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MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Local Emergency Committees

Date April 13, 1948

From Harry L. Shapiro

Yesterday the General Council of the World Zionist Organization (the Zionist Actions Committee) issued a proclamation which will go down in history as the Jewish Declaration of Independence. The text of the Declaration, adopted unanimously, follows:

On this, the third day of Nissan, the General Council of the World Zionist Organization, its highest unit, announces to the civilized peoples of the world, to the representatives of the United Nations and to the Jews scattered throughout the world that it has been decided to set up an organ of supreme authority of our national independence in Palestine.

In pursuance of this purpose, we declare that we refuse to remain a minority dependent on the sufferance of others. The mandate is about to end. On May 15, His Majesty's Government will surrender to the United Nations the trust it received from the League of Nations twenty-seven years ago and which it has failed to fulfill. It departed from the spirit of the mandate and replaced it with the selfish purpose of furthering its Middle East interests.

As a result of this policy, our refugees were refused entry in the hour of their direst need. They were interned instead and condemned to lead a life of danger, humiliation and helplessness while the mandatory treated with our sworn enemies, the friends and allies of the Nazis. And while refusing entry to Jews striving desperately after a last refuge, they opened our frontiers to hordes of invaders come to make a mockery of the decision of the United Nations. And now the mandatory is proposing to destroy the very foundation of our existence and leave the country in utter chaos.

To prevent this we have resolved this day that the termination of the mandatory government of Palestine shall in fact mark the end of all foreign domination in this country. With the termination of this mandatory rule, a government of the Jewish state shall come into being.

In this hour we turn to the Arab citizens of the Jewish state and our Arab neighbors. We offer peace and friendship. We desire to build our state in common with the Arabs as equal citizens. Our freedom is their freedom. Their future and ours rest on common endeavor.

Sure in the justice of our cause, we are ready to give our all to its achievement and we call on the Jews of all lands, and especially in Palestine, to close their ranks for the carrying out of this, our sublime, task. Assured in our faith, we appeal to all nations to grant us this right to our own salvation, and rest our trust in God, the Lord of Israel.

At the conclusion of the Actions Committee meeting, the following declaration was read:

Whereas, after twenty-seven years of an oppressive foreign regime that had received Palestine as a trust on behalf of the world to establish a national homeland for the Jews, that trust was not fulfilled;

Now, therefore, the Jewish nation will establish its own state and independence in its homeland.

The Jewish state to be established will be ruled by justice, freedom and equality for all inhabitants, regardless of race or creed.

We call upon the Arabs of Palestine and the neighboring states for an alliance of peace and cooperation. Together we shall build a state as citizens with equal rights and in mutual respect, for our freedom is your freedom.

Our lives are dedicated to defense, and the Lord of Israel will be our mainstay.

A five point political resolution which categorically rejects the recent proposal of the U.S. Government and which makes it clear that the Jewish people will have no part of the so-called trusteeship formula was also adopted, which reads as follows:

The General Council has learned with regret and astonishment of the attitude now adopted by the American representative in the Security Council concerning the U.N. decision on Palestine:

1. The Jewish people and the Yishuv of Palestine will oppose any proposal designed to prevent or postpone the establishment of a Jewish State.
2. We categorically reject any plan to set up a trusteeship regime for Palestine even for a short period of time. Trusteeship would necessarily entail the denial of the Jewish right to national independence and would leave Palestine under a foreign military regime.
3. The failure and disintegration of the Mandatory administration, the continuation of which was unanimously rejected by the United Nations, necessitates recognition without delay of the Jewish Provisional Council of Government by the U.N. Commission so that authority may be transferred to it as envisaged in the U.N. decision.
4. Upon termination of the Mandatory administration, and not later than May 16th, the Provisional Council of the Jewish Government will commence to function in cooperation with U.N. representatives then in Palestine. In the meantime we shall do the utmost to minimize the chaos created by the present government and shall maintain, so far as lies in

our power, the public services neglected by it.

5. The Jewish people extend the hand of peace to the Arab people. The Jewish State will be glad to cooperate with the neighboring Arab states and to enter into permanent treaty relations with them to strengthen world peace and to advance the development of all countries in the Near East.

The Actions Committee also ratified the military accord between the Haganah and the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Another resolution, on Jerusalem, was adopted. It reads:

The General Council, representing the world Zionist Movement, calls the attention of the world and all religions to Jerusalem which is now under artillery fire. With the setting ablaze of the commercial center of Jerusalem, and looting it under the eyes of the Government which declared that it takes sole responsibility for law and order in Palestine, the Arabs began their siege of Jerusalem which has already lasted months without intervention by the Government or the military. The Arabs laid siege upon the Jewish quarters of the Old City and now have started to bombard with artillery various other quarters. In the spiritual capital of the world and the capital of the Mandatory in Palestine, Jews have for weeks been denied access to their holy places; have been prevented from bringing their sick to the hospital and to bury their dead in their ancient cemetery. The streets of Jerusalem are under constant fire from snipers and roads of supply are blocked in order to starve out the population. This happened not because the Mandatory hasn't enough power to deal with the situation, but because aggressors have been given free rein and the Government which is responsible for law and order in the city does not want to differentiate between the attacker and the attacked. In these circumstances the General Council feels obliged to convey to the entire civilized world its protest against abandoning Jerusalem, which, according to the resolution of the U.N. Assembly, is an international city, to murder, looting and destruction, in order to make the U.N. resolution null and void.

