SILVER CENTENARY NOVEMBER 11, 1992

"A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver"

### SUMMARY NOTES

ATTENDANCE: Rabbi Benjamin Alon Kamin, Alan M. Krause, President, James M. Reich, Chairman, Sis Gottlieb, Sherry Gluchov, Ernest Siegler, Vice-Chairmen, Barbara Goldfarb.

James Reich opened the discussion by announcing that negotiations for Amb. Abba Eban as keynote speaker for the May 16, 1993 event have been successfully completed at a fee of \$12,500.

Meeting agendas, a list of proposed dinner guests, and an estimated budget were then distributed.

#### I. Sunday, May 16, 1993 Event

1. Additional dinner guests added. Revised copy is attached.
2. It was suggested that the event have a stated "purpose". The committee felt making the Abba Hillel Silver Archives accessible to scholars and students would be an excellent use of any net proceeds. Other ideas will also be explored.
3. The dinner, program and lecture will all take place at the Main Temple.
4. There will be no charge for those attending the lecture only. It will be free and open to the public. A full-house could mean 1,900 in attendance.
5. Special audio and visual effects, as well as the use of special displays (ex. large photos, etc.) will be considered as part of the evening.
6. Format of the evening (Program) may include:
  - A. Greeting from the Congregation (Welcome)  
Alan M. Krause, President (who introduces)
  - B. Raphael Silver, Honorary Chairman  
Brief Remarks (who introduces)



- C. James M. Reich, Chairman, Abba Hillel Silver Centenary Committee  
Brief Remarks (includes thank you to Vice-Chairs) -  
(who introduces)
- D. Rabbi Benjamin Alon Kamin (Senior) Rabbi  
Brief Remarks (who introduces)
- E. Amb. Abba Eban  
Keynote Speaker

NOTE: Because this is a centenary celebration it was felt that all remarks be up-beat and crisp. A funereal atmosphere, created by eulogistic comments, is to be avoided. It was also felt a robed processional was not appropriate.

- 7. Based on the estimated budget the Committee felt \$100 per person, (Patron) in addition to \$500 per person (Benefactor) is the best way to price evening. Goal is 200 + dinner guests.
- 8. All dinner guests (Benefactors, Patrons and Special Guests) will receive reserved, preferred seating and valet parking.
- 9. Amb. Eban is expected to attend the dinner and visit with the guests.
- 10. Benefactors (\$500) will also receive a memento of evening. (Suggestions include Amb. Eban's latest book, autographed)
- why? { There has also been a suggestion to place the names of all Benefactors on a permanent plaque to be hung in the Archives.
- 11. Still to be Determined:  
Name of May 16th event.  
Assignment of Additional Volunteers:  
Dinner, Program, Invitations, etc.

ERNEST SIEGLER, Vice-Chairman will Chair Benefactor Solicitations.

## II. ~~March~~ March, 1993 - Adult Education Series

Dr. Alan Levenson of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies will teach a four part series on Monday evenings starting March 1, 1993. Classes will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The Temple Branch. This lecture/discussion series is structured around Abba Hillel Silver's book "Where Judaism Differed." Dr. Levenson's fee is \$800.

It was suggested that the T.W.A. or Outreach Committee may be interested in funding a portion of this project. Also, suggested was T.R.S. Teachers, High School Students, and Confirmation Class Students be encouraged to participate.

SHERRY GLUCHOV, Vice-Chairman will Chair the Adult Education Series.



III. Bulletin Excerpts Throughout 1993

Beginning in January, 1993 all Temple Bulletins will contain selected excerpts from Abba Hillel Silver's writing. Claudia Fechter, Ellen Whitehill and Natalie Epstein are all available to help.

SIS GOTTLIEB, Vice-Chairman will Chair the Literary Selection Committee.

IV. Additional Centenary Projects AHS Exhibition?

1. Display case in Branch Foyer curated by Mina Kulber has been completed.
2. At the close of Buber Exhibit, Loggia in The Temple Branch will feature Abba Hillel Silver Centenary display.
3. Literary Club on January 25, 1993 will discuss "Abba Hillel Silver: A Profile in American Judaism", by Marc Raphael.
4. Sunday School will take trips to Main Temple to visit Museum and Abba Hillel Silver's study.
5. Temple Religious School - The study of Abba Hillel Silver is part of the 9th and 10th grade curriculum.
6. Essay Contest suggested - Winner gets prize (Trip to Israel?).

V. National and Local Publicity

1. Reform Judaism Magazine - Article proposed.
2. Interest in a child's biography of Abba Hillel Silver.
3. Local coverage in Cleveland Jewish News, Plain Dealer, Sun Press, etc.
4. T.V. coverage - (WVIZ - Mark Rosenberger).

Lee Goldner - CSN/PO/ABJ/Sunday  
Considering broadcast (?) coverage  
Release to NYT -  
Calenson  
Full media kit - Lee will prepare & mail early  
File - Ellen -  
Temple Bulletin - Important date / special logo  
Release "now" thru Mary Grossman -

} Begin in March '93

BEG:gzg

Enc.



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## GUESTS OF THE TEMPLE A.H.S. CENTENARY DINNER REVISED

Abba Eban  
Rabbi and Mrs. Benjamin Kamin  
Rabbi Rosette Haim, Mr. Marshall Barron  
Dr. Susannah Heschel  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mendelsohn  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fechter  
Ms. Alice Licker  
Mrs. Daniel Jeremy Silver  
Ms. Sarah Silver  
Mr. Jonathon Silver  
Mr. ~~and Mrs.~~ Michael Silver & Ms. Deborah Lader  
Ms. Dina Silver - Mr. Steve Persky  
Ms. Marisa Silver - Mr. Ken Kwapis  
Ms. Claudia Silver - Mr. Dean Wareham  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lader  
Additional Guests? (Subject to discussion)



Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Yanowitz  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoffman  
Mayor and Mrs. Michael White  
Rev. and Mrs. Marvin McMickle  
Bishop Anthony Pilla  
Rabbi and Mrs. David Hachen  
Mayor and Mrs. Harvey Friedman  
President Cleveland Area Board of Rabbis - John and Susan Stone  
President - Orthodox Rabbinic Council

Other?

12/10 Tom Mendelsohn suggests talking to Jim Reich

12/13 Karen Krause will be co-chair (with Elaine Shaw) of dinner -



ESTIMATED BUDGET  
May 16, 1993  
A.H.S. Centenary Event  
Amb. Abba Eban - Speaker

VARIABLE EXPENSES

<u>Item</u>	<u>100 Guests</u>	<u>150 Guests</u>	<u>200 Guests</u>
Executive Club (Jane Belsito) Dinner - Veal or Salmon @\$32 Inc.'s 1 or 2 Horsd'oeuvres	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,800	\$ 6,400
Table Set-up @\$5 Table, Cloth, Chairs, Center- pieces	500	750	1,000
Labor (Servers) plus 17% Gratuity @\$8	800	1,200	1,600
Wine (California) @\$4	400	600	800
TOTAL VARIABLE EXPENSES	\$4,900	\$7,350	\$9,800

FIXED EXPENSES

Printing - Invitations (1700) and Programs (2000)	\$ 4,800
Speaker - Abba Eban Travel, Hotel, Misc.	12,500
Musical Soloist - at Dinner	650
Valet Parking (NOW Valet Service)	100
Security	300
Postage (First Class)	100
Custodial Staff (Overtime)	440
Proposed Guests (25 probable)	150
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	\$14,990

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INCOME (Two different assumptions)

	<u>100 Guests</u>	<u>150 Guests</u>	<u>200 Guests</u>
Income at \$120 for Patrons	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$24,000
Benefactors at \$500	20	30	40
	10,000	15,000	20,000
TOTAL #1 (@\$100)	\$20,000	\$33,000	\$44,000
Income at \$125 for Patrons	12,500	18,750	25,000
Benefactors at \$500	20	30	40
TOTAL #2 (@\$125)	\$23,250	\$39,080	\$50,040

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Income at \$125 for Patrons	12,500	18,750	25,000
Benefactors at \$500	20	30	40
	10,000	15,000	20,000
TOTAL #2 (@ \$125)	\$22,500	\$33,750	\$45,000



ABBA HILLEL SILVER CENTENARY COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 9, 1992

**"A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver"**

SUMMARY NOTES

**Attendance:** Marilyn Bedol, Marjorie Brock, Roger Carran, Margo Chaitoff, Marian Englander, Don and Tuda Evans, Claudia Fechter, Sherry Gluchov, Lee Goldman, Sis Gottlieb, Alan Gross, Irving Kane, Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin, William Katz, Marie Ruth Kearns, Alan and Karen Krause, Morris Levin, Ruth Mayers, Bobby Meisel, Claire Morgenstern, Jim and Bobbi Reich, Diana Rudolph, Esther Saginor, Marcia Schumann, Clare Shaw, Ernest Siegler, Adele Silver, Naomi Singer, Louise Sternberg, Fran Tramer, Jules Vinney.

Chairman James Reich opened the meeting by announcing that although it had been several months since the last committee meeting, a great deal had been accomplished in the interim. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee of the current status of the various projects of the Silver Centenary year, and to solicit ideas and suggestions.

He then introduced three Vice-Chairmen of the committee and others who will be in charge of various Centenary year projects. A summary of each of their reports follows:

**Sis Gottlieb - Vice Chairman:** She stated that each Temple Bulletin, starting January, 1993 and continuing through the year, will contain a brief excerpt from Rabbi Silver's writings, sermons, books, etc. A sub-committee has been formed and will have the responsibility of selecting the Bulletin excerpts.

**Sherry Gluchov, Vice-Chairman:** She announced that an Adult Education series would take place at the Branch starting Monday evening, March 1, 1993, and continue for four consecutive Monday evenings. The lecture/discussion series will be structured around Rabbi Silver's book "Where Judaism Differed." Professor Alan Levenson, a faculty member of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, will teach the four sessions, which will be from 8 - 10 P.M. each evening. "Where Judaism differed" is available from the TWA Gift Shop. The series will be co-sponsored by the TWA, TMC, and the Outreach Committee. There will be no charge for the series, and it will be open to the entire community.

**Claudia Fechter, Temple Librarian and Museum Director:** She reported that an exhibit of interesting items from the Abba Hillel Silver Archives will be mounted in the Museum cases in the Branch loggia early in 1993. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help with this exhibit. The National Foundation for Jewish Culture may be interested in sponsoring this as a traveling exhibit to other cities. She also called attention to the showcase in the Branch lobby containing a number of items from the Silver Archives. This exhibit was mounted by Mina Kulber.

James Reich then announced that the main event of the Centenary year would take place on May 16, 1993 at the Main Temple. Abba Evan will be the featured speaker, paying tribute to Rabbi Silver. The program will take place in the Silver Sanctuary. A fund raising dinner in the Social Hall will precede the program in the Silver Sanctuary. The purpose will be to raise funds to cover the expenses of the evening. All profit over expenses will be used to fund the preservation, cataloging and duplication of the Abba Hillel Silver Archives, so that they can be more easily accessed and available to scholars throughout the world. The evening will be promoted as a major community event. The Silver family and a number of political, communal, and religious leaders from the general community and the Jewish community will be invited as guests. We expect to fill the Silver Sanctuary to its capacity of 1900. Mr. Reich then introduced - - -

Clare Shaw, Dinner Chairman: She announced that Karen Krause will be a co-chair for the dinner. We hope to have 300 or more attendees for the dinner. The dinner will be catered, and will be of the finest quality, as befits this occasion. There are many aspects to the dinner besides the food: invitations, seating arrangements, flowers, music, etc. Many volunteers will be needed to help.

Ernest Siegler, Vice-Chairman: He announced that there will be two levels of pricing for the dinner participants. Patrons will pay \$100 per person, and Benefactors will pay \$500 per person. In addition, there will be a number of non-paying guests. We hope to have 50 or more benefactors. Some committee members felt that a third category of paying guests should be established at \$250 per person to accommodate those who cannot pay \$500, but are willing to pay more than \$100. By a show of hands, the committee approved adding the \$250 category. A substantial portion of each payment category will be a tax-deductible donation for the payer.

Lee Goldman, Public Relations Director: She has met with Cindy Dettelbach, editor of the Cleveland Jewish News to discuss future publicity for the Silver Centenary year. She will give us a page on Rabbi Silver, consisting of photos and a retrospective piece by Lee. CJN will also carry several short items to announce Centenary events as they occur. They will also run an advance piece on the Abba Eban evening, and cover the event as well. CJN is also willing to run an article on Judaica art in The Temple Museum, which was donated or obtained through the efforts of Rabbi Silver. The media list will also include the Plain Dealer, Akron Beacon-Journal, Sun Newspapers, the News Herald, and any other appropriate weeklies. She will also release a story on the Centenary and Abba Evan's appearance to the New York Times, all periodicals in the Jewish newspaper syndicate, religious magazines, etc. Info about May 16 event will go to Growth Association calendar, Northern Ohio Live, Cleveland Magazine. Lee will prepare media bits for all major print media. The Temple Bulletin will also be heavily used to announce and promote all Centenary events.

Suggestions from the Committee Members:

1. Starting with January Temple Bulletins "save the date" reminders for May 16.
2. Develop a special logo to be used in the Bulletin for all Centenary events.

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3. Ask Temple members to send letters of "memories" of Rabbi Silver, to be mounted and displayed at May 16 dinner.

President Alan Krause and Rabbi Kamin both expressed their pleasure with the plans already made and the good participation of so many Temple members.

James Reich thanked all for attending, and expressed the hope that they will each be active in some phase of the Centenary activities, and each attend the May 16 dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.





not come true. The cost overruns at Yucca are enormous, the program is far behind schedule, and disputes about the safety of long-term, deep geologic disposal at Yucca Mountain are well-documented, longstanding, and continue to this day.

Perhaps most troubling, it would appear that the Clinton administration is following a more-of-the-same policy regarding the Yucca Mountain project.

For the reasons mentioned above, I am introducing the Nuclear Waste Policy Reassessment Act of 1983.

The legislation would do three key things: First, place a moratorium on all spending at Yucca Mountain for 5 years; second, direct the National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with all stakeholders in the siting controversy at Yucca Mountain, to determine the scientific and financial merits of continuous study of a single potential site or return to consideration of multiple sites; and, third, rebate moneys from the nuclear waste trust fund to the utilities for onsite storage as a result of program delay mandated by this bill.

