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THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
16 EAST 66TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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May 25, 1949

Cable Address JEVAGENCY

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Temple Emanuel  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

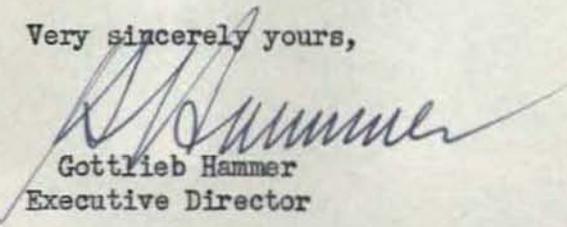
I am in receipt of your letter of May 23rd regarding a patient in the National Jewish Hospital in Denver who is anxious to know about his parents in Budapest.

Dr. Simon Bernstein, head of our Immigration Department, is the man best qualified to give you the information you seek.

I have therefore given your letter, together with a copy of my reply to you, to Dr. Bernstein who, I know, will handle this matter for you.

I am sure you will hear from him within the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Gottlieb Hammer  
Executive Director

cc: Dr. S. Bernstein

May 23, 1949

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East 66th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hammer:

There is a patient here in the National Jewish Hospital in Denver who has parents in Budapest. He is very anxious for them to emigrate to Israel, for they have expressed themselves in letters to him as wanting to leave Hungary immediately and make their life in the new land. In the course of making my rounds at the hospital, I discovered that he had this anxiety, and I promised to get him any information possible.

Can you tell me, or can you refer me to someone who would have the information, as to the method of selection of people in Budapest for emigration to Israel. Are they chosen on the basis of long-time Zionist membership, or are there other considerations which play a role? What is the name of the Jewish agency or man in Budapest who is in control of the situation? The point of these questions is to ascertain whether I might be able to help in any way by providing references for the people in question.

I would appreciate very much your attention to this problem. I know how busy you must be with all sorts of similar requests, but the peace of mind of the young man who is attempting to recover from tuberculosis, and whose recuperation will be considerably aided if he knows that his parents are safe, is at stake.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s

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May 12, 1949

Dear Friend:

You have been participating in the most challenging adventure of this century - the launching and building of the State of Israel.

The same generosity that saved lives and gave hope to Jewish survivors in Europe, the same superhuman energy and enthusiasm that made political independence and military success in Israel a reality, are now necessary for an enlarged and healthy economy. You now have the welcome and profitable opportunity to become partners with Israelis in the economic construction of the fastest growing state in the world.

Hitherto, in the minds of many, Israel and philanthropy were synonymous. True, the challenge to American generosity will continue so long as transport, food, shelter and care must be provided for penniless immigrants pouring into Israel at the rate of a thousand a day. But these people are determined to become self-supporting as quickly as possible. Americans will also recognize that this tremendous increase in productive individuals and consumers in Israel spells favorable opportunities for profitable private investment.

It is too often forgotten that, even before the birth of Israel, Palestine's settled Jewish population was self-supporting. To absorb the flood of new arrivals pouring into the country, more factories, more agricultural settlements, business and industrial expansion in all directions are a must. The market to absorb increased production already exists, and is growing daily. A highly intelligent and adaptable labor force is available. The two specific lacks are capital and industrial "know-how". For both, the United States must be the chief provider.

AGENCY ENCOURAGING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

The avenues for the foreign investor wishing to enter the Israeli field of opportunities are many. The investor who seeks a high degree of security without sharing in the management of the enterprise itself, would do well to buy bonds or shares in any of the well-established American-Jewish investment companies. These com-

panies have done and are doing a distinguished service to Israel by carefully selecting and sponsoring long-term projects, such as public utilities, industries, housing and service companies.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is encouraging direct private investment in new or expanding enterprises in Israel now. This type of investment coupled with American know-how is of first importance to the economic vitality and growth of the new state. Together with investment-trust type of companies and the sale of securities of Israeli companies, direct investment provides a flow of capital and know-how that will permit the full economic development of the physical and human resources of the nation.

ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT  
ASSISTS INVESTORS

Recognizing the top-priority that the economic upbuilding of Israel and the need for investment of outside capital would take following the firm establishment of the State, the Jewish Agency two months ago organized the Economic Department with the following responsibilities:

1. To stimulate the flow of private American investment capital and know-how into Israel;
2. To foster export of Israeli products;
3. To promote tourist traffic to Israel; and
4. To give economic information about Israel.

The Economic Department operates under the direction of Robert R. Nathan, Washington economist, and has a staff of American and Israeli experts. It works in close cooperation with the Israeli Consulate-General in New York, the Jewish Agency's Economic Department in Jerusalem and the Industrial Information Bureau, Tel Aviv. Constant liaison is maintained with other Jewish organizations in this country engaged in related economic activities, such as investment companies, research institutions and service organizations.

The Department's information program is geared to the potential investor's need for concrete facts, objectively presented. The investor wants to know the markets for his products. He wants to know about labor costs, taxes, the availability of power and raw materials, the existing competition in his field, the security of his investment, the extent of cooperation which he can expect from the Government. This is the kind of information service the Department is prepared to give, free of charge, to its "clients".