To all peoples and states in whom the name of Jerusalem inspires a feeling of holiness, we address our appeal and "ask for the peace of Jerusalem". We the representatives of the Jewish people, repeat the oath of our forefathers: "If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning".

The text of the economic resolution follows:

With a view to ensuring victory on the economic front and continuation of the peaceful task of rebuilding the Jewish Homeland, the Zionist General Council charges every Zionist individual everywhere, every Zionist body in the world, and calls on every Jewish organization wherever it may be, to mobilize without delay, and in the most effective manner, all its resources with a view to consolidating the economic front of Palestine; Assume maximum funds to ensure the speeding up of

supplies and equipment and everything required for defense and upbuilding of Palestine; Support immigration in every form and on a scale commensurate with the urgent needs of the Jewish masses requiring a home and the imperative requirements of Jewish man-power in Palestine for productive work and defense; Toil unceasingly to increase the national land possessions and implement the resettlement program; Further industrial enterprise and harness it for defense needs.

Victory depends upon the speed with which supplies and equipment are mobilizable. The General Council demands that every Zionist Jew in diaspora make the fullest possible contribution for the defense and establishment of the Jewish State and considers the adaptation of Palestine economy to war needs as the condition of ultimate victory.

HLS:RB



IN/5/341/31

April 7, 1952

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

It gives me great pleasure to express to you my Government's gratitude for the assistance you personally, and through you the Denver Jewish Community, have given the five members of the staff of the Israel Railroads who trained in the United States under a Technical Assistance Grant.

As you know, these were the first Point IV trainees to arrive in this country and your help and advice to the members of the Embassy, as well as to the trainees themselves, has indeed been most valuable.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hovav

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Congregation Emanuel B'nai Yeshurun
Milwaukee,
Wisconsin.

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Rudolf G. Sonneborn
300 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10

April 26, 1951

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herbert:

In my apartment, very nearly six years ago, a small group of us met with two distinguished visitors from Palestine. Those who participated in that meeting, and others who have joined our group, have undertaken since then many special tasks that only a semi-anonymous group could fulfill.

The Prime Minister of Israel is due to arrive next week, and has asked the privilege of meeting again with us--very privately. Often he has referred to that first meeting July 1, 1945 as the conception date of the State of Israel--the day he found the courage and assurance to proceed.

Please keep this letter confidential. The time will probably be the latter part of the second week in May. The place will probably be my apartment at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel.

More anon.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rudolf
Rudolf G. Sonneborn

Because she is in your heart
MOTHER'S DAY
Greetings
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RABBI HERBERT FRIEDMAN=

TEMPLE EMANUEL DVR=

REFER MY LETTER APRIL 26 PRIVATE LUNCHEON SATURDAY MAY 12 AT
 ONE PM. PALM ROOM 18TH FLOOR WALDORF ASTORIA NEW YORK CITY
 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR JOINING US IN COURSE OF AFTERNOON AND
 EARLY EVENING PLEASE KEEP CONFIDENTIAL AND RESPOND=

RUDOLF SONNEBORN=

JOHN A. CARROLL
1ST DISTRICT, COLORADO

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.
May 19, 1948

Rabbi Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1595 Pearl St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Enclosed is a copy of H. Con. Res. 149, which calls upon the President to modify the United States embargo on arms and ammunition to the Middle East.

I have signed discharge petition No. 17 which would force this resolution to the Floor of the House for debate and for determination of this important issue by a vote.

I am keeping in close touch with Congressman Buckley, who introduced the resolution, as well as other interested members, and will do what I can to obtain early action on this resolution.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John A. Carroll

80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 149

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Mr. BUCKLEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly has decreed a partition plan of Palestine; and

Whereas the Government of the United States has actively expressed its support for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, and for the passage of the United Nations' partition plan of Palestine; and

Whereas a state of emergency now exists in Palestine where an Arab uprising has been organized and directed against the Jewish people; and

Whereas various Arab governments, in disregard of the United Nations Charter and in violation of international law, are sending arms and men to invade Palestine; and

Whereas thousands of innocent people have been injured and killed, many in the defense of their lives against ruthless

attacks, in an effort to exterminate them before the partitioning plan is successfully effected; and

Whereas the success of the Palestine partitioning plan is endangered with its resultant effect upon the United Nations Organization and its larger effect upon world peace; and

Whereas the recent embargo on the shipment of arms to Palestine is working a severe hardship upon the Jewish people in Palestine and frustrating the United Nations decision; and

Whereas it is necessary, proper, and just that innocent people, attempting to sustain the decision of the United Nations, be permitted to arm and defend themselves against those who wish to destroy the rightful determination of the United Nations Organization: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring),* That we respectfully call upon the President of
- 3 the United States to issue an Executive order modifying
- 4 the United States embargo on arms and ammunition to the
- 5 Middle East, permitting the acquisition by the Hebrew people
- 6 of Palestine of the arms necessary for defense against ag-
- 7 gression and to preserve the determination of the United
- 8 Nations General Assembly, which decreed the partitioning
- 9 of Palestine.