I call on the administration and my colleagues to support this legislation and send the message that this problem-plagued program should get the outside review that is so desperately needed.

□ 1230

#### INTRODUCTION OF PASS RESOLUTION

(Mr. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, known as FASB, proposed a requirement that companies deduct from their profits the value of stock options granted to employees.

Although the Board's intent—to improve disclosure of compensation—is important, the proposal does nothing to improve current reporting.

Instead, it stifles entrepreneurship which is what we need and want.

Startup companies use stock options to attract talented people who are willing to both work hard and take a risk.

It allows the secretary, the receptionist, or the engineer to buy options which may only cost 50 cents a share today, but could be worth \$5 or more down the road. When employees buy in, they share the responsibility of the ultimate success of their company.

Mr. Speaker, to rebuild our economy we need to both retain small businesses and encourage new ones.

That is why I am introducing a concurrent resolution today which expresses Congress' view that the accounting board not adopt the proposal.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

#### PRESIDENT HAS NOT DEFINED BOSNIA STRATEGY

(Mr. RAMSTAD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, last night at the Wayzata Fire Department back home in Minnesota, a firefighter said to me, "Please tell the President not to send my Marine son or my Air Force son to the Balkans. He has not explained our national interest or mission."

Mr. Speaker, this firefighter contingent is a wise parent and wise patriot. Before we put one American pilot or troop in harm's way, the President must clearly define our national interest and mission.

We must not repeat the nightmare of Vietnam.

As Gen. Colin Powell has told us, before we send troops into a dangerous situation, we must have a precise mission statement that defines how we get in, accomplish our goals, and get out.

So far, we have not seen such a well-defined strategy from the President. As one who lost three close friends in Vietnam, it is downright eerie to hear another President talk about bombing his enemies to the negotiating table.

Military experts have told us air strikes alone will not do the job and would cost American lives.

Lord Owen has said, "It's only a delusion that bombing will end the war. You can't solve the problem at 10,000 feet."

Mr. Speaker, there must be a reason no European ally has endorsed the administration strategy against the Bosnian Serbs. Perhaps they have learned history's hard lessons.

#### THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

(Mr. SHEPHERD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SHEPHERD. Mr. Speaker, for the past 3 years, our religious rights have been under siege. In 1980, a single Supreme Court decision abolished the standard that protects religious freedom in this country. Today, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in a bold move to resurrect the first inalienable freedom set forth in the Bill of Rights.

Years ago, the Pilgrims came to this country after facing religious persecution in other parts of the world. Similarly, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints settled in my home State of Utah in the late 1800s after encountering discrimination in the East and Midwest. Unfortunately, the religious rights of other groups like Native Americans and Orthodox Jews continue to be sabotaged in the 3 years following the Supreme Court's decision. Without quick and de-

clisive action, members of other faiths will face the same fate.

Mr. Speaker, today this Congress can restore faith to the first amendment by returning religious rights to the American people. I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

#### MAJORITY EXCLUDES REPUBLICANS IN DRAFTING TAX BILL

(Mr. POMBO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday the Ways and Means Committee of the House began marking up President Clinton's enormous tax bill. The majority voted to take the committee into executive session. To you and me, that is a secret meeting. The Republicans objected to throwing out the press and the taxpaying public. Why? Because when the Tax Committee is considering the largest tax increase in the history of our Nation, we must have an open process.

Worse still, I understand that the majority has become fed up with the presence of the pesky minority, their colleagues in the committee. I am told that the majority has now started meeting alone to draft up this tax bill.

Did they not learn anything from the \$5 billion pork-filled stimulus bill?

The majority leadership has a big decision to make. They can work with us or against us. They can include us in the process or exclude us. The decision is theirs. We cannot force them to allow the press and the taxpaying public into the Ways and Means Committee hearings. We cannot even force them to allow the Republican members of the committee into the room as they consider the largest tax increase in history.

Fat, Mr. Speaker, we can tell the American people that so far this year it is business as usual and nothing has changed.

#### TRIBUTE TO RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

(Mr. FINGERHUT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FINGERHUT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to deliver a tribute to the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. While Rabbi Silver is best known as one of the chief architects of the State of Israel, he was also one of this country's great civil rights advocates and Jewish spiritual leaders. This week the rabbi's Cleveland synagogue, the Temple-Tifereth Israel Congregation, concludes a yearlong celebration of the centenary of his birth. The main branch of what is affectionately known as Silver's Temple is located in Congressman LOUIS STOKES' district, and a sister branch is located in my district, Ohio's 19th. While Congressman STOKES could not stand with me today, we

wanted to take a moment on the floor of the House of Representatives to recognize Rabbi Silver's work and note how it still ripples through America today.

Born in Lithuania in 1891, Abba Hillel Silver immigrated to America with his parents as a 3-year-old. Following in the footsteps of three successive generations of his family, he was ordained a rabbi in 1915. Two years later, he was installed at the Temple in Cleveland, which, under his 47-year leadership, grew to become one of the country's leading synagogues.

A tireless advocate for America's workers, he helped draft Ohio's first unemployment insurance law and advised President Herbert Hoover on the country's unemployment problems.

During the early years of Nazi power in Germany, while many American Jewish leaders declined to oppose Hitler, Silver helped organize anti-Nazi boycotts. His 1941 book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival," provided eloquent hope for a Jewish people facing persecution. As president of United Palestine Appeal and cochair of the United Jewish Appeal, Silver helped persuade Congress, President Harry Truman, the British Government, and the United Nations that: "Just as there is an England, a France, and a Germany, there must be a land of Israel in order that the status of the Jewish people might be normalized throughout the world." When the State of Israel was officially proclaimed on May 14, 1948, the victory was as much Silver's as it was David Ben-Gurion's or any other Zionist leader's.

While RABBI Silver influenced United States policy to Israel for years, in the Cleveland area we remember Rabbi Silver for his wisdom and spiritual guidance. A 1953 Life magazine profile said of Silver, "When he preaches, his words come out in organ tones." Years later, we can still hear the music of his words, and we can still feel the strength that they gave to so many.

#### THE CREATION OF JOBS UNDER NAFTA

Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to support President Clinton when he is right. Clearly, he is right when he says we need NAFTA because NAFTA will create American jobs.

Last week a group of us met with the U.S. Trade Representative and my fellow Angeleno, Mickey Kantor, who said that we need NAFTA because NAFTA will create a net gain of 400,000 American jobs, primarily in the small- and medium-sized business area.

I would like to be specific. Cal State Lumber Sales in San Ysidro, CA, the largest Hispanic-owned business in our State, increased their sales from \$14 million in 1982 to \$136 million in 1991,

with \$44 million in exports to Mexico. Mary Allen Acevedo, their director of international sales, says, and I quote:

Mexico has allowed us to remain competitive, and our U.S. employment has gone up 20 percent.

In Indianapolis, IN, the SanServe Corp. manufactures ice cream and slush machines. Exports to Mexico accounted for 1480,000 of business in 1991 and grew by 50 percent last year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we need NAFTA because it will create jobs here in the United States of America.

#### THE CREATION OF A DEFICIT REDUCTION TRUST FUND

Mr. SCHUMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, today I am circulating, along with my colleagues, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BROWDER), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS), the gentleman from California (Mr. HARMAN), and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. WICK), a letter to all of my colleagues on this side of the aisle to join us in asking for a deficit reduction trust fund.

The idea is very simple. In the reconciliation bill that comes before us, all new taxes, as well as entitlement cuts, should go into a trust fund that must go to deficit reduction. Any new spending must come out of old spending. In that way we can assure the American people that although, yes, we are raising taxes, the money is going to go to the purpose that we all want it to go for, and that is deficit reduction.

We all know this well. I believe in government. I believe that we have to increase spending and investments in other areas, but until we get a handle on the deficit, we are not going to be able to do the kind of spending that this country needs.

So, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to look at our letter and sign on to the deficit reduction trust fund. In that way we can assure the American people that President Clinton's goal of reducing the deficit will happen, and will happen with strict and tough enforcement mechanisms.

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#### ALL IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD

(Mr. RAVENEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RAVENEL. Mr. Speaker, you heard me a couple of times last week criticizing this House's actions in trying to retire a mentally challenged employee, Ms. Fifina, because she could not work a full day. Well, the story has a happy ending. Late last Friday I got word that the Speaker's Office had told Bob Wiley that Fifina would not be let go but kept on at her job and paid only for the hours she could work. So,

thanks to a lot of help from lots of good folks, an impending embarrassing wrong has been averted and all is right with the world, especially Fifina's.

#### CONTINUE MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTING

(Mr. KOPETSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KOPETSKI. Mr. Speaker, May 18 is a historic day. Assuming the Clinton administration does not submit its report to Congress outlining its plan for obtaining a comprehensive test ban in the community of nations by this date—and it is my understanding they will not submit such a report by this date—then America will reach a remarkable milestone.

That milestone is the reality that for the first time since 1944—a period of 39 years—this Nation will not have detonated a nuclear bomb in a full calendar year. Because of various reporting requirements in current law it will be impossible to test a nuclear bomb in calendar year 1983 unless the report is filed by May 18.

What a historic occasion. For the first time in 39 years this Nation will go for a full calendar year without detonating a nuclear bomb. No nuclear explosions for 1 year.

The question thirskales for President Clinton, therefore, is will he become known in history as the President who resumes this Nation's dance with death and start detonating nuclear bombs again?

Will President Clinton flip the switch and detonate nuclear bombs? What will history say about this flick of the switch?

I trust the President will give this decision the utmost consideration. This is without question one of the most important decisions he will make as President.

Were he to flip the switch, the chain reaction he would begin is not limited to the nuclear chain reaction that unleashes the single most powerful destructive force created by mankind. He will also set off another nuclear chain reaction. Other nations—France could detonate nuclear bombs again—Russia could again demonstrate its nuclear prowess. The President's flip of the switch could give the green light to China to detonate another nuclear bomb. What will Pakistan, India, and other nations with a nuclear capability do?

Today, this calendar year, we have a world pause in the detonation of nuclear bombs. Will President Clinton break the pause or will he turn the pause into a policy of cessation?

What a grand, peaceful opportunity for our new President. By not acting by not flipping the switch he can make history. By not flipping the switch he will make peace, make the world so much safer. He will restore



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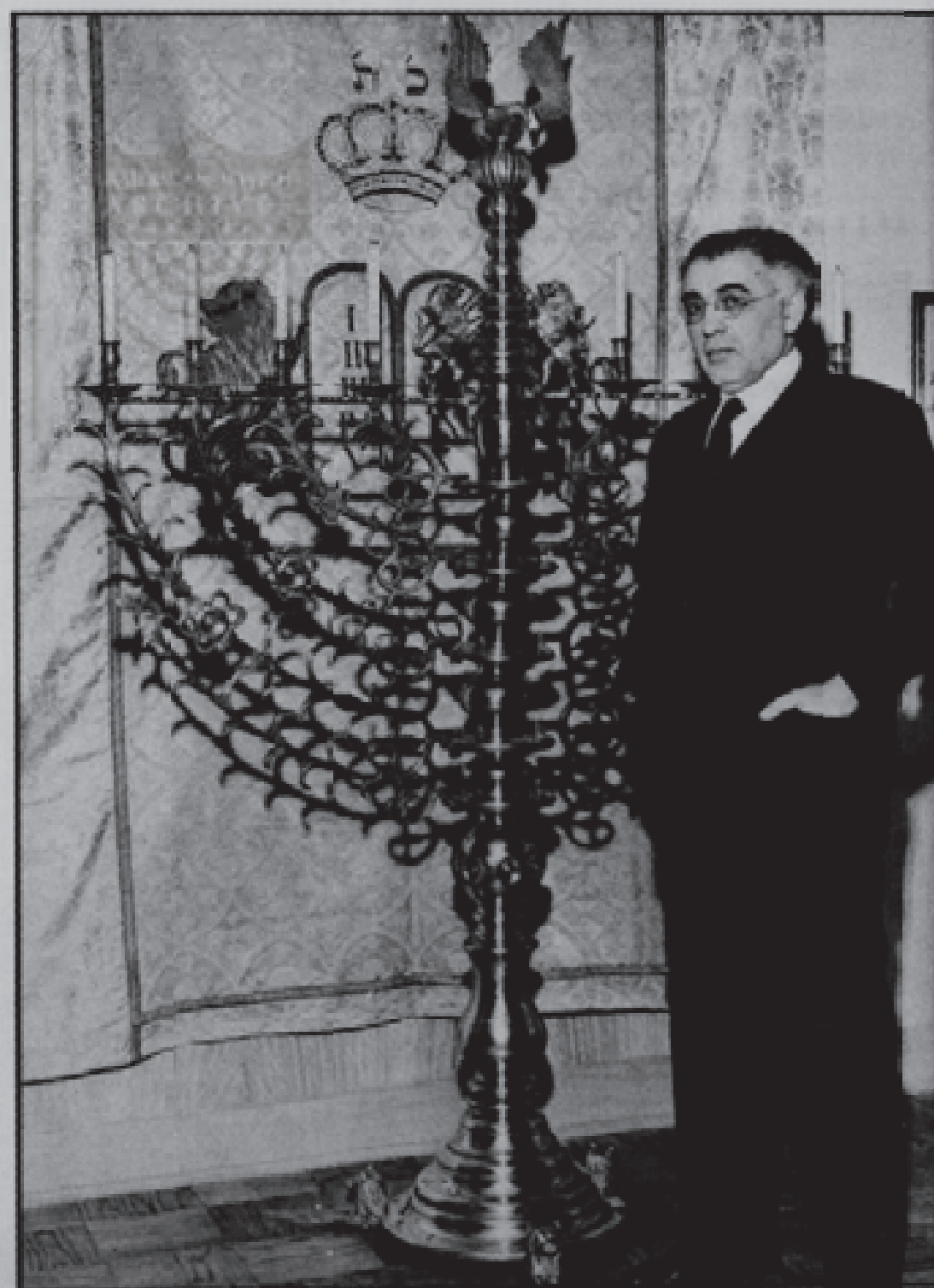
## Temple Hanukiyah on Display at The Cleveland Play House

The Temple-Tifereth Israel is pleased to announce that our 19th century brass Hanukiyah is on display in the art loggia of The Cleveland Play House through the festival of Hanukah, December 19-27, 1992.