ISRAEL ENCOURAGES  
PRIVATE BUSINESS

The Government of Israel is alert to the need for stimulating private enterprises. Israel's Prime Minister and Finance Minister have clearly stated that the encouragement of foreign capital investment is a keystone of the Government's economic program. Special legislation to offer certain incentives and guarantees to foreign investors is now being drafted. The rapidly expanding home market and the prospects of winning promising export markets in the Middle East are in themselves strong attractions for private capital. Beyond this the Government intends to stimulate investments in development projects in agriculture, industry, maritime and building enterprises by:

- Exemption from customs duties and reduction of taxation.
- A tariff and foreign trade policy aimed at the encouragement and promotion of local industry and agriculture.
- Conversion and transfer abroad of a fair amount of profits in the currency of the original investment.

Well over 1,000 inquiries, mostly about investment, have been received by the Jewish Agency during the past two months. Some 100 investment proposals representing tens of millions of dollars in such areas as heavy and light industries, hotel and other building projects and transportation are now being followed up. These include projects of Americans wishing to establish new industries or other business in Israel, Americans seeking to invest directly in existing Israeli enterprises, and Israelis desiring American partnership capital.

HOW DEPARTMENT CAN  
HELP YOU DIRECTLY

How does the Economic Department serve the prospective investor, the businessman, the capitalist who wants to settle in Israel? By individual consultation on his specific problems. This means anything from answering a single question by phone, mail or in person, to making special surveys on investment opportunities in a specific area in Israel and providing all relevant data on any given field of economic activity. This economic information and advice are supplied so that interested parties anywhere in America can base their decisions on sound information. The Department also assists the prospective investor by arranging for interviews with people here in America or in Israel whose action or cooperation will be required to facilitate or carry out any specific project. Moreover, a series of surveys are being prepared for publication on subjects of interest to investors, such as the Israeli tax picture, the housing situation and opportunities in hotel investment.

Israel keeps the door wide open not only to "displaced persons", but also to the men who have the vision, means and pioneering spirit to participate in the economic development of the country. Many attrac-

tive projects are held up by the lack of investment capital. Here are some examples:

- An Israeli group is interested in establishing a modern kosher resort hotel at a cost of \$1,200,000 and is looking to the U.S. for 70% of the capital.
- An Israeli food processing firm requires \$100,000 for the expansion of its present plant.
- An American expert wants to transfer his \$60,000 engine rebuilding shop to Israel and is looking for a like amount of partnership capital.
- Asbestos-cement pipes are urgently needed for Israel's irrigation projects and \$300,000 for machinery and working capital are wanted by an Israeli manufacturer desiring to add this line to his present production.

Promising returns await the investor willing to go into these and similar ventures. There are projects requiring capital ranging from a few thousand to several million dollars, for anything from small workshops to completely integrated operations.

The Economic Department will gladly discuss any one of these, or your own projects, and serve you with competent, down-to-earth information and advice. Please feel free to call or write for an appointment.

Yours very truly,

ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

Copies of this Bulletin have been filed with the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., where the registration of the Jewish Agency for Palestine as an agent of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jerusalem, is available for public inspection. The fact of registration should not be considered as approval or disapproval by the United States Government of the contents of this Bulletin.

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November 7, 1947.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
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Denver 5, Colorado.

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

In behalf of Mr. Shertok I wish to extend to you his sincere thanks for your letter of October 28th congratulating him on his "Town Meeting of the Air" broadcast. Mr. Shertok is deeply appreciative of the sentiments expressed by you and were it not for the fact that he is so greatly pre-occupied with his work at Lake Success he would write to you personally.

With renewed thanks from Mr. Shertok and his warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Beatrice F. Altschuler*  
Beatrice F. Altschuler  
Secretary to Mr. Shertok

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October 20, 1947

Mr. I. Hamlin,  
Jewish Agency for Palestine,  
2210 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,  
Washington, 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I have a letter from the Jewish Agency office in Jerusalem saying that you are now in charge of the distribution of the "Digest of Press and Events." in the U. S. A. and Canada.

I would therefore appreciate your putting me on the mailing list for this Digest, and if there is any charge, we shall be happy to defray same.

Could you please acknowledge and indicate when you will start to send the weekly Digest. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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Denver 5, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of August 12 asking us to send you our weekly "Digest of Press and Events."

As Mr. I. Hamlin, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, 2210 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, 8, D.C., is now in charge of the distribution of our Digest in the U.S.A. and Canada, the simplest thing would be for you to apply direct to Mr. Hamlin with your request to receive this publication regularly.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Zablman*

for G. Pape

# The Jewish Agency for Palestine

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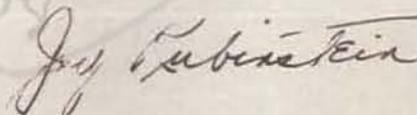
Dear Rabbi Friedman:-

Mr. Hamlin has requested that in his absence I reply to your letter of October 20th, requesting the Jewish Agency Digest of Press and Events.

I have forwarded the name to our New York office, as they are now in charge of the mailing of this Bulletin in the United States and Canada. All correspondence should be directed to Mr. Macey at the Jewish Agency for Palestine, 16 East 66th Street, New York, New York.

In all probabilities you will not receive the first copies for at least three weeks. This is unavoidable, and I hope will meet with your approval.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Joy Rubinstein

Porsholt 694643

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Gentlemen:

May I kindly request your Digest of  
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You may bill me for same.

Yours truly,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

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