80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 149

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President to modify the United States embargo on arms and ammunition to the Middle East, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BUCKLEY

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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RABBI HERBERT A FRIEDMAN=

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WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN INFORMED YOU WILL HEAD JEWISH DELEGATION MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT DENVER SEPTEMBER 20TH PLEASE CONTACT BARNEY WHATLEY 2260 BELLAIR WHO HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WHITE HOUSE AS TO FURTHER PROCEDURES CALL HIM AND SAY YOU WERE ASKED BY THE WHITE HOUSE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT TIME YOU ARE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND TO MAKE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS AGAIN MAY I ASSURE YOU YOU ARE RENDERING AN HISTORIC SERVICE CORDIAL REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR=

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RABBI HERBERT A FRIEDMAN=

, TEMPLE EMANUEL=1595 PEARL ST DVR=

IN REGARD TO YOUR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20TH SUGGEST FOLLOWING
LINE: YOU APPRECIATE FINE SPIRIT IN WHICH HE HAS ACTED TOWARD
JEWS AND ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR HIS ACTS REGARDING ISRAEL.
YOU ARE CONFIDENT HE HAS BEST INTERESTS OF ISRAEL AT HEART
AND WILL IN AMPLE TIME TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WILL SAFEGUARD THE
NEWLY BORN STATE. THERE SHOULD BE NO TONE OF DEMAND OR
INSISTENCE BUT RATHER ONE OF APPRECIATION AND COMPLETE
CONFIDENCE THAT HE WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST YOU ARE
MEETING WITH HIM TO TELL HIM IN PERSON HOW MUCH HIS ATTITUDE
HAS MEANT IN ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH TO JEWISH COMMUNITY.
FINALLY, IF YOU CAN ADVISE HIM THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO
SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS FINANCIALLY THAT WOULD BE OF UTMOST VALUE.
MANY MANY THANKS=

HENRY MONTOR=

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REGARDING BERNADOTTE INCIDENT, EXPRESS CONDEMNATION OF
RUTHLESS ACT. REFER TO OFFICIAL ISRAEL STATEMENTS
INDICATING FEELING OF ISRAELIS REGARDING MATTER=
HENRY MONTOR=..

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HENRY MONTOR

3338-210TH STREET, BAYSIDE, LONG ISLAND

December 23, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1591 Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herb:

AMERICAN JEWISH

I am deeply appreciative of your telegram. I know exactly how you feel, but I want to assure you that you need have no sense of embarrassment. I don't know of anyone in this country who has done more for the right things than you have.

Ever since I had the extraordinary privilege of meeting you in Berlin, I have found you constantly growing in stature, so don't worry about your inability to meet this last demand. All your other fulfillments overshadow it.

With warm regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry
Henry Montor

HM:BG

Happy New Year

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, 163 WEST 46TH STREET, NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

PERSONAL

April 28, 1949

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th & Pearl Sts.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the State of Israel, has asked me to extend to you this personal invitation to meet with him for dinner on Wednesday evening, May 4th, in celebration of the first anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.

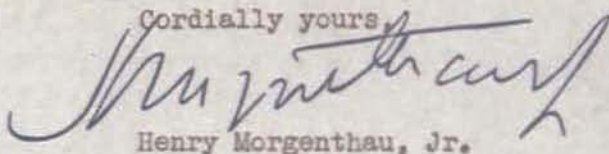
Since this will be the only occasion of its kind, it will also be in the nature of a farewell to Dr. Weizmann, who will return to Israel on the following day.

The dinner will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Although May 15th is the secular calendar date, the Government of Israel has followed the Hebrew calendar in fixing the first anniversary for May 4th. We are being guided by that decision.

I know that you feel with me that all of us who have been invited will participate in one of the historic events in the American Jewish calendar.

Please advise me by telegram as to your acceptance.

Cordially yours,



Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

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May 29, 1951

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you very much indeed for your gracious letter of May 23rd inquiring about my health. It was kind of you to write.

I am feeling much better, but, of course, must follow doctor's orders and remain in bed for a little while yet.

With all good wishes and with kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

E. Kaplan
Eliezer Kaplan
Minister of Finance

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TEL-AVIV, 8th December, 1948, תל-אביב

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedmann,
3001, Forest St.,
Denver, Colo.,
U. S. A.

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Dear Rabbi Friedmann,

I am very glad to inform you that the Purple Vetch Seeds, bought by our Mr. Reisner in California, and for which you so kindly assisted to obtain and Export Licence, have arrived here in best order and in time for the season.