The Hanukiyah, of Polish origin, was presented to The Temple in 1950 by Mr. and Mrs. Hyman J. Alperin in memory of their mother, Fanny Spero, in time for display at the dedication of The Temple Museum. The Hanukiyah is noteworthy because of its size, standing 6 1/2 feet tall with arms spanning 4 1/2 feet which hold eight candles and their drip pans. The Hanukiyah, topped by a large eagle whose wings extend upwards dramatically, is a decorative piece worthy of gracing a synagogue. Two lions flank the main column, three reclining lions pose at the base and beautifully fashioned scroll work with rosettes adorn the entire structure. It is curious that there is no attached shamus.

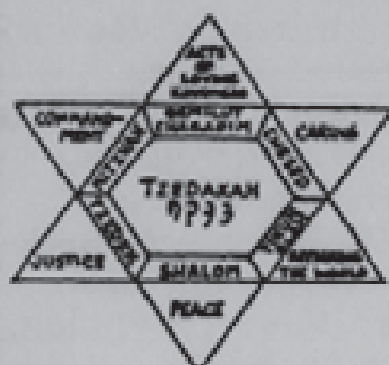
This menorah has become a favorite of the Greater Cleveland community. In 1988, it was loaned to the Children's Museum, in 1990, it stood as one of the major items at the Sacred Landmarks exhibition in the Art Gallery of Cleveland State University and this year, it is proudly being displayed at The Cleveland Play House. The Temple is pleased to share this rare and handsome Hanukiyah with all of the Cleveland community in a spirit of fellowship and enrichment.

Claudia Z. Fechter  
Director of Temple Museum



This photograph of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver standing next to our Hanukiyah was taken by the Plain Dealer announcing the opening of The Temple Museum of Religious Art in 1950.

## Temple Young Associates



## Tzedakah Fair Sunday, January 24

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Temple Branch

Admission Cost: \$10. per family  
(All proceeds will be donated to the needy.)

Please save gently used:

Clothing for all ages  
Coats and winter clothing accessories  
Toiletries and personal care items (sample sizes only)  
Books, records, cassette tapes

Tzedakah Fair activities include crafts and cards to send to hospital patients, and packaging food and other items donated for the homeless.

### FAMILY CONTEST!

Design and make your own family Tzedakah box. Boxes will be judged at the Tzedakah Fair and prizes will be awarded.

Questions Call Co-Chairpersons: Margo Chaitoff at 382-5089 or  
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## Temple Family Simchas

*Mazal Tov to...*

Marjorie Brock, Lottie Cone, Albert C. Eisenberg, Gladys Fine, Judge Adrian B. Fink, Esther Givelber, Maurice L. Goldstein, Ruth Griff, Evelyn Hoffman, Samuel S. Kates, Frank K. Levin and Robert L. Zupnik on the occasion of their special birthdays.

Betsy Frauenthal and David Kirshner, parents of Benjamin Scott, born November 3, 1992. Grandparents are Temple members Marsha and Lewis Frauenthal.

## The Temple Celebrates Jewish Book Month

Jewish Book Month is promoted by The Temple's staff through the formal reviewing and circulation of the newest books of Jewish importance. This year's outstanding selections include:

*The Holocaust Lady*

Ruth Sender

A remembrance of the Holocaust.  
(Ages 9 and up)

*Jeremy's Dreidel*

Ellie Gellman

Jeremy makes a special Braille dreidel  
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*Riches*

Esther Hautzig

Set in Eastern Europe, a Jewish couple seeks ways to spend their retirement.  
(Ages 7-11)

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Eric Kimmel

Eight tales for Hanukah.  
(Ages 6-11)

*The Sabbath Lion*

Howard Schwartz and Barbara Fush

A Sephardic Fairy Tale.  
(Ages 7-10)

*Malkeh and Her Children*

Marjorie Edelson

*Understanding the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Hershel Shanks, ed.

*The Jews of Germany*

Ruth Gay

*The Jews. A Treasury of Art & Literature*  
Sharon Keller, ed.

## TRS Students Build Noah's Ark



(left-right) Kindergarten students Samantha Synenberg, Danielle Saks and Amanda Berman visit Noah's Ark, built by third grade students in Iree Reich's class. Toys collected from our students were distributed to Jewish children who suffered Hurricane Andrew.



## "With Unshakeable Trust In The Victory Of Truth. . . ."

This excerpt inaugurates our year long celebration of the life and legacy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver during the centenary year of his birth. As part of the observance of the centenary year, Temple Bulletin issues throughout 1993 will contain a brief excerpt from his writings, sermons or speeches. A Temple committee, chaired by Sis Gottlieb, and composed of a number of Temple members, has been formed to select the various excerpts which will be featured.

The following excerpt is taken from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's historic address before the General Assembly of the United Nations on May 8, 1947 announcing the proclamation of Israel's independence:

*I hope, Mr Chairman, that I have not abused your patience and the patience of the Representatives of the United Nations here assembled. Permit me to conclude with this observation: The Jewish people places great hope upon the outcome of the deliberations of this great body. It has faith in its collective sense of justice and fairness, and in the high ideals which inspire it. We are an ancient people and though we have often, on the long hard road which we have travelled, been disillusioned, we have never been disheartened. We have never lost faith in the sovereignty and the ultimate triumph of great moral principles. In these last tragic years*



*when the whole household of Israel became one great hostelry of pain, we could not have built what we did build had we not preserved our unshakeable trust in the victory of truth. It is in that strong faith and hope that we wish to cooperate with you in this task which you have undertaken.*

*Editor's note:* Rabbi Silver's entire address is available in print at both Temple libraries.

## Abba Hillel Silver Books Available

A limited number of copies of the books written by and about Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver are still available for sale at the Temple Women's Association Gift Shop at the Branch and through The Main Temple's Museum. These books are classic treasures for your own libraries and to give as gifts.

*Where Judaism Differed*

Abba Hillel Silver

(Text to be used in the Adult Education series at The Temple this winter)

\$10.00

*Therefore Choose Life*

Abba Hillel Silver

(Selected sermons and addresses Vol. I)

\$20.00

*A Word in Its Season*

Abba Hillel Silver

(Selected sermons and addresses Vol. II)

\$20.00

*In Time of Harvest*

(Essays in honor of Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his 70th birthday)

\$10.00 (boxed)

*The World Crisis and Jewish Survival*

Abba Hillel Silver

(A group of essays)

\$7.50

A full set of these books can be purchased for \$50.00 and includes a copy of the record "What is Judaism?"

There are also a set of pamphlets available on request.

Rabbi Kamin (cont. from page eight)

honoring the White House, but lobbying hard for fairness and equality in the more basic pockets of American power – the school boards, the city councils, the state legislatures. Already, I have heard the thinly disguised clamoring on the public air waves for the renewal of Christmas symbols in city schools. "Come on, folks. Santa Claus and Christmas trees are secular symbols," whined a popular drive-time talk show host on Cleveland's WWWE Radio two days before Thanksgiving even had arrived with its unofficial watershed for the increasingly testy holiday season. Why should such a

local deejay have any compunction about speaking out this way, when the Governor of Mississippi just asserted that

*. . . can we Jews really afford to let our guard down – just because a folksy young man from Arkansas scored a brilliant triumph at the top?*

America is a Christian country, and not even a Judaco-Christian land?

Meanwhile, with the frightening re-emergence of pure Nazism in Germany, the dangerous unlocking of internecine

hatreds in the Balkans, and a generally unstable world economy, can we Jews really afford to let our guard down – just because a folksy young man from Arkansas scored a brilliant triumph at the top? He is quite likeable, and many of us supported him because he appears to be genuinely unbigoted, evidently warm-hearted. But, seriously, what does he know of our pain, our fears and concerns? We wish him well, and we have reasons to allow him our trust and goodwill. But when the rest of this fickle civilization sits aglow with itself, let us shake ourselves, rub our eyes, and not be blinded by the light. ■

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## Mazal Tov To Our Bat Mitzvah



Sarah Hibshman, daughter of Elaine and John Hibshman.  
Bat Mitzvah January 9, 1993.

## Temple Family Simchas

### Mazal Tov to...

Rita Bergman, Clare Bookhalter, Shirley Dickerson, Sydney N. Galvin, Dorothy Gans, Frederick D. Rivchun, and Pearl Rolf on the occasion of their special birthdays.



*Karsh*

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, called the "first citizen of Cleveland" by author John Gunther in his book, *Inside U.S.A.*, served with great distinction as spiritual leader of the Temple - Tifereth Israel from 1917 until his death in 1963.

Born on January 28, 1893 in Lithuania, the son of Rabbi Moses Silver and Dinah Silver, Abba Hillel Silver was a man of strength, spirit and stature whose words and presence influenced world opinion. As leader of one of America's largest Reform congregations he embodied an extraordinary blend of ancient Jewish wisdom and modern concerns. As fearless political activist and brilliant orator, Rabbi Silver championed economic justice, human rights, freedom and brotherhood, international reconciliation and peace.

Rabbi Silver was educated at the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College. He was ordained in 1915 and two-years later became rabbi of The Temple - Tifereth Israel, where he served for almost a half-century. He also served the American-Jewish community as head of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Zionist Organization of America and the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

One of the early organizers of the anti-Nazi boycott, Rabbi Silver became chairman of the United Palestine Appeal in 1939 and later was co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. In 1947 he led the American Zionist delegation representing American Jewry at the United Nations General Assembly and presented the case there for the establishment of the State of Israel. He is credited with contributing more than any other American Jew to the establishment of the Jewish state.

In recognition of his work, many Israeli streets, villages and schools were named in his honor and the city of Tel Aviv granted him honorary citizenship.

During his lifetime Rabbi Silver received honorary degrees and awards from many American universities and organizations. His sermons drew thousands to The Temple for weekly services. Rabbi Silver published several volumes on history and religion, including *Moses and the Original Torah; Where Judaism Differed;* and *Therefore Choose Life.*

Called the preeminent American rabbi for four decades until his death, Rabbi Silver is remembered with great affection, admiration and respect by Jews and non-Jews alike. Happily, his memory and work live on at Tifereth Israel - in the Silver Park, the Silver Sanctuary and the Abba Hillel Silver Archives.





Israeli Statesman and diplomat, **Abba Eban** was born in Cape Town in 1915. He specialized in Oriental studies at Cambridge University and became well known as a debater in the Zionist youth movement and the League of Nations Union.

Fluent in seven languages including Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Yiddish, Mr. Eban served as a Cambridge lecturer in Arabic and Oriental studies.

He rose to the rank of major in the British infantry during World War II, serving in Cairo and Jerusalem as liason officer between Allied military headquarters and the Jewish Agency. His work involved stimulating the Jewish war effort, organizing Jewish guerilla troops against the threatened Axis invasion of Palestine from Africa and recruiting volunteers for dangerous missions in Europe and the Middle East.

In 1946, at Chaim Weizmann's urging, Eban joined the Political Department of the Jewish Agency where he dealt primarily with matters affecting Jewish-Arab relations. In 1947 he became the Agency's liason officer with the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) and, as a member of the Jewish delegation, presented the Jewish case at the Palestine debates before the UN General Assembly.

Abba Eban also represented Israel before the Security Council in efforts to secure international intervention to stop Arab attacks and obtain a truce. He later argued for Israel's admission to the United Nations and served as its chief delegate to that international body from 1949 to 1959.

From 1950 to 1959 Mr. Eban was Israel's Ambassador to the United States. In 1959 he was elected to the Knesset and became a minister without portfolio. He was named Minister of Education and Culture in 1960, Deputy Prime Minister in 1963 and Foreign Minister in 1966. In this capacity Mr. Eban sought to consolidate Israel-U.S. relations and to secure association with the European Economic Community.

Following the Six-day War of 1967 Mr. Eban argued Israel's case before the UN Security Council and General Assembly against the Arab countries and their Communist supporters. His speeches, heard throughout the world, earned him the reputation as one of the UN's finest orators.

Comfortable in four different milieus - Israel, the United States, Britain and the Arab world - Abba Eban is today a sought-after speaker and the author of many books, including his newest, *Personal Witness: Israel through my Eyes*. He also is the narrator of the PBS recently-aired TV series on Israel.

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**ABBA EBAN:** "It is better to find a peaceful settlement at the negotiating table than to attempt to settle differences on the battlefield."

# Peace possible, Israeli say

By **DARRELL HOLLAND**  
PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

## CLEVELAND

The prospects for peace between Palestinians and Israel are brighter than ever because the two factions seek peace through negotiations, an elder statesman of Israeli politics said here yesterday.

But Abba Eban, who became Israeli ambassador to the United Nations and the United States in 1948, when statehood for Israel was granted by a U.N. vote, said there would never be peace as long as Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are governed by Israeli occupying forces.

Eban, 77, was in Cleveland to speak to a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver at the Temple near University Circle, a congregation Silver served for 47 years prior to his death in 1963.

In an interview before his speech, Eban said Silver, more than any other American, was the driving force that won approval for the modern state of Israel.

Silver was the head of the Ameri-

can Zionist movement and more influential than any other Zionist because of the importance of the United States, Eban said, and also because of his scholarship and his great oratory skills.

"I succeeded him as the chief spokesman for Israel at the United Nations on May 15th, 1948, after Israel was recognized," he said. "He told me that after two years of work on behalf of Israel, he was returning to Cleveland to continue his work there."

Eban, then a citizen of Britain, where he was raised, opted to become an Israeli citizen and was the first to hold important assignments abroad in the new nation's foreign service.

He now works mostly as a commentator for television programs, especially on Israel, but before he retired from Israeli politics in 1989, he had been minister of foreign affairs, deputy prime minister and a leader in the Labor Party.

Eban paid homage to Silver in his remarks in the Temple's main sanctuary, after a dinner to raise money for the Abba Hillel Silver

Archives of the Temple.

Speaking on the prospects for peace in the Middle East in the interview, Eban praised the efforts of the United States, under former President Bush and now under President Clinton, in bringing Israel and some of her Arab neighbors to peace negotiations.

"It will be a slow process," Eban said, "but I believe negotiations will be successful and that peace will be achieved."

He compared Israel's occupation and rule over Palestinians to the Colonial era and said colonialism had been rejected.

"Colonialism does not work any more," he said.

An interim peace agreement may be achieved between Israel and the Palestinians that would open the door for Palestinians to have autonomy, or self-government, in a confederation with Jordan as the first step toward a permanent settlement, Eban said.

The Arab nations, he said, "have accepted the fact that Israel is not destructible after five unsuccessful wars to destroy Israel."

And Eban added, "It is better to find a peaceful settlement at the negotiating table than to attempt to settle differences on the battlefield."

He said Israelis have a mistrust of Arabs because of numerous wars and attacks, while Palestinians are mistrustful of Israelis because their territory is occupied by Israel and they have no vote or control over their own lives.

Eban cautioned it is the United States that must keep the peace talks, no matter how slow the process seems.

He said he believes that if a peace agreement is signed 15 years after Israel's recognition, would have been the current effort to achieve peace through a negotiation.

As for the slowness of the process, Eban said Silver would not have had solutions to disputes that have deep roots in history between Jews and Arabs.

# Temple to mark Silver centennial

By DARRELL HOLLAND  
PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

## CLEVELAND

Sophia Thorman remembers the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver every time she enters her apartment door.

Rabbi Silver brought her back a gift from Israel, she said, of a sterling silver mezuzah, an ornament Jews place on their doorposts to affirm the oneness of God.

Thorman, 98, said the mezuzah is still attached to the entrance of her apartment in Shaker Heights, following the custom of her people.

Because of her fond memories of Silver, Thorman said she hopes she can attend a dinner and lecture Sunday to honor the rabbi at the Temple's social hall, E. 145th St. and Silver Park.

Her husband, Harold, was a descendant of one of the first Jewish settlers in Cleveland more than 150 years ago, she said, and she has been a member of the Temple since 1921, four years after Silver arrived there.

"Rabbi Silver was a very nice person and a brilliant man, and I had great respect for him. He did a lot for the Jewish people, as well as others," she said in an interview.

"I even remember when he used to bowl me out because I played bridge instead of attending meetings of the Temple Sisterhood," Thorman added.

The 100th anniversary of Silver's birth and his 47 years as the spiritual leader of the Temple-Tifereth Israel, before his death in 1963, will be observed at a benefit dinner for the Abba Hillel Silver Archives of the Temple at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

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# Silver

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And at 8 p.m., the celebration will continue in the Temple's sanctuary, which is named in honor of the elder Silver and his son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, who led the congregation from 1963 until his death in 1989.

Abba Eban, Israel's first ambassador to the United States, will be the main speaker. Eban also was a friend of the elder Silver's, and both have been honored for their oratory.

Silver used his skills as a leader in the establishment of the modern state of Israel and to help gain United Nations recognition of Israel in 1948.

David N. Myers, 92, a Cleveland businessman and another Temple member who was a good friend of Silver's, remembers when the rabbi made his famous and important speech on behalf of Israel at the United Nations in 1947.

"He was among the world's greatest orators. I went to New York hoping to attend Rabbi Silver's speech before the United Nations in person but could not get in. I had to listen to it on radio in my hotel room. He went before the United Nations without any expectations that Israel would be recognized, but his strong speech turned the tide and they voted to admit Israel."

That speech, added Myers, "was given on behalf of the freedom and peace of people, both in Israel and in other nations."

One of Silver's rabbinical associates, Rabbi Melborne E. Harris, worked at the Temple from 1935 to 1944, when he moved to Toledo, where he has been a businessman and volunteer in synagogues.

"Rabbi Silver was one of the great orators of his generation," said Harris, 89. Harris also said Silver was a great scholar and author, a major force in the development of the social consciousness of Cleveland and



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## RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER:

The spiritual leader of the Temple from 1917 to 1963 will be honored at a banquet Sunday on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

the nation, a courageous champion of economic justice and the rights and freedom of all human beings and a great promoter of human brotherhood, international reconciliation and peace.

Further, said Harris, "Silver was a strong spiritual leader. His sermons at Temple services often attracted 2,000 people on Sunday morning. "He was a preacher par excellence and could lift an audience to heights of exaltation."

In personal appearance, Harris described Silver as "a big, warm and friendly man with large shoulders and a large head, and flowing head of hair — very impressive physically."

He also often seemed to be austere and stately, Harris said. "Children at the Temple Sunday school looked at him almost like a god. He was so impressive."

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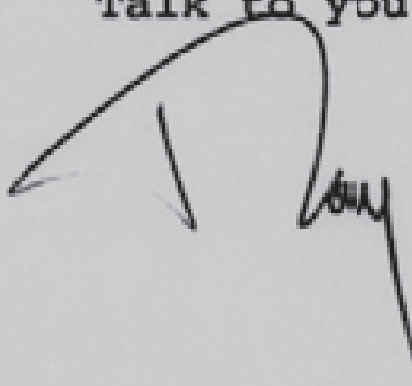
Dear Del:

I am enclosing some copies of my remarks at Dad's Centennial.

We missed you in New York yesterday. We saw most of the evening's performance (from the balcony) but got tired toward the end and left when the Russian tenor came on to sing Yiddish ballads.

Some of the performances were quite lovely but, as always, the operative word for theatrical talent is "inexhaustible".

Talk to you soon.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. Silver', with a large, sweeping flourish that extends upwards and to the left.



## Golden memories of Silver moments

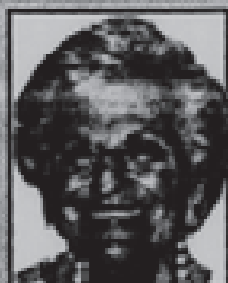
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### Eloquence and elegance...

Last Sunday's celebration of the life and legacy of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, held at The Temple-Tifereth Israel, University Circle at Silver Park, was an extraordinary happening that inspired and exalted everyone. It could be no less than an evening of eloquence and elegance to honor the occasion of the centenary year of the towering giant of Judaism, gifted orator, brilliant scholar and rabbi and respected world leader, whose imprint of excellence and abiding influence is still felt today.

It was wall-to-wall people at the gala reception in the foyer and at the lavish gourmet dinner for 370 people in the social hall, where "stories out of shul" and treasured anecdotes flowed like mellow wine in lively conversations.

Longtime temple activist and lifetime trustee Ernie Siegler and lifetime trustee Jim Reich, chairman of the centenary committee, greeted everyone as if it were their own special bar mitzva celebrations. Clare Shaw, an honorary lifetime trustee and co-chairperson of the event with Karen Krause, felt much the same way. She was on a high all evening. Gracious Adele Silver socialized with everyone, while her son, Michael, proudly showed photos of his 6-month-old son, saying, "There is now another Daniel Silver." It seemed like the good old days when some 1,900 people, including civic and religious dignitaries and community leaders, poured into the magnificent, awe-inspiring Silver Sanctuary to hear the various speakers. The life and singular accomplishments of Rabbi Silver unfolded in the spiritually moving invocation of Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, the lofty words of Cong. Eric Fingerhut, and the overflowing memories recounted with wit, warmth and affection by remarkable 90-year-old Rabbi Melbourne Harris of Toledo, associate rabbi at The Temple from 1935-44. There was an impressive



The centenary year of the towering giant of Judaism.

address by the renowned Ambassador Abba Eban, enhanced with his poetic rhetoric and keen insights, but sadly lacking his once golden-voiced delivery. The eloquence and heartbeat of the evening, however, clearly belonged to Raphael Silver, who spoke feelingly about his late father. With an incredible resemblance to his father and to his brother, the late Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, Raphael vividly described his growing-up years with a father he both feared and loved. He spoke of his father as a complex and driven individual who was always on the move and who lived for many years "in the cauldron of history on the world stage." Raphael's recollections of Friday evenings at home, where Shabbat was traditionally observed, followed by Hebrew lessons from his strict disciplinarian father, were a gem. He also portrayed another side of his father, a proud man who enjoyed life, loved a good fight, loved to eat, loved to laugh and adored his wife. It was a most revealing and riveting personal portrait of the great Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. And there wasn't a dry eye in the house!

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### Mystery Solved!

Former CJN president and communal activist Vic Gelb, as well as contributing editor Bernice Green, identified the "mystery" man (in the middle) in the Abba Eban and Abba Hillel Silver picture in the CJN cover story, "Abba Hillel Silver: the man behind the legend" (CJN, May 14). He is Jacques Torczyner of the World Zionist Organization (American section).

### A special exception

This is regarding reminiscences about Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

I was confirmed in 1939 and continued on through the high school department of The Temple.

When Rabbi Silver was our confirmation teacher, he preached to us that all "isms" were bad. (He was referring to communism, fascism, socialism, etc.) One of the bright students in the class, Paul Klein, asked him about Judaism. He replied, "That's the exception."

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## Abba Hillel SILVER

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# Abba Hillel Silver: man behind the legend

*History, as well as people who knew him well, reflect on what the world-famous rabbi really was like.*

LEE GOLDMAN Freelance Writer

One hundred years have passed since the birth of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in Lithuania, and almost 30 years have passed since his death. Yet the influence of this tall, wide-shouldered religious leader with the dark, piercing eyes and powerful voice is still present — in the texts of his sermons and books; in his work on behalf of Reform Judaism and Israel; in the cherished memories of his family, friends and congregants; in his prophecy about Israel. On November 23, 1947, after the United Nations voted to create an independent Jewish state, Rabbi Silver predicted that "days, months, even years of a desperate struggle (lie) ahead."

History records Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as a man of towering stature, superior intellect and firm resolve. His legendary skills at oratory, which he developed from his youth, drew thousands of Jews and non-Jews alike to his pulpit at The Temple-Tifereth Israel. They came to his synagogue to be stirred by his timely message, dramatic style and depths of knowledge. They rarely left disappointed.

Fired by a fervent commitment to Reform Judaism, Abba Hillel Silver was the quintessential rabbi and teacher. But another fire burned deep within him which he carefully stoked from childhood and passed on to others: Zionism, the idea that the Jewish people had an inalienable right to their own homeland.

His lifelong zeal for Zionism, his core faith in Ju-



Abba Hillel Silver's oratorical skills were legendary. "When he spoke, the world listened," declared David Ben-Gurion.

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daism, and his way with words quickly propelled Rabbi Silver into a Jewish leadership role that required him to crisscross continents and bridge antagonisms. He worked tirelessly for years to build the momentum that carried him, as head of the American Section of the Jewish Agency (then the governmental body representing the Jews in Palestine) into the United Nations General Assembly.

There, on May 8, 1947, Rabbi Silver presented the case for Jewish statehood. Six months later, the world learned how well the words of this renowned, often controversial religious leader had turned the tide of international opposition. In November, by a vote of 33-13, the General Assembly voted for the establishment of the country we now call Israel.

Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Silver's closest associate in the political leadership of U.S. Zionism, wrote of those memorable moments, "One by one we left the (UN) hall and drifted into the lobby ... I glanced at Silver and saw what I had never seen before — he wept."

Could this weeping man be the same individual who had so fearlessly lobbied American presidents, Cabinet secretaries, congressional leaders, United Nations delegates? The one who had defied popular opinion — including Jewish opinion — by stating openly that Franklin Delano Roosevelt had done nothing significant for the Jewish people? Who in the '20s had resigned from the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce to protest its open-shop policies? Could this man, who seemed to inspire fear and awe, who so cherished his privacy, now shed tears in public?

Despite his "larger-than-life" persona, Abba Hillel Silver's tears would not have surprised those who traveled with him on this great adventure. During his 46 years as The Temple's spiritual leader, many came to know Abba Hillel as warm, generous and caring; a man who put his love of family and sense of service to his congregation ahead of the pull of politics.

He was, to many, a giant of a man who could laugh uproariously at a Yiddish joke, play gin rummy with abandon, eat potato latkes with gusto or, with jacket flapping, chase his toddler grandchild at a Temple picnic.

Mention Abba Hillel Silver to Gerie and Bernie Abrahams and their eyes instantly mist. Seconds later, though, they begin to talk about their beloved daughter Wendy, who was only 5-1/2 years old when she died suddenly.

It was Thursday, the Abrahamses recall, Rabbi



Above, political allies Abba Eban (left) and Rabbi Silver at a meeting in the 1940s. (Man in the middle is not known.) At right, Virginia and Abba Silver attend dedication ceremonies at Kfar Silver, the Israeli school named in the rabbi's honor.

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## COVER



Photo, taken at UN on May 8, 1947, shows Rabbi Silver (third from right) stating demands of Jewish people for a national homeland. Seated to Rabbi Silver's right is Andrei Gromyko. Behind them (L-R) are Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Golda Meir and Moshe Sharrit.

Silver's night to attend the Cleveland Orchestra concert. "He loved the music," Bernie Abrahams explains. But Rabbi Silver spent the evening with them, instead, and they still remember his consoling presence and comforting words.

"I'll never forget what he told us when we asked him how a beautiful child like our Wendy could be taken from us," Abrahams says. "If you look at the word LIFE," Rabbi Silver began, "you'll see it has the word IF in it. It reminds us that everything is 'if'; nothing is sure in life."

Gerrie Abrahams also recalls how Abba Hillel Silver wept as he officiated at their daughter's funeral service. "There was no one like him," she says softly.

Rabbi Silver's biographer, Marc Lee Raphael, notes that while he restricted his hospital visits to only his most desperately ill congregants, the rabbi received hundreds of thank-you notes from Temple families. They emphasized Rabbi Silver's "patience, compassion and gentleness," Raphael writes.

They are a far cry from the traits associated with Abba Hillel Silver by some of the world's most powerful leaders — including Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, David Ben-Gurion and Chaim Weizmann — who came into conflict with some of his views and methods. "Different people found him arrogant, overbearing, domineering, egotistical, contemptuous," Raphael charges.

Ben-Gurion and Weizmann later mended the fences separating them from Rabbi Silver and a few months before his death, Ben-Gurion called him "the greatest and most courageous Zionist fighter."

Adele Silver, who was married to his older son, Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver (who died in 1989), found her father-in-law to be wonderfully courteous. No matter how busy he was, "he was always willing to take about (subjects) you wanted to discuss, always willing to answer your questions," she recalls.