Your help was of the greatest importance, and we hope that we shall have a good harvest of this important fodder for our dairy cattle, thus assuring adequate milk yield for the need of the population, ever-increasing now.

May we, therefore, once more express our deepest appreciation for the assistance rendered to Mr. Reisner, on behalf of all our agricultural settlements and on our own behalf.

We remain with kindest regards, and with Shalom,

Yours sincerely,
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מדינת ישראל
STATE OF ISRAEL
MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 4599

December 3, 1948

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of November 23.
I met Mr. Maurice Devins, and enjoyed speaking to
him very much.

Our mutual friend has been helping us when-
ever requested, and I am quite confident after
having met Mr. Devins, that it is his and your
devotion to our cause that has inspired Mr.
Brannan to respond to all of our requests with
such enthusiasm.

With kind personal regards to you and Mr.
Devins,

Very sincerely yours,

E. Epstein

Eliahu Epstein
Special Representative

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

November 23, 1948

Hon. Eliahu Epstein
2210 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Epstein:

A gentleman in Denver who is the closest friend of Mr. B, and who first established the liaison, is named Mr. Maurice Devins. Mr. Devins will be in Washington Friday, to attend the Army-Navy football game in the company of Mr. B and Mr. Oscar Chapman. He will be visiting with them socially over the entire weekend, and will be in their presence a great deal of the time. He knows of your recent conversations with Mr. B regarding the possibilities of ERP help. He thinks that it might be possible for him to cause Mr. B to revise his attitude, in a favorable direction. Before he speaks with Mr. B, however, he wants to confer with you, so that he does not cross any channels.

This letter is to introduce him, so that when he calls you on Friday, you will be familiar with his name. If at all possible, I respectfully urge that you see him, or that you delegate someone competent to see him, and outline with him whatever steps you think he might be able to accomplish. He is the closest personal friend of Mr. B and is absolutely devoted to the cause of Israel. He will do anything you deem necessary or advisable, and he will abide by your decisions.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s

מדינת ישראל
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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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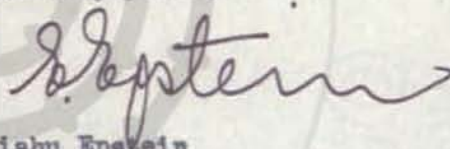
November 10, 1948

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of November 3. I have seen
our mutual friend recently, and I am convinced more than ever
of his sincere desire to help us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Epstein
Special Representative

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

November 7, 1951

Miss Esther Herlitz
Embassy of Israel
1621 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Esther:

I hope you did not think it was presumptuous of me to send you the telegram the other day regarding Brannan's forthcoming visit to Israel.

I simply wanted to make sure that he would be given the very best possible treatment and not to be considered simply another visiting fireman. I know how rushed and how pressed the people in Israel are with regard to foreign dignitaries. I also know they do their very best to be courteous to everyone.

But if anyone deserves special treatment this man certainly does. He has helped us, particularly back in the time of 1948, in many unusual ways, beyond the line of duty. I think that B.G. himself, as well as Golda, Sharrett and Eshkol ought to be sure to be available to him.

I understand that he is bringing with him several senators from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and Mr. James Patton, head of the National Farmer's Union. Patton is one of the great liberal voices of America, and, in my judgment, confidentially, represents the organized farm strength behind Brannan which keeps him in office. Patton also, coincidentally, comes from Denver, so that he and Brannan are personal as well as professional friends.

The senators are important in terms of their sphere of activity. Patton is much more important in terms of the power he holds over the public opinion of millions of American farmers.

Both Brannan and Patton are the kind of men who will look only for the best in Israel. I will leave the whole matter in your hands with the full confidence that you will transmit ^{it to the proper} ~~it to the proper~~ people in Israel that Brannan and Patton are really somebody.

With all good wishes, I am

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s

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שגרירות ישראל
ושינגטון

March 7th, 1951.

Rabbi Herbert Friedman,
Temple Emanuel,
Denver,
Colorado.

My dear Herb,

Many thanks to you and Mrs. Friedman for your wonderful hospitality in Denver. I hope we have not made too bad an impression on the community and not brought about any real strife. I would appreciate a line from you (or may be a copy of any report you may be writing to Harry Seeve and Montor) so that I should know as well what the final results of our meeting were.

I have written today to your brother-in-law and am expecting to hear from him soon.

Through a mutual friend who left for Israel on Tuesday night I sent a message to Eliahu Sacharov saying that you are coming over in Summer and that he should expect you.

We are all very anxious to hear of your investigations concerning pipes and steel, and I am repeating here the address of Mr. Meir Sherman, Israel Supply Mission, 250 West 57th St., New York, who is now dealing with our most difficult supply problems and hope your friends will contact him.