Furthermore, "it would never enter his mind to interfere," she says. He made just two requests of her when she first joined the Silver family. "They were made through Daniel because he was such a courteous man," she confides.

The first request was "that I should always be on time — as a Southerner I had to learn that — and (the second) that I not serve shellfish in my home."

His death at 70, she adds, "was a great loss to all of us. We really felt that very keenly. He would have been a spectacular grandfather," she exclaims. At the time of his death, her older son, Jonathan, was only 6.

She also feels that Abba Hillel Silver would have looked forward to teaching his grandchildren Hebrew the same way he taught his sons when they were young.

The rabbi's fluency in Hebrew began before he was 5 when his father, Rabbi Moses Silver, first tutored him. The young Abraham — he changed his name to Abba

when he was 20 — soon had a command of spoken Hebrew, as well as a legendary sensitivity to Zionism.

The rabbi passed along his love of Hebrew not only to sons Daniel and Raphael, but to Temple members as well. By 1928, 11 years after becoming the rabbi at Tifereth Israel — the largest Reform congregation in America — every student there was required to learn Hebrew.

Few orators have come close to matching Rabbi Silver's skill at holding and informing an audience. "Silver dazzled with his style, but informed with his content," is the way Marc Lee Raphael explains it. From his first public political talk, a patriotic address "for Jewish boys" on August 17, 1917, at Euclid Beach, to the Sunday sermon about John F. Kennedy he never delivered (he suffered a fatal heart attack on Thanksgiving Day 1963), Rabbi Silver was always eloquent, concise and prepared.

His preparation for an address, whether presented in Flushing, N.Y., or Cleveland, Ohio, was always meticulous. "His subject was well-researched,

### His legendary skills at oratory, developed from his youth, drew thousands to his pulpit.

qualified and illustrated — all that goes into being a good communicator," explains Dr. Frances Wolpaw, whose doctoral thesis in communications focused on Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's ideas and his ability to communicate them.

His was the "vigorous voice needed to muster public opinion behind the demand of establishing a Jewish state," Wolpaw says. He knew, she adds, that "he had to be understood and the way to do that was to make his presentations very clear. There could be no mistaking his purpose."

As for his being "distant and cool," as some of his congregants called him, Wolpaw herself enjoyed a vivid demonstration of Silver affection. Once, when she entered the Oakwood Club, where they were both members, Rabbi Silver scooped her up, lifting her "almost to the ceiling," by way of greeting. "Everyone around was amazed he was that demonstrative," she recalls.

Journalist Bea Stadtler writes about the time Rabbi Silver asked her to help with the manuscript of his book, *Where Judaism Differed*. "He sat at an enormous desk and I sat in an armchair too large for me, my feet dangling," she recalls.

"Well, what do you think?" he asked.

"Well ... it's all right, but the first sentence is too long," she replied.



Rabbi Silver met often with key U.S. leaders (top to bottom): President Harry S. Truman (left) and Dr. Emanuel Neumann of the Jewish Agency; Vice President Alben W. Barkley (left) and Ohio Senator Robert Taft; President Dwight D. Eisenhower; President John F. Kennedy.

"Too long!" he exclaimed, and began reading his text aloud.

In an admittedly small voice, Stadtler answered, "When you read it, it doesn't sound so long."

He laughed, she remembers, and "went on to other things. But later he did shorten the first sentence."

Awe seems to be the word most people use when they recall Abba Hillel Silver. Many children (half-seriously) thought of him as God, perhaps because of his height, the dramatic ways he used his large hands, and his booming voice.

Clementine ("Clemmy") Reitman admits she was always in awe of Rabbi Silver, even though he often visited her home socially because her parents, Sylvester and Erna Flesheim, and the Silvers were good friends.

"He seemed like such a giant of a person in every way," she says. **See Silver / 16**



# Abba Hillel: 'More than a dad or a rabbi'

*Raphael Silver reflects on his famous father.*

**R**aphael "Ray" Silver, the second child of Rabbi Abba Hillel and Virginia Silver, was born 22 months after his brother, Daniel. Unlike his grandfather, father or brother, he chose a career in business instead of the rabbinate.

Today Ray Silver is a New York real-estate developer and film producer. His wife is celebrated film director Joan Micklin Silver, who directed "Hester Street."

Reflecting on his growing-up years, Silver declares, "Summers were great." Summertime was when the Silver family would leave Cleveland and head for a cottage

**As a father, Abba Hillel was warm and loving, says his son.**

by a lake in Maine, or they'd cruise to Europe. Then they could all relax, "especially Dad," who could now devote himself fully to his family.

Silver admits that he was almost a teenager before he began to realize that his father was famous, "more than a dad or rabbi," he says. It was when he understood that his father actually "played a pretty significant role beyond Cleveland" that he became interested in Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's work.

Yes, it was exciting, he acknowledges, to accompany his father when he spoke before tens of thousands of people at political rallies. "Those are moments when you see your father as something different," he confides.

But those exciting times are matched, he says, by the simple ones, like the many hours he sat with his father watching ball games. "I really cherish them," he remarks.

As a father, Abba Hillel was warm and loving, says his son. "Dad enjoyed his kids and their foibles, and our family. He also had a great sense of humor."

Mediocrity was not a trait he would tolerate, Ray Silver remembers. He wanted simply that his children "do their best. My father wanted people to set their own goals or desires for themselves."

When Silver told his father that he was going to study business at Harvard and not become a rabbi, "He didn't understand (the decision) but he said it was fine

with him." His father also never pressured him to change his mind, he says.

The boys' mother, Virginia, provided the balance for Abba's rigorous schedule, according to Silver. "She calmed him down when he got too wound up and maintained an ordinary family life," he says. Home was a place where Abba Hillel Silver "loosened his tie and talked."

Silver believes his father "had very specific, lifelong goals and he would not be deflected from them because they might be unpopular or difficult to achieve." Despite external conflicts with associates - Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, for one - who might cave in under pressure, Silver remembers his father "always stayed focused on his ultimate goal - the need for a Jewish state."

Rabbi Silver "was not a compromiser," he says. He

was "an extraordinarily independent person, a lone wolf."

Often the rabbi played a political waiting game. "If he couldn't keep his associates focused, he would withdraw for a period of time until they came to him again for guidance. 'We need you,' they'd say, and he'd reply, 'These are the things we need to get.'"

What does Ray Silver believe were his father's greatest gifts? "Dad was more than a religious person who wrote books and preached about ethics," he replies. "He was one of the truly great orators. He had a phenomenal capacity to move people with his thoughts, founded on his belief in Judaism. That was the base upon which his Zionism grew."

If he hadn't been a rabbi, says his son, Abba Hillel Silver would have made a "brilliant trial lawyer."

-- L.G.



Abba Hillel and Virginia Silver are accompanied by their handsome young sons, Daniel (left) and Raphael at a social event.

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way," she says. "I was scared to death to be in his company."

Still, Reitman remembers the rabbi fondly. He even tutored her personally in his home study after she failed her confirmation test!

Veteran Jewish leader and philanthropist David N. Myers, his friend for almost 40 years, was "captivated" by the rabbi, he says. "Everything (he) said was gospel to me. I would do anything he commanded - even jump off a roof," he says, grinning.

James Reich, who served as president of The Temple after Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver succeeded his father as its religious leader, realizes today that when Reich was a young Temple student, Abba Hillel Silver didn't even know his name. But it didn't matter, Reich maintains. "It was Abba Hillel Silver who defined Judaism for me. I remember him as a great teacher, but stern - he brooked no nonsense."

Perhaps not, but Abba Hillel Silver did have a great sense of humor, as his small circle of close friends knew. Included in that privileged circle was Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, now distinguished service rabbi of Park Synagogue. They went often to the movies together and Rabbi Cohen recalls that they were once asked to leave a theater because they were making too much noise. "We were laughing our heads off" at a Marx Brothers comedy, he recalls.

**E**ach Friday at noon, in the old Tasty Shop, located at E. 105th St. and Euclid Ave., the two friends would catch up on Cleveland gossip or discuss the week's sermons. Rabbi Silver sometimes gave his colleagues ideas or invalidated a proposed sermon topic.

"He was a great help to me," Rabbi Cohen confides. "He was also very generous. Whatever money Rabbi

Silver had in his pocket, he would give to any approaching beggar," Rabbi Cohen recalls.

Other friends knew Abba Hillel Silver's penchant for card games, especially gin rummy. He'd call Dave Myers to find out if he was going to New York on a certain date so they could play "gin" together on the train.

**O**ne of his oldest friends, Sophia Thorman, now 99, says that originally Rabbi Silver "didn't approve" of gin rummy, but that he changed his mind and "ended up a good gin player."

Ernest Siegler, who was often at the Silver home, knew Rabbi Silver as a "speculator" at gin rummy. He would often draw a card that the more cautious player would leave, Siegler says, smiling. "But he was a perfectionist in everything else. He knew if there was a piece of paper in the back of the sanctuary that hadn't been picked up."

Sophia Thorman likes to talk about the "strong discussions" she, her late husband, Harold, and the rabbi would have on the old heredity vs. environment controversy. "He always took the opposite view to mine," she notes.

Small wonder. Debating always interested Abba Hillel Silver. From the time he was a founding member, at age 11, of the first Hebrew-speaking club in America, the Dr. Herzl Zion Club, through his Hebrew Union College and University of Cincinnati days, to his appearances before national and international groups, Abba Hillel Silver was prepared to argue his point publicly, forcefully and, as history now shows, correctly.

But he would also listen - and encourage - the other point of view. Abba Hillel Silver once told his friend David Myers, "I have the greatest personal respect for the opposite side if it is properly prepared and presented."

To mark the centenary of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's birth, The Temple-Tifereth Israel presents former Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban in a free, public address this Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Silver Sanctuary, University Circle at Silver Park.

## Doing as he was told

*I read that you were seeking personal reminiscences about Abba Hillel Silver. I have one for your collection.*

*I was confirmed in 1959, then attended Temple High School for three years. At that time I was not sure if Abba Hillel Silver was God, or God was Abba Hillel Silver; if not theologically, then at least socially.*

*One wintry day I was waiting for my parents to pick me up after Temple High School. The weather was particularly nasty and snowy, so I stood just outside the side door. Mrs. Silver saw me standing there and invited me to wait in the rabbi's office.*

*Just think - to be invited to wait in the rabbi's office! A few minutes later, Rabbi Silver entered. After some polite conversation, he started to put on his coat and scarf.*

*Mrs. Silver said, "Abba, it is nasty out. Put on your galoshes," to which the rabbi replied it was not necessary. Mrs. Silver then said, "Abba, it is very nasty out. Put on your galoshes." Again, the rabbi replied that it was not necessary. Finally, Mrs. Silver said, "Abba, put on your galoshes!"*

*Then, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, grew, mighty and exalted, sat down and put on his galoshes.*

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

COMMEMORATING THE 100th BIRTHDAY OF RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

May 16th 1993

It is a high privilege to participate in this commemorative Centennial of the birth of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

I served as his assistant and associate for nine years, from 1935 to 1944. They were the best and most rewarding years of my career. To work, side by side with a man of his greatness and distinction was indeed the privilege of a lifetime. There was 10 years difference in our ages - I was 32 and he was 42, when I came to Cleveland. And what a difference in stature and intellect!

My assignment tonight is to relate a few of my personal reminiscences of our relationship during those challenging years.

I first met Rabbi Silver at the Installation Service of Rabbi Leon Feuer, in Toledo in 1934. Rabbi Feuer was Rabbi Silver's first assistant for seven years.

After the Installation Service, all the participants were invited to my mother-in-law's apartment for a snack. Having learned of Rabbi Silver's favorite food, she prepared potatoe pancakes, and he devoured them with great delight and relish.

Rabbi Silver had to be back in Cleveland for the Sabbath morning service the next day, and I had the pleasure of accompanying him on the Mercury train at 6:30 in the morning.

I was scheduled for an interview with the Board of The Temple that same noon. I met with the Board at lunch, answered a few questions, and was told to step out of the room. Within a few minutes, I was called back and advised that I was appointed the assistant rabbi of The Temple. I was unsure whether I was elected for my qualifications, or because of my mother-law's potatoe pancakes.

The first year I was in Cleveland, I put on a Chanukah play. It was not too exciting nor effective. After the performance, Rabbi Silver called me into his office, sat me down in front of him, and calmly said:

Mel, this is one of the great congregations in America.

It is one of the most affluent congregations, and money is no object. WE DO NOT TOLERATE MEDIOCRITY !

If you need professional help to put on a play or function, hire the best you can get. WE ONLY ACCEPT PERFECTION!!

And for the next nine years, whatever we did was PERFECTION. That was one of the great lessons I learned from Rabbi Silver, and have followed that principle in everything I did thereafter.

Rabbi Silver was a strict disciplinarian, especially with the Religious School and Confirmation. We both taught classes each week, and Discipline was the major requirement. The students stood in awe of him, and looked upon him as a God.

The Confirmation Service always had to be perfection. We worked with each student individually, to prepare and polish their speaking parts. Rehearsals were precision. And the final performance perfectly timed and executed.

Likewise, the curriculum of the Religious School was the best in the country. We pioneered in the development of new and more effective methods of teaching. The Temple was the leader in the field of Jewish Education.

My relationship with Rabbi Silver was close and intimate. We had lunch together frequently at the Park Lane and the Wade Park Manor. These were occasions when he would relax and forget the momentous problems of the world. He would tell interesting yiddish stories, and I would love to see him chuckle in the telling of them.

When people would come up to our table to greet him, he would always say: "Vot's the name, please?" Surmizing that he was joking, they would not answer. But after they left, he would turn to me and ask their name. For the most part, I usually would know their names. One time, someone came up to the table, and after they left, he would ask their name - and this time I had to confess that I didn't know...and he said: "Boy, you are slipping!"..

Rabbi Silver always berated me for allowing people to call me by my first name. He felt it was a loss of dignity to get too personal with members of the congregation. Insist on being called "Rabbi Harris", he would say, as did all of his assistants and associates.

Thirty years ago, on January 20th, 1963, I stood on this pulpit to celebrate Rabbi Silver's 70th birthday. It was his 45th year as spiritual leader of this congregation. In the evening there was a testimonial dinner in his honor at the Sheraton-Cleveland hotel, at which many dignitaries of state and nation brot greetings, including the Mayor of Cleveland, the Governor of Ohio, U.S. senators, Stephen M. Young and Frank J. Lausche, with the main addresses by the Honorable Avraham Harman, ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States, and Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. It was an impressive occasion, and Rabbi Silver was in his glory, toasted by all these celebrities for his many achievements and accomplishments" as a champion of economic justice, human brotherhood, and international peace.

Little did we suspect at the time that 10 months later, on Thanksgiving day, November 28th, that his life would be terminated so untimely and without warning. It happened a few days after the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Rabbi Silver prepared a lecture on Kennedy, to be delivered the following Sunday morning. Unfortunately, death intervened. The lecture was read at a subsequent service by Louis N. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To know Rabbi Silver as one of the great giants of the Rabbinate, and to have listened to him as one of the most eloquent and forceful orators of this generation, was indeed my good fortune.

But to know him as a friend and colleague was the privilege of my life. He was my mentor, my idol, my role model. I cherished every moment of that relationship, as I do tonight, sharing with you these personal reminiscences.

This congregation, the City of Cleveland, Israel and the World, has lost one of the greatest personalities, whose influence and contributions will remain forever in the annals of Jewish history.

ZECHER TZADIC LIVRACHA - May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing!

Rabbi Melbourne F. Harris

REMARKS BY RAPHAEL D. SILVER

DELIVERED AT THE ABBA HILLEL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

MAY 16, 1993

My father was 37 years old when I was born. I never knew him when he was a young man. He had already been Rabbi at this Temple for 13 years when I was born.

He was already a prominent figure. A brilliant orator and religious scholar. Author. Zionist leader, and more. That is how the world knew him. But of course that isn't what I remember most about him.

I remember Friday evenings at home. Shabbas dinner. While Dad travelled all the time somehow he almost always managed to get back home by Friday in time for vesper services at the Temple and Friday dinner at home with his family. A crystal decanter of red wine sat on the table. Shabbas candles were lit. Dad poured wine into the Shabbas cup and chanted the Kiddush. The chalah was cut. The Mozii recited. Dad would be relaxed by then. He was home. In the bosom of his family. At peace. He always seemed relaxed and happiest at that time. Conversation was about ordinary things.

Saturdays he would prepare his sermon, memorizing as he wrote. Study door closed. He wasn't to be disturbed. When he was



through he would always give my brother Dan and me Hebrew lessons. This too was a tradition. He believed in the continuity of experience. He had learned Hebrew from his Dad - and so on back through the generations. I always hoped Dan would be well prepared. He always had the first lesson and I prayed that his lesson would go well and leave Dad in a good mood by the time it was my turn.

If you weren't well prepared, he didn't hide his disappointment. He would get angry. He could make you tremble. If you weren't trying. If you weren't thorough. Watch out! The anger didn't last long but you remembered it.

Later when I travelled with Dad and observed him in action in the Zionist political arena I watched that same anger erupt for the same reasons. Careless preparation. Wishful thinking. Fuzzy logic. Lack of Resolve. Loss of nerve. I watched that anger hitched to a massive intellect, wither opposition, raise expectations and strengthen wills.

There was something about his presence. I heard many people talk about it over the years. I certainly felt it. He evoked a sense of respect tinged with awe - for me mingled with love - A feeling that you were in the presence of power - of infinite determination - of a massive intellect and an even stronger will. he was called back because of his unique ability to lead



Dad was an extraordinarily private person. He didn't reveal much about himself. He wasn't casual. He didn't confide much. I only saw him cry once. And it was on this pulpit. He had come home from a trip to Europe toward the end of the war when the full weight of the Holocaust had become known. He talked to the congregation about what was happening to the Jews of Europe and he wept openly and he had to stop for a minute or two to pull himself together.

He made a conscious effort, I think, to control his emotions. He wanted to be able to think clearly about complex problems. To remain objective. Never emotionally detached, but objective. Clear minded, - even about things that affected him in a deeply personal way. There was this rock solid quality about him.

When he died in 1963 we found a massive granite boulder - a remnant of the time when glaciers covered this part of the country - in a forest in Eastern Ohio - and it became his tombstone.

I remember understanding early on that even though he suffered defeats and setbacks from time to time, he was unwilling to compromise his ideals. He would pull away for a while - wait until he was called back because of his unique ability to lead

and to inspire - and come back on his own terms with his goals and his vision intact.

He trusted his instincts and his ability totally. He set goals for himself, and he expected to achieve them. I can remember seeing him angry about failure. Frustrated by setbacks. But never despondent. He tried to pass that life affirming positive attitude on to my brother and to me. He believed that if you persevered you would eventually win out. He was extraordinarily ambitious. He loved a good fight. He wasn't worried about shaking up people if the cause was just. He enjoyed power. he was a consummate risk taker. He had some enemies. He had a lot of friends.

He was a complicated human being. I was aware of all these things as I was growing up, and have become more aware of them as the years have passed. I like to think I understand him a little better now.

He loved to laugh. He loved to hear a good joke. His laughter was infectious. I remember moving a few seats away from him at a Marx Brothers movie because he was laughing so hard and I couldn't hear the film.

He loved to eat. He told me he had been skinny once. I never really believed it, although there was a photo of him as a young

man to prove it. What I do remember is my Mother saying - at meals - "now, Abba", and he would give Mother a wide smile and invariably say "just a little more, Virginia".

He really loved my Mother. He adored her. She was smart, steadfast. They were totally devoted to one another. He knew how fortunate he was to have her. I could feel his love for her. She lived in Wheeling where Dad had his first pulpit - before coming here - and he courted her for years, - driving to Wheeling from Cleveland as often as possible - but too shy and awkward to propose. I was told that he would spend most of every visit talking to my grandfather - until they apparently ran out of things to talk about and he finally got up the nerve to ask my grandfather for my mother's hand.

He enjoyed life. He had come a long way from the lower East Side of New York. I once asked him to show me where he grew up. And as we walked the streets of lower New York, he became strangely silent. There must have been a lot of painful memories connected with growing up on these streets.

He liked creature comforts. A good car. A good cigar before he stopped smoking. A little schnapps before dinner. Conservative well tailored clothes. He was always quite formal. I don't remember seeing him often without a coat, tie and vest. Once in the mid 40's when he was working at the U.N. a friend invited

all of us to the races. Dad showed up wearing a sport coat, grey slacks, an open blue silk shirt and a straw hat. We were all in shock. We had no idea where all these clothes came from. At the track a man actually came over to Dad and asked him what looked good in the third race. Dad loved every second of it.

I often used to think he could have been a great actor, or a brilliant trial lawyer, or a captain of industry. He would have hated each of those careers.

The 40's were tumultuous exciting years for him. Really his decade. He travelled continuously - working with others to patch together the great Zionist coalition - and the domestic political machinery that would eventually lead to the U.S. recognition of Israel. He seemed always leaving to go somewhere. Europe, South America, everywhere in the United States. Always on the move. On the phone. On the telegraph. On trains. On planes. Strategizing - Manoeuvring - Bitter defeats - Small triumphs and ultimately victory.

It was a difficult decade. The family missed him. We were old enough to understand the importance of what he was doing - but we missed him. Part of this congregation spun off in opposition to his political views and that hurt him deeply. Friday nights at home together became less frequent. My mother filled in. I was the youngest. I think I missed him the most. When I was



ten or eleven a teacher asked us in class to talk about our parents and I was told that I replied "My mother is the best parents a boy ever had".

But when Dad was home - He was the same father - unchanged by fame. Still writing sermons. Still giving my brother and me Hebrew lessons. Still pouring Kiddush wine from the crystal decanter on Friday nights.

By 1950 his great work was over. He was home more. He had lived for years in the cauldron of history. He seemed to be willing to slow down and recharge his batteries. He wrote more. Still travelled. Still lectured. Was much honored. Award after award came his way. As brilliant an orator as ever, he could still thrill and move thousands. I think he became more reflective. Dan and I sometimes wondered if he was happy - now more removed from the limelight. He seemed somewhat less communicative. His 60th birthday in 1953 was celebrated widely. He had ambivalent feelings about it. He didn't feel he was growing old - but the celebrations made him aware that he was no longer young.

He and mother talked about moving to Israel. They bought land in Jerusalem. They started to design a home. But he was clearly conflicted. Part of him clearly wanted to begin a new phase of life. Search out new challenges. Be a part of a

society and a country that he had helped bring into existence. Part of him wanted to stay put - in a world he knew. In a City that was his home place, among the friends he cherished, surrounded by familiar things - in a place he felt most secure and most at peace with himself.

And so he continued to write and teach and lecture and work for the new State of Israel. He remained a national and an international figure and he stayed in Cleveland and in some ways, as he moved a bit off the world stage, I think his last years were among his finest.

In November 1963 John Kennedy died. Dad was planning to deliver a eulogy for the young president from this pulpit. He admired Kennedy whose vision had inspired a generation and revived a nations soul. There were many parallels with his own life's work. A few days later on Thanksgiving Day he was stricken at home with a heart attack. We were about to sit down to dinner. The crystal decanter full of red wine was on the table.

At the hospital he fought to live - but there had been irreparable damage and the Doctor took my mother aside and spoke to her and my brother and I watched her as she listened carefully to what the Doctor had to tell her - and then she said simply "Let him go".

The decanter full of red wine is empty now - but its crystal surface still glistens - still reflects the light. And the taste of that wine still lingers in my memory.







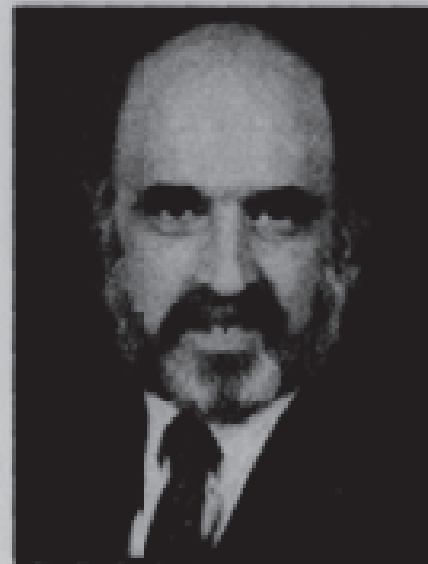
# Remarks at Annual Meeting

*Rabbi Roger C. Klein*

Let me begin by being direct: I am thrilled to be here. I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you why. Twelve years ago, I left the congregational rabbinate. I wanted to take seriously Judaism's exhortation to study more, to learn more, to drink deeply from the inexhaustible well of Torah. I wanted the special intimacies of the classroom; I wanted the stimulation of academic life among colleagues – from Israel to Wesleyan University, to the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies. I've been happy and fulfilled with it all. But when Rabbi Kamin called in November and asked if I'd be interested in returning to the rabbinate for a time, I found myself drawn by the challenge and the opportunity. In the past four months while here at The Temple, I discovered that, while away from the rabbinate, I had missed certain things – the power of being an active part of a worshipping community; the satisfaction of facilitating life cycle events; the thrill of playing a role in congregational life; and the special promise of the synagogue as Judaism's singular institution – the institution that best guarantees the quality, the depth, and the survival of the Jewish community.

I am pleased that you have given me the opportunity to return to the synagogue, while also enabling me to remain in my full-time work at another remarkable institution, the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, under the visionary and energetic direction of its president, Dr. David Ariel.

But I want to be even more direct and concrete because I'm not just returning to the synagogue in general; I'm joining this



particular synagogue. Though my family and I have been back in Cleveland for less than four years, I have heard over and over again about the specialness of this congregation. In the last four years, I have experienced it first-hand: your warmth, humanity, dignity, generosity; your special history; your dynamic future.

The many people I have had contact with through life cycle events, services, and in administration have been receptive and generous in welcoming me. I'm delighted to be a part of this congregation.

I feel lucky to have the opportunity to work closely with two special rabbis – Rabbi Kamin and Rabbi Haim. From both, I feel the power of their warm smiles, their infectious enthusiasm, their friendship, their dedication to Judaism, their loyalty to this Temple. From both, I have learned again the power of beginnings. I feel blessed to call them colleagues as I know how fortunate you are to have them as your rabbis.

Finally, I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to explore with you the rich-

es of our wonderful and profound Jewish tradition. We have – you and I – something quite remarkable: a nearly 4,000 year heritage which breathes with life and which breathes life into us. But, we must prepare ourselves to uncover its riches and to mine its precious contents; it will not remain vital unless we keep it vital; and if it weakens, we weaken. Let us resolve to study together, to worship together, to celebrate and to mourn together, to be together, to grow together. We have a precious heritage; we must pass it – and our love for it – to the coming generations.

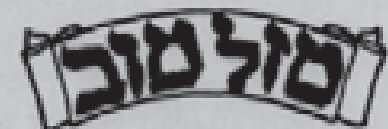
We have work to do and we have deep pleasures to experience; I look forward to doing them with you, together. ■

## Temple Museum Needs Information About War Heroes

In preparation for a major Temple Museum exhibition to be mounted this fall, the Museum staff needs information about the twenty-two men of our congregation whose names are commemorated on our Chapel's stained glass windows.

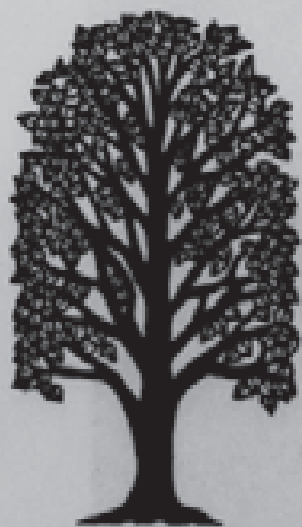
If you have any knowledge about their families or their U.S. military service, please contact Frances Tramer at 791-7755.

## Temple Family Simchas



*Mazel Tov to...*

Marie Ascherman, Ruthanne Berger, Rosalind Braun, Nettie Chavinson, Elizabeth Faulb, Dr. Jerome Fisher, Marian Friedlander, Marian Garson, Ernest Gross, Mina Kulber, Melvin I. Lazerick, David N. Myers, Leonard Perlick, Betty S. Rosin, Roma C. Schachtel, Ruth Schaul, Jane Schiffer, Thomas H. Sinks, Janet Smith, Dr. Howard A. Steiner, Irving E. Stern, Ann Steuer, Sarah Rosen Stillman, Pearl Summerfield, Ruth Vinney, Charles D. Wallach, Ruth Weinstein and E. Richard Wertz on the occasion of their special birthdays.