Again, with many thanks, and the kindest of regards to you and Mrs. Friedman, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Teddy Kollek

February 20, 1951

Mr. Charles Brannan
Westchester Apartments
Apartment 701-A
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

I write to you now, as I have done upon several occasions in the past, to put before you my views on a matter which is probably of more importance than anything I have ever asked for before. I know that you have been wrestling with this problem, and I know also that in the goodness of your heart you want to do everything possible to help us solve it.

I refer to the question of the 20 million bushels of wheat which the Government of Israel desires to stock-pile against possible future emergencies. I try very hard to put myself in your position, and to realize the enormous number of demands which are made upon you from all quarters of the globe for this precious commodity. In the Bible we learn that man does not live by bread alone, and yet we also know that if he does not have bread he cannot concentrate on creating the higher and finer things of life.

I am no diplomat, and do not speak with the carefully chosen language of those practiced in the art of diplomacy. To me, the situation in Israel appears to be one in which the people and the government are afraid of what will happen, should a general world war break out. They are fearful that their supply lines to the West would be immediately cut off, and they would be left without the means of nourishing their population. There will come a time, in a few years, when the land will be capable of supporting the population. At the moment, this is not true, because of the incredible rate of absorption of refugees. As these people are absorbed, and as the productive tools of agriculture are placed in their hands, they will cause the land to give forth with most of the needs to make it self-supporting. As I gather the picture, they are afraid that time will run out on them before they can accomplish this goal. For this reason, it becomes imperative to them to have the assurance and the knowledge that they have succeeded in stock-piling a sufficient quantity of grain to assure them against possible famine conditions.

At one point, several weeks back, you thought it might be possible to make available to them as much as 50 million bushels. In my judgment, they do not need, nor are they equipped to handle such a quantity. The figure of 20 million bushels is much more realistic, for that amount they could handle, and that amount could provide them with a stock-pile which would last into the reasonably near future. I do not speak in any official capacity whatsoever for the Government of Israel. Their Ambassador has the power to conduct their negotiations. I simply am offering you my own judgment, that the smaller figure would allay their fears about

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being cut off in the future, and would help provide the stability which is so necessary for the morale of a nation.

The morale of Israel is related in direct proportion, it seems to me, to the interests of the U.S. That little country is a true democracy and will stand in the Middle East in the troublesome days ahead as a strong support for American ideals and way of life. Anything we can do to guarantee her safe existence will be of great value to the U.S.

May I say, quite privately and confidentially, that I have discussed this matter with Mr. Eddie Jacobson of Kansas City, who is HST's close friend and co-partner. Mr. Jacobson says that he is quite prepared to discuss this with the Boss, and is reasonably certain that he will receive a friendly and sympathetic response. If, in your judgment, Jacobson's approaching his friend would in any way help you to make this decision, he would be happy to do so. Again, I repeat, I have no wish to meddle in high places, but I am simply groping for any and all possible means of finding the way to enable this to come to pass.

Jacobson tells me that he has some friends in Kansas City, familiar with grain, who would fly to Israel immediately and make the arrangements for the construction of such elevators and storage places as would be necessary to hold these 20 million bushels, should you be able to make them available.

I know, Charlie, how many things are weighing on your mind. I think I know, from the discussions here with Art Samelson, some of the pressures which are bothering you and giving you heartache. Because of the affection and respect I have for you, I certainly would not want to add to your problems. But I speak with my own small voice to tell you how terribly important I think this matter is, and to indicate that if there is any way within your power that you can make this wheat available, it will be the most magnificent of a long series of wonderful deeds you have done. There is an old saying among our people that the reward for doing one good deed is the opportunity to do another.

With all my fondest regards, I am

As ever,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

שגרירות ישראל
ושינגטון

December 18, 1950

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

It is my pleasure to acknowledge your letter of November 22nd to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance, who has, in the meantime, returned to his post in Israel. I am forwarding your letter to him in Jerusalem, for I know that he will be greatly interested in its contents.

I have been asked by the Government of Israel, together with our Ambassador, to serve in the United States as liaison between the Government and our friends here who will make themselves responsible for the flotation of the bond issue.

The views contained in your letter are truly helpful in the formulation of policy. I should like the opportunity of keeping in touch with you as the final terms of the issue are clarified.

Sincerely yours,

Teddy Kollek

Theodor Kollek
Minister Plenipotentiary

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

*I missed you at the U.I. & conference
and hope to see you soon again.
Yours as ever
Teddy.*



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1950

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I apologize for not replying more promptly to your recent letter. However, I have had such a rugged schedule that time has slipped by.

The conference in Europe, which was attended by Secretary Acheson, issued a statement in regard to arms to Israel and to the Arabs, which you no doubt saw at the time, seems to have inspired considerable hope that this matter would be handled in a fair and just way to all concerned. I certainly hope so.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Barkley

AWB:b

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 6104/50

May 24, 1950

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of May 22nd. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I want to use this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the help and cooperation you extended to me on many important occasions. I shall be looking forward to seeing you one day again.

Mrs. Elath joins me in conveying to you and Mrs. Friedman our warmest and affectionate regards.