## Family Sabbath

**August 20**

**7:30 p.m.**

**The Branch**

Please join the Rabbis for a warm  
multi-generational Sabbath experience.

## Remarks by Merrill D. Gross, Honorary Life Trustee

Thank you, Chuck, and thank you my friends. I am very pleased and flattered to have been asked to join the distinguished group of Honorary Life Trustees of The Temple.

Our Temple has always been an important part of my life. Ours was an observant family in the reform tradition. We observed all of the holidays – the major, and the minor holidays, too. My mother chaired the Religious School Committee and was President of the Sisterhood, and of the National Council of Jewish Women. The U.S.O. wasn't Jewish, but she was chairman of that, too. My father served as a trustee of The Temple Board. My brother, Stuart and I attended the religious school. We were both confirmed by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and graduated from The Temple High School – no Bar Mitzvahs in those days. I was an officer of the old Temple Alumni Association.

Martha and I were married by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and joined the Temple soon after. Martha served as recording secretary of The Temple Women's Association and was asked to accept the nomination to be the fourth vice-president. She turned it down for a better offer from the hospital and went on to be the president of the Mount Sinai Auxiliary, followed by a co-chairmanship of the Women's Division of Federation and as a vice-president and life trustee of the Montefiore Board, and two terms on The Temple Board. Both of our sons were confirmed at The Temple – still, no Bar Mitzvahs.

My own early adult involvement with The Temple consisted of three terms on the Board. The first was in 1947, when Rabbi Abba suggested that I serve as chairman of the Membership Committee – which I did! During the other two terms, my activity consisted primarily of fund raising and dues collections. I became a Fair Share member in 1972.

During the next two decades my activity in Temple affairs was, at best, sporadic. My community service was channeled in other directions, such as the Jewish Convalescent Hospital, where I served as president for four years and was elected an Honorary Trustee for Life.

Now, back to The Temple. After fifty years in business, at age 72, I was ready for retirement. As it happened, Chuck

Evans and Martha had a business lunch one day, about The Temple, of course. As Martha related later, Chuck was talking about how much he liked playing tennis with me, when a glint appeared in his eyes – and he said, "Do you think Merrill would like to work for The Temple?" Martha, dumbfounded, said she had no idea but suggested he ask me himself – and he did. I think I said that I was intrigued with the idea and would give it some thought. Three months later, after several meetings with Chuck and Jim Reich and Rabbi Daniel Silver, I embarked on a new career at The Temple.

My five years as administrative officer were busy and rewarding and enriched my life. I was privileged to know and work with great rabbis, and with outstanding lay leaders, with Temple officers and board members, old friends and new. I will always remember their warmth and their friendship.

Three years ago, on June 1st, at the 140th Annual Temple Meeting, the last item on the agenda was: "The Swan Song to Merrill D. Gross." Everybody said all the right things, and I enjoyed every minute of it. Little did I think that three years later I would be back again, and this time, for life.

The Temple, and all the people in it, mean a great deal to me, and I hope to continue to be active in service of this congregation as long as I am able. Thank you again for honoring me. ■

## Tribute to Lois Kuhlman

by Merrill Gross

Lois Kuhlman is being honored tonight for her twenty years of service to The Temple. Many of you know her only as the lady who sends your dues statements, but in the five years I served as administrator of The Temple, I came to know her much better than that. She plays a very important role in the successful operation of The Temple.

During the past twenty years, in addition to working for The Temple, she has raised three children single-handedly and now has added two lovely grandchildren to her family.

Her co-workers know her as the person without whom they would never have learned their jobs, and the person who, when the computer dies, is the only one who can bring it back to life. She's the first one in the office in the morning and therefore leaves a little earlier in the day, but the ladies in the outer office won't let her turn her light off when she leaves. They say that they need the security of thinking she's still there if they need her.

She is a warm, friendly, compassionate, loyal, dependable, and hard-working lady. She's also a survivor! She has, after all, survived five different administrators here at The Temple. That in itself is no small task.

Lois, thank you for the last twenty years, and I wish we could have twenty more. ■



(l.-r.) Honorary Life Trustees Charles Evans and Merrill Gross.



# Treasurer's 1993 Annual Report

Jules Vinney

This is my first report on Temple operations at a Temple Annual Meeting. I would like to share with you some basic information about The Temple. The Temple-Tifereth Israel, "The Glory of Israel", was chartered in Cleveland, Ohio on July 14, 1850. Article III of the Temple Constitution states "the purpose of the congregation shall at all times and in all events be non-profit and charitable, and shall be to provide its members with those spiritual, religious, educational and social opportunities which will enhance their lives as reform Jews." This has been our goal for one hundred and forty three years. In order to carry on this purpose, we operate two buildings, the Main Temple and the Temple Branch. The Main Temple, built in 1924, is a designated national landmark consisting of four unique resources: The Silver Sanctuary dedicated in 1990 in memory of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, is one of the finest and most beautiful sanctuaries in the world; The Temple Museum of Religious Art, founded in 1950, is the fourth oldest museum of Judaica in the United States; The Temple Library, which houses the oldest and largest Judaic synagogue collection in the United States; and the Abba Hillel Silver Archives, the most internationally significant individual collection of papers and memorabilia in this part of the world. The Temple Branch, built in 1970, houses our Religious School, Worship and Lecture Programs, Branch Library, and most of our affiliate activities.

In order to maintain the purpose of our congregation, all it takes are people and funds. Our Temple records its activities in the following funds:

- **The General Operating Fund**, consisting of dues, Fair Share, rentals, building fund, and investment income is used to account for operating expenses of The Temple and the unrestricted funds financing those operations;

- **The Endowment Fund**, instituted in the 1950's by Leo Newmark as the Foundation Fund which was later made part of the Endowment Fund started in 1982 for shortfalls in operating funds. Only the interest income of this fund is to be used;

- **The Special Funds** are used to account for the administration of certain founder restricted funds. Substantially all of this fund's balance is restricted in use as specified by the donors; The Capital Fund accounts for substantially all land, buildings, Endowment Funds and all other capital assets owned by The Temple and is now approximately ten million dollars.

Our budgeted expenses consist of: Worship and Enrichment - 34%; Religious School - 15%; Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance - 23%; and Administration and Communications - 28%. As of now, your Temple has stayed within its budget. We are now working on our 1993-94 budget and will have a report by the end of the month of June.

The Temple was among the first to start an Endowment Fund. Today, all non-profit

organizations are finding this type of financing a must. We must now find additional ways of raising operating funds, such as: group life insurance for every new and old member, with The Temple as beneficiary; trust funds; charity remainder trusts; and single premium annuities with The Temple as co-beneficiary.

In closing, I would like to thank the many members who pitched in beyond the call of duty, our professional staff, and our office staff in helping to keep The Temple-Tifereth Israel the finest in the land. I end with a quote from our rabbi, Benjamin A. Kamin: "We look to God with our prayers: We look to each other to assure that there will be a house for these prayers." ■

## Become a Fair Share Member of The Temple

Throughout its history, The Temple has provided for the spiritual, educational, and cultural needs of each generation. The Temple will remain strong only so long as our members continue to provide a solid base of financial support. A significant portion of our dues income comes from the 400 generous Temple families who participate in our Fair Share Dues Program. These are the members who have voluntarily increased their annual dues to a level from \$1,200 up to as high as \$5,000.

We know that you care about the future of our Temple and the quality of the services that it provides including outstanding religious, educational and cultural programming, administered by a staff of dedicated rabbis and teachers, a nationally recognized museum and library, and our growing religious school. Your generous support of our Fair Share Dues Program provides additional income to The Temple to fund our current operating expenses. It enables The Temple to assist those who are unable to pay basic dues and support Cleveland's Soviet Resettlement Program as well as various community projects through our affiliates.

Co-Chairpersons of the Fair Share Dues Program are Edward Dworkin and Ellen and Dr. Bruce Schermer. If you would like to become involved as a Fair Share Dues member, please contact the co-chairpersons through The Temple office at 791-7755.



(l.-r.) Bob Angart, Assistant Treasurer and Jules Vinney, Treasurer.

# Camp and Israel Scholarship Awards Announced

At the 143rd Annual Meeting of The Temple, Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim called upon Merrill Gross to present to Lindsey Fishleder the Sixth Annual Martha and Merrill Gross Camp Scholarship Award. She will be attending Camp Wise in Cleveland. Lindsey, who will be entering sixth grade, is the daughter of Debbie and Dr. Andrew Fishleder.

Rabbi Haim invited Judy Miller, daughter of Edward, and Janet Friedman of blessed memory, to present to Jared Galvin the Second Annual Janet Friedman Camp Scholarship Award. He will be attending Camp Wise in Cleveland. Jared, who will be entering fifth grade, is the son of Diane Galvin and Jon Galvin.

On behalf of Jack Mandel, Maria and Sam Miller presented Amy Lipton and Marcie Wahba with the Eighth Annual Lilyan and Jack N. Mandel Israel Travel Award. Amy, who was the TEFTY President, 1992-93, is a teacher's aid in our Religious School. She is the daughter of Myra and Dr. Mark Lipton. Marcie, who is a Temple Religious School office assistant and TEFTY member, is the daughter of Helen and Leon Wahba.

Rabbi Haim called upon Norma and Ernie Siegler to present the Norma and Ernest Siegler Foundation Scholarship to Amy Lipton and Jesse Saginor. *Panim el Panim*, which literally means "Face to Face" is a program of the Washington Institute of Jewish Leadership and Values. The program is designed to enhance Jewish high school students' awareness of the role of Jews in government and the issues of Jewish concerns facing our nation. Jesse, who will enter Michigan State University is the son of Ilene and David Saginor.



*Norma and Ernie Siegler were proud to present the Norma and Ernest Siegler Foundation Scholarship to Amy Lipton. (l.-r.) Myra Lipton, Norma Siegler, Ernie Siegler, Amy Lipton, Fran Lipton and Dr. Mark Lipton.*



*Maria and Sam Miller were pleased to present the Lilyan and Jack N. Mandel Israel Travel Award to Marcie Wahba (center).*

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have an enrollment of approximately 700 students, which is almost twice the number we had five years ago. To accommodate these numbers, we are currently leasing 16 classrooms every Sunday from our neighbor, the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies. Our dedicated School Board, led by Presidents Carole Bookatz and Dana Lefkowitz, works closely with our religious school administrator, Alice Licker and her staff of 60 teachers. This past school year saw the introduction of several dynamic new programs designed to enrich the school experience and to

involve the students and their families in programs such as the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Retreat, a Tzedakah Fair and a 9th and 10th grade Mitzvah Volunteer Program. These and other school activities help create an environment conducive to learning and foster the early development of commitment to Judaism and a Jewish way of life.

Even as we work to instill in our children their own Jewish identity, we are confronting the reality of interfaith marriage among our young adults. Today, interfaith marriage is a fact of Jewish life for more than 50% of our young people nationally. Out of this challenge was born The Temple's Outreach

program, led with great caring and sensitivity by Rabbi Haim, working with committee chairs Elaine Roth and Louise Sternberg. Through a wide range of programs, Outreach seeks to welcome those who want to investigate Judaism, to encourage people to make Jewish choices in their lives through community support and adult education, to develop informal programs focusing on the "how-to's" of Judaism, and to welcome Jews-by-choice as full members of our community.

Another form of outreach is our Soviet Resettlement Program. Under the leadership of Alan Englander and

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Barbara Kest, we have resettled 10 families this year and provided them with furniture and other household goods, all from donations from generous Temple members. Hardly a week goes by without my receiving copies of letters to our congregants thanking them for their contributions to this program. We are proud of the good adjustment made by these newcomers to Cleveland, as demonstrated by the election last year to our Board of Trustees of Zina Boltyansky, who arrived here only three short years ago. Our good work in this field was recognized by Jewish Family Services Association, which presented The Temple with a community service award for outstanding efforts in resettling Soviet families.

Every year the life of The Temple takes on its own unique character and is remembered for one special event or happening. This past year will long be remembered as the year of the Centenary Celebration of the birth of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The Centenary Committee, chaired by Jim Reich with Raphael Silver as Honorary Chairman, selected three projects as appropriate means to honor the life and work of Rabbi Silver, who led our congregation for 46 years. The first project, chaired by Sis Gottlieb, was the selection and inclusion of excerpts from Rabbi Silver's writings and sermons in Temple Bulletins throughout 1993. The second project, chaired by Sherry Gluchov, was the March Adult Education Series, which was devoted to the study and discussion of one of Rabbi Silver's most important books, *Where Judaism Differed*. Claudia Fechter and members of The Temple Museum Committee mounted interesting and informative exhibits from the Abba Hillel Silver Archives at both the Main Temple and The Branch, and Ruth Mayers mounted a display of personal recollections of Rabbi Silver collected from fellow congregants. The culminating event, ably chaired by Clare Shaw, Karen Krause, and Ernie Siegler, included a fund-raising dinner in the Social Hall followed by a program in the Silver Sanctuary. The dinner was attended by 370 Temple members and several prominent community dignitaries as guests. About \$22,500 was raised to help fund the preservation and microfilming by the Western Reserve Historical Society of the Abba Hillel Silver Archives. The archival project is of great significance for our Temple, which is the repository for 6,000 pounds of documents that don't exist anywhere else in the

world. These documents are of great importance to world Jewry, as they cover the period when the state of Israel was established and they illuminate the lives of the leadership of both American and world Jewry. The evening program was attended by a close to capacity audience of 1,700 individuals, and featured the personal and moving reminiscences of Rabbi Melbourne Harris and Raphael Silver, as well as a keynote address by Ambassador Abba Eban, who spoke about his experiences with Rabbi Silver during the 1940's and their shared efforts to gain United Nations approval for the creation of the State of Israel. All who attended proclaimed the event to be the most outstanding Temple event of recent decades.