Cordially,

E. Elath

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

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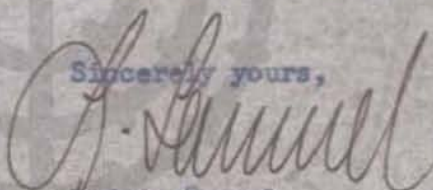
May 3, 1950

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I thank you very much for your letter of April 30. So far, no decision on the whole issue could be obtained because it is not yet quite clear at what time new meat deliveries from Mexico would be arranged for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. However, I am now more hopeful and I shall certainly let you know the results of all our negotiations with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely yours,



Ludwig Samuel
Agricultural Attache

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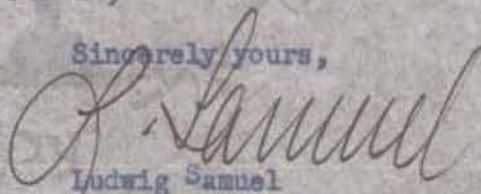
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I should like to convey to you my sincere gratitude for the letter you wrote to the Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan concerning the possibility to get for us meat in kosher form. I shall see the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation tomorrow and will probably hear in this interview whether any decision on this matter has been made. In any case, I shall let you know the results of the negotiations with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on our purchasing of surplus food.

In the meantime, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,



Ludwig Samuel
Agricultural Attache

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

No. 4579/50

April 27, 1950

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you for your telephone call of last Friday. I do not have to tell you how I value your active participation in the matters so vital to us and that I would appreciate your further contact with your friend. After having received your letter he was most kind when I saw him, and I have great confidence in his sincere desire to be of assistance.

Mrs. Elath joins me in conveying to you and to Mrs. Friedman our kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

E. Elath

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STATE OF ISRAEL
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No. 1919

March 22, 1949

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

I should like once again to emphasize what I have already told you verbally that there is no organization in the United States, public or private, which speaks in any way or fashion for the State of Israel other than accredited representatives of the State in the United States.

I am conscious of the desire on the part of a number of organizations to make use of the State of Israel in whatever fashion possible. We, however, feel and have made it a matter of policy, not in any way to involve ourselves in any interorganizational problems on the American scene. Our task is to explain to the American public something of the development and future of the State of Israel. On a number of occasions, some of the organizations in the United States have felt that they could be useful to us on certain specific projects and we have at their request, made use of their facilities. However, none of this cooperation can in any way mean either by implication or directly that that particular organization has assumed the responsibility for any phase of work for the State of Israel. Such responsibilities rest solely and completely with either the members of the Embassy of Israel in Washington, the two Consulates in New York and Los Angeles, and one or two government agencies operating directly with the mandate of the Government of Israel.

I can well understand your concern over the appearance in the press of statements to the effect that we have allocated our rights to individual organizations. That is a very damaging statement and one which I took up personally with the responsible parties.

There is much that all of these organizations have done for us in the past and there is much that they can do in the future and we welcome on every side, any cooperation with us in our work. In fact,

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we encourage it to a degree that is unusual under the circumstances in which we work here in Washington. But it can never be assumed that by such cooperation we relinquish our control or our direction of any of our activities in the United States.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Zinder

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ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL HAS PRODUCED NEW TYPE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, A.D.L. DIRECTOR SAYS

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- Although the establishment of Israel has given American Jews an "ego boost," it has also resulted in a new type of intellectual anti-Semitism based on charges of divided loyalties of American Zionists, Benjamin Epstein, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League, revealed here.

Epstein said last night that an alarming lack of understanding of Israel and Zionism has been demonstrated by expressions of Protestant Ministers and other intellectuals. He cited articles in the "Christian Century," to support his remarks.

The chief source of criticism levelled at Jews is alleged divided loyalty and support by American Jewry of a foreign state which has now attained full sovereignty, Epstein said. "Professional anti-Semites seem elated at the success of Israel," Their new cry is that now that Jews have a place to go, "send them all back there," he added.

Epstein's statements were made at a forum on the significance of Israel to world democracy held at the Jewish Community Center here. Other participants were Arthur C.A. Liverhant, of the Israeli Embassy staff, and Prof. Richard J. Purcell, of Catholic University.

I Think As I Please

WHEN B'NAI B'BRITH WOULDN'T TAKE "A PARTISAN STAND" ON ZIONISM

By CARL ALPERT

IN recent months I have had occasion to comment on the almost unanimous support which the Zionist cause today enjoys from almost every stratum of American Jewry. The American Jewish Committee appears to have appointed itself a special protector of our relationship with Israel; but the B'nai B'rith almost throws itself out of joint in its agitated effort to prove that it was pro-Zionist even before Herzl. Only the American Council for Judaism remains unregenerate and unreconstructed.

The friendly support and endorsement which Israel is today receiving from groups which have previously remained on the sidelines is most commendable. Such outspoken friendship is all the more a credit to the integrity and honesty of organizations which have the courage to admit they were wrong.

There is no mortal sin in admitting an error in policy. All of us are at times guilty of mistakes in judgment and opinion, and only time can reveal to us where we erred. Openly to confess such error is a sign of courage.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS that I am surprised by the effort of the Anti-Defamation League to distort its own past record. With or without documents, almost everyone knows that the A.D.L. was for years consistently hostile to Zionism, and remained so under an unenlightened leadership. In more recent years, under the direction of Benjamin R. Epstein, the A.D.L. has undergone a thorough house-cleaning, and has emerged as a respectable organization of which the B'nai B'rith need not be ashamed, even though its program may not command unanimous support.

A few weeks ago in one of these columns, my Staten Island ferry friend, a chap named Zalman, cited an old A.D.L. pamphlet named "How Far Zionism?" Even the title should have been enough to indicate the direction taken in the contents. Yet in an open letter in the February "A.D.L. Bulletin," Mr. Epstein, in a rather aggrieved tone, complains that Zalman, and I, have not been fair.

I don't like to argue with Mr. Epstein. People tell me he is a swell fellow—and the very point I had wanted to make—then and now—is that there is a big difference between the A.D.L. of today and the A.D.L. of another day. But he has been led astray, I fear, by his loyalty to his organization. It's a difficult matter under any circumstances to defend that old A.D.L. And to defend the particular pamphlet from the Fireside Discussion Series is even more difficult.

After a fairly objective factual survey of the history of Zionism, the pamphlet closes with a discussion of the philosophy and theory of the movement. It offers only one authoritative quotation, that of anti-Zionist Morris Jastrow, who seeks to show "how fallacious it is to seek for a solution of the Jewish Question by the creation of such a state."

In his defense Mr. Epstein is careless enough to say that "the pamphlet, of course, also quoted lots of pro-Zionist authorities." Well! I've gone through it four times, and I fail to find a single argument, a single quotation, a single pro-Zionist reference. There are no other quotations, and the argument is left to stand on Prof. Jastrow's fulminations.

Then the pamphlet concludes with such "questions for discussion" as "Do you think it is fair to try and eliminate the Arab from Palestine? How far should the Zionist Party go in trying to make Palestine a national homeland?"

THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE is that nothing is gained by defending an old and a dead policy. By contrast to the above, A.D.L.'s present policy is a comfort and an encouragement, and I began this discussion to emphasize the contrast.

The same is true of the B'nai B'rith. It is good to find the organization so outspokenly on the side of Israel at last. It makes excellent contrast to the days when so eminent a spokesman from the Order as Joseph L. Kun could write (1939) unchallenged: "The B'nai B'rith could not without threat to its existence, permit itself to take a partisan stand on such a controversial question as Zionism."

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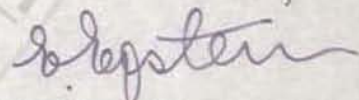
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:-

I have received your letter of May 30th. It would
give me great pleasure to meet Mr. Brannan and I greatly appreciate
your interest in the matter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Epstein
Acting Representative

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June 9, 1948

Personal

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:-

Yesterday I had a very pleasant talk with Secretary Brennan. He was extremely kind and interested in our problems. He generously offered his assistance whenever required.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your and other friends' help in this matter which, I am sure, will bring good to Israel.

With my best wishes to you and our friends in Denver,

Very sincerely yours,

E. Epstein
Eliahu Epstein
Special Representative

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AMERICAN JEWRY OBSERVES DAY OF PRAYER FOR PALESTINE

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UNPRECEDENTED RELIGIOUS MOBILIZATION THROUGHOUT AMERICA;

MANY WORK STOPPAGES IN NEW YORK AREA;

EVERY RABBINICAL AND CONGREGATIONAL GROUP IS PARTICIPATING

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New York, April 7 -- American Jewry will hold unprecedented services of prayer and intercession for Palestine tomorrow (Thursday, April 8, 1948), when synagogues throughout the nation will be filled with worshipers joining to give expression to their indignation over the American Government's reversal of policy with respect to Palestine, and to offer prayer for the embattled Jews of the Holy Land. This was announced today by the Synagogue Council of America, representing orthodox, conservative and reform Jewish rabbinical and congregational bodies throughout the United States, which has issued the call for this national mobilization.

The Synagogue Council disclosed that more than 8,000 Jewish houses of worship in the United States will hold special services tomorrow. Every rabbinical and congregational body of the country is participating, including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, the United Synagogues of America, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada, Agudath Israel of America, the Mizrahi Organization of America, the National Council of Young Israel, Vaad Harabanim of New York, Poale Agudath Israel, Zeire-Agudath Israel, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Hashomer Hadati, the Women's Mizrahi Organization and the Women's Section of Agudath Israel.

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Large numbers of manufacturers and businessmen throughout the New York metropolitan area are closing their places of business at 4:00 P.M. tomorrow in order to enable their workers to arrive at their synagogues at an early hour. In most instances, the service will be held in the late afternoon or in the early evening.