*Past president Marilyn and Marshall Bedol co-chaired the 143rd Annual Meeting.*

Several other people played important roles in our Silver Centenary observance. Lee Goldman, our public relations director, did an outstanding professional job in publicizing our events. The Temple hostesses and Usher Corps did vital work in assuring the smooth functioning of every facet of the evening.

It is, however, the ongoing daily activities that demonstrate the health and well-being of The Temple. The richness of our cultural resources is embodied in our music program and in our library-museum. The music program, under the lay leadership of Stanley Morgenstern and the professional direction of Bruce Shewitz, has expanded to include Friday evening services. The beauty and diversity of the music performed greatly enhance our worship services.

Our library and museum, under the professional direction of Claudia Fechter continue to expand. The Temple Library has added 350 new volumes, 30 periodical subscriptions and an audio tape collection featuring Jewish music of all types, made possible by the Ernest and Norma Siegler Foundation. Well-deserved recognition has been given to Claudia, who was recently named

National Chair of the Sydney Taylor Awards Committee by the American Jewish Library Association. This year, the museum produced four original exhibits, curated in various parts by Susan Braham-Koletsky, Maryjane Rocker and Amy Kaplan.

One additional example of our cultural richness is our Temple's Literary Club, chaired by Belle Garver. This group regularly attracts 35-40 people who meet monthly to review books or films with a Judaic theme.

The Temple is alive and well and flourishing in all areas because so many of our members have chosen to involve themselves in the myriad of activities carried out by our 35 working committees. Time does not permit a full presentation of all the good work that is done throughout the year, but here are a few highlights.

The Temple Brotherhood operates the blood drive, under the direction of Marvin Kurson and Dr. Brian Berman. This is an important activity and one in which I participate. There is always a great unmet need, and I urge all of you to give blood if possible. With the help of Howard Levy, the Brotherhood also sends Hanukah care packages to our college students.

The Temple Women's Association, led by President Ilene Saginor, has grown to over 500 members and continues to foster Sisterhood within its ranks. Creative programming, the successful operation of its Yeladim Gift Shop, and active support of TEFTY, our Senior Youth Group, have kept this affiliate busy and productive throughout the year.

Friends and Neighbors enjoyed increased attendance at the eight events it sponsored under the leadership of Jack Zimmerman and Chuck Schaul.

The Temple Senior Youth Group, led by President Amy Lipton, involves approximately 42 9th - 12th graders in an exciting range of activities. Under the guidance of advisor David Saginor, its goal is to keep these young people involved with Jewish organizations on a social and religious basis, and includes participation regionally and nationally with the Northeast Lakes Federation of Temple Youth. This year, the Senior Youth Group received the *Tikkun Olam* award from the National Federation of Temple Youth for their dedication to Social Action in the community.

The Temple Young Associates, led by Presidents Kathy and Terry Ozan and Diana and Michael Rudolph, supports The Temple by providing family programming

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that is religious, educational and community service oriented. The Temple Young Associates hosts major holiday celebrations such as Succot, Hanukah, and Purim, where the annual carnival attracted over 600 people. This year, the group sponsored the first annual Tzedakah Fair where families came together to perform such activities as packing items for homeless shelters, and making get well cards for hospital patients.

These wonderful affiliates, so vibrant and alive, share in common a commitment to a Jewish way of life through study, celebration, worship and the practice of Tzedakah, all centered here in our congregation. Their work is multiplied through the efforts of our Caring Committee chaired by Chuck Schaul and our Hunger Fund chaired by Bobbie Meisel.

None of these activities could have taken place without the quiet and often unseen efforts of the support groups working behind the scenes to sustain the basic framework of our Temple: the Membership Committee, chaired by Marcia Schumann, which enrolled 85 new members this year; the Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Joan Gross and Michael Cole; the committees charged with review, evaluation and maintenance of our physical plant, involving Jules Vinney, Harvey Saks, Bill Joseph, Ernie Siegler, Peter Galvin, Roger Carran and Barry Miller; the Dues Collection Committee, chaired by Naomi Singer; the Budget Committee, chaired by Bob Angart; the Personnel Committee, chaired by Lewis Frauenthal; the Nominating Committee, chaired by Barry Miller; and the various committees

which are charged with providing the all important financial support that enables us to survive and prosper. These committees deal with a variety of issues, ranging from dues to endowment, to fiscal management and to investment, and are led by such stalwarts as Marilyn Bedol, Chuck Evans, Merrill Gross, Bill Joseph, Keith Libman, Jim Reich, Elliot Ross and Naomi Singer. Of special importance is the Fair Share Dues Program, chaired by Merrill Gross and Ed Dworkin. This program, whereby members voluntarily contribute dues beyond the basic level, seeks annual contributions from between \$1,200 and \$5,000. I urge each of you to consider becoming a Fair Share member this year. Your generosity will help ensure our ability to meet the spiritual, educational and cultural needs of today's and tomorrow's members.

The Temple is alive and well and flourishing in all areas because we are fortunate to count within the family two special groups of individuals. Our Temple staff works mightily behind the scenes to make sure that our plant facilities are maintained, communications both with and outside the family are current and frequent, the administration runs smoothly, the work of our committees is supported and our cultural resources are preserved and expanded. Special thanks to Ellen Whitehill, who publishes our bulletin, Alice Licker, who serves as our Religious School administrator, and Claudia Fechter, who cares for the Library and Museum.

Responsibility for the vision, supervision and implementation of policy rests in the hands of our leadership – the Executive Committee and Board. It has been a great personal pleasure for me to work with this outstanding, dedicated and

committed group of individuals. The high level of their involvement has been exemplary, and I have derived great strength from their input and their efforts. A warm and loving thank you to my fellow officers, Vice Presidents Roger Carran, Keith Libman, Elliot Ross and Marcia Schumann, Treasurer Jules Vinney, Assistant Treasurer Robert Angart, Secretary Bill Joseph, past Presidents Marilyn Bedol, Chuck Evans and Jim Reich, and at-large members Barry Miller, Merrill Gross and Naomi Singer, and to all the other members of our Board of Trustees.

On a personal note, I want to thank you, the congregation, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a long journey for me. I come from a non-observant background and was unaffiliated for over 20 years. When my father died, my mother suggested I join a congregation. I didn't know where to begin, but since Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver had been my friend and golfing partner for many years, I joined this temple. I became involved because people kept asking me to do things. Each task brought me closer in spirit to Judaism and the congregation. It has been both a learning and a growing experience for me and I have met wonderful people and made many new friends. I have acquired a heartfelt respect of this congregation and I am honored to be permitted to serve. Thank you. ■

## Mazal Tov To Our Bat Mitzvah



photo by Lisa Capeland

Halle Safier, daughter of  
Linda and Marc Safier.  
Bat Mitzvah July 24, 1993.



The Primary Grades Religious School Choir performed Jewish and Hebrew songs at the Annual Meeting.



## Temple Blood Drive Success Grateful to Donors

**T**HE TEMPLE BLOOD DRIVE, which was held on May 17, 1993, was an overwhelming success. Sponsored by The Temple Brotherhood, this year's Blood Drive was once again an excellent effort. Dr. Brian Berman, Blood Drive chairperson, and The Temple Brotherhood thank all Temple members and friends who volunteered their services and those who gave blood:

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## Help Our Temple Membership Grow

**T**he Temple Membership Task Force, co-chaired by Marjorie Heller and Marcia Schumann, has been actively seeking and contacting prospective members.

Many of our Temple members have friends and relatives who may have delayed affiliating with our Temple simply because they have never been asked. The Temple Membership Task Force would appreciate the opportunity to talk to these people. Please share with us the names of

those people whom you would like us to contact, and join us as we watch our Temple community grow.

Temple members may contact Marjorie Heller or Marcia Schumann through the Temple Branch at 831-3233, or complete this form, and mail to: The Temple Membership Task Force, The Temple Branch, 26000 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122.

Temple Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to congregant \_\_\_\_\_

## Soviet Families Need Our Help

The Temple-Tifereth Israel Soviet Resettlement Committee is busy welcoming and assisting newly arriving family members of our Soviet Temple members.

Our Soviet families are in need of home furnishings in good condition (including livingroom furniture, dinettes, bedroom furniture and color televisions in good working order).

Please take a moment to consider the vital role you, as a member of our Temple family, can play in this important resettlement process. Call Alan Englander or Barbara Kest, co-chairpersons of the Soviet Resettlement Committee through the Temple office, 831-3233 so that they can schedule a visit with you, to see which items are of particular use to our Soviet families. Our Soviet families are also in need of assistance to help defray moving expenses. If you are able to help, please call our co-chairpersons.

A very special thank you to the following Temple members and friends who have so thoughtfully and generously supported our Soviet Resettlement Program:

Shirley Dembe  
Debra and Dr. Andrew Fishleder  
Ralph O'Brecht  
Blanche and Dr. Louis Rakita  
Ruth and Dr. John Rose  
Judy and Daniel Saltzman

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# ABBA HILLEL SILVER CENTENARY CELEBRATION



*Raphael Silver, Honorary Chairman of the Abba Hillel Silver Centenary Committee, shared his personal memories of his father.*



*(l.-r.) Rabbi Melbourne Harris, who served The Temple-Tifereth Israel from 1935-1944, shared his reminiscences of Rabbi Silver with James Reich, Chairman of the Centenary Committee.*



*(l.-r.) Lee Goldman, Centenary Committee Public Relations Chairperson and Clare Shaw, Committee Vice-Chairperson, recite the blessing over the bread.*



*(l.-r.) Ernie Siegler and Karen Krause, Centenary Committee Vice-Chairpersons, recite the Kiddush, joined by Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin.*



*(l.-r.) Ambassador Abba Eban, the evening's keynote speaker, in conversation with Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamin.*



*Temple members and guests enjoy a gala dinner.*



## Abba Eban speaks of peace, remembers Abba Hillel Silver

CYNTHIA DETTELBAUGH - Editor

**O**n the theory, perhaps, that it takes a giant to eulogize a giant, the featured speaker at the centenary celebration of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was Israeli statesman, diplomat and author, Abba Eban.

Eban addressed the overflow audience in the main sanctuary at The Temple-Tifereth Israel, University Circle at Silver Park on May 16. Using the same pulpit Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (and Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver) used, the 78-year-old Israeli statesman spoke without notes. If he rambled a bit at times or spoke without the customary fire in his voice, the eloquence of phrasing and thought were still in evidence.

For the first time, Eban said, the hope of peace in the Middle East is not a fantasy but a possibility.

He admonished his audience, "Don't heed those friends of Israel engaging in hypochondria about Israel ... Peace is not a great hazard; it's the status quo that's the greatest danger." Eban was referring to two million Palestinians "with no flag, passport, or equality," living in Israel under squalid economic conditions.

"Only by our separateness (one Palestine, one Israel) can we have any sense of cohesion," maintained the elder statesman. It is the similar partition logic espoused in 1947 by Abba Hillel Silver, he pointed out. "Don't abandon us in the wilderness or that road will be closed on us surrounded and the task is done," he implored.

A principal architect in fashioning the state that led to the creation of the Jewish state was the main subject of Eban's talk, Abba Hillel Silver.

Whereas Raphael Silver, speaking just before Eban, remembered his father as an overwhelming presence in his life, Eban began by charting the renowned rabbi's absence at a key moment in the opening days of Israel's existence.

The date was May 16, 1948, barely 48 hours after the creation of the Jewish state. Eban, who had been serving until that point as the Jewish Agency's liaison officer with the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, arrived at the UN for a meeting of the Security Council. The subject under discussion that day was a neophyte Israel under attack by five surrounding Arab nations.

Eban expected to see Abba Hillel Silver, the man who had worked tirelessly for the establishment of the Jewish state, and who, as head of the American Zionist delegation in 1947, had eloquently presented the case for Israel's establishment to the UN General Assembly. On this day, however, Rabbi Silver was conspicuously absent at the UN.

"I have gone back to Cleveland," Rabbi Silver's message to Eban read. "*Hazak v'yamatz*" ("Be strong and of good courage").

Explained Eban, "Rabbi Silver, who had carried our banner for two years, made the decision that the U.S. and Cleveland were his home." He also knew it was "awkward for an American citizen to enter into dialogue with his government" on the sensitive subject of securing international intervention to stop the Arab attacks and orchestrate a truce.

That "implacable moral decision" on Abba Hillel Silver's part, Eban said, enabled the fledgling state to take charge of its own destiny.

"He made the right decision," reflected the British-born Eban, who went on to become Israel's ambassador to the U.S. and later served his country as minister of education and culture, deputy prime minister and foreign minister. "Israel was not looking for leaders then; it was convinced it had them."

Yet Rabbi Silver's role up to that point was not to be underestimated. "He called the power of American Jewry, worked on American policy, and drove a reluctant United States into supporting a proposal



**"Only by our separateness (Palestine, Israel) can we have any cohesion."**

— Abba Eban, Israeli statesman

for Israel's survival," noted Eban. In that defining moment of history, there was the "intersection of this man and that opportunity, and the result was victorious."

Abba Hillel Silver, reflected the speaker, "didn't suffer fools gladly; he could be contentious and he exercised leadership with power." Yet when he was confronted with a situation that "appealed to his sense of history, he did create a harmony." Eban said he personally "felt that harmony."

If Silver was a giant in his time, so, too, were his equally contentious contemporaries, Chaim Weizman and David Ben-Gurion. None, noted Eban wryly, got along well with the other. However, when Rabbi Silver learned that the only hope of President Truman agreeing to the partition agreement lay in the persuasive talent of Weizman, the rabbi abdicated the spotlight. "Whoever can bring salvation shall bring it," he conceded.

Eban regretted that Rabbi Silver was not adequately utilized in the 1950s when Israel faced still another war, as well as other problems. "A talent so sharply honed was not being harnessed," he lamented.

Rabbi Benjamin A. Kamia, spiritual leader of The Temple, introduced Abba Eban. Welcoming remarks were made by James M. Reich, chairman of the Centenary Committee; Bishop Anthony M. Pilla delivered the invocation; and Rev. Thomas Olson gave the benediction. Cheryl Davis, special assistant to Mayor Michael White, brought greetings, as did Eric Fingerhut, congressman of the 19th Ohio District. Rabbi Melbourne Harris, associate rabbi of The Temple from 1935-44, spoke vividly of his association with Rabbi Silver, and Temple President Alan M. Kruse delivered closing remarks.