It was also announced that Jewish religious organizations in Palestine, England, South Africa, Australia and Canada are planning similar special services for tomorrow and that the day of prayer and protest will have a world-wide character.

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RABBI HERBBERT A FRIEDMAN

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL RECEIVED FOLLOWING AUTHORITATIVE MESSAGE PALESTINE

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TIME FACTOR MOST VITAL." UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE SUGGEST YOU ASK ALL

PEOPLE YOUR CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY TO WIRE WHITE HOUSE, STATE

DEPARTMENT AND YOUR SENATORS URGING U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKE INITIATIVE

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*Materials
for Israel*

Rudolf G. Sonneborn
300 Fourth Avenue
New York City 10

October 10th
1950

Dear Friend:

Attached herewith is
a copy of a letter which I
received from Yigael Yadin,
Chief of the General Staff of
the Israel Defense Forces.

Kind greetings.

Sincerely,

R. G. Sonneborn
Rudolf G. Sonneborn

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Israel Defense Forces

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF**

22nd September 1950

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Dear Mr. Sonneborn,

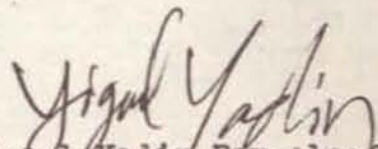
May I extend to you and to all your associates and unnamed friends in Material for Israel my very best wishes for a happy Rosh Hashanah.

We hope that the coming year will be a peaceful one for Israel and for the entire world. Without peace, it will not be possible for us to go forward full speed with our primary work of absorbing our new brothers here. But without strength of arms we have no chance to keep that peace in our corner of the world.

To that end, we trust we may depend upon your assistance in all its many phases during this coming year, just as we have in the past. It will be no less vitally needed.

Meanwhile, before we usher in another New Year, we will be happy if we are able to welcome many of our friends from MFI in Israel so that they can see with their own eyes what they have helped us to build.

Sincerely yours,


Yigael Yadin Rav-Aloof

CHIEF of the GENERAL STAFF

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Isaac Imber, Director

June 22, 1948

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Herb:

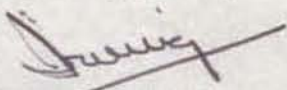
I feel that you would be happy to hear that most of the stuff which has come from Denver is already in Israel or well on its way.

I was talking to Bee Jaffer the other day and she was telling me of the terrific job you are doing on the medical end of this business, and naturally this did not surprise me. However, she mentioned the fact that some of the instruments which were sent from Denver were in an unusable condition, so much so that they were not worth the freight to ship them in.

Among your million and one other duties, Herb, could you arrange to have the stuff inspected at your end by competent experts to see that it is fit for the use for which it is intended?

My best regards to your wife and, of course, Bill Saxon and Sam Sterling. I sure hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,


Irving Rockmore

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Hello Herb, any thing you need done around here?

"A non-sectarian organization
pledged to serve God and humanity
by supporting unrestricted Jewish
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democratic Jewish homeland
in Palestine."

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June 8, 1948

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thank you very much for your letter. I most certainly was and am still aware of the wonderful job you have done for Haganah both in Europe as well as in this country - and I assure that I need not check with Joe Eisen or anyone else about you. You may perhaps know it, but anyway, your name is quite a name with us.

You were asking if there was anything you can do in Israel which will be of service to our cause. There is no question in my mind that there are quite a number of things you would be able to do, though at present I cannot give you a specific answer. However, I should like you to know that if something specific should come up in the near future, I shall take the liberty of informing you of it and asking you to participate. This is all for today.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Reuven Dafni

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March 22, 1948

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Dear Chaplain:

A group of your fellow ex-chaplains (Aaron Blumenthal, Max Eichhorn, David Golovensky, Aryeh Lev, Emanuel Rackman, Jacob Rudin, Edward Sandrow, Bernard Segal and Charles Shulman) have suggested that you be contacted on the following subject:

It has been decided to endeavor to provide an opportunity for young men and women between the ages of 20-35 of the American Jewish Community to participate in person in the strengthening of the Yishuv at this time. Vehamaskil yavin.

The call which has reached us is one of extreme urgency.

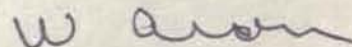
Whilst there is absolutely no illegality involved in this matter according to American law, in order to prevent unnecessary difficulties being placed in the way of the hoped for movement, it is essential to treat this matter as confidential - that is to say, there must be no public speeches, no open meetings, little correspondence, nor any indiscriminate telephone conversations or loose talk on the subject. Please act accordingly.

One problem is contacting suitable personnel having leadership ability who might come up for consideration as persons likely to be able to take charge of groups on various levels, or any outstanding personalities with records of participation in various fields. Personnel with special skills are especially desired.

It is our hope that you may be able to provide us with a list of names of such categories of people who may at present be residing in your Community and who might become interested if properly approached. You may also have lists of ex-servicemen whom you have served and whom you can refer to us for further action on this matter.

Any information you may provide will be treated as strictly confidential.

Yours very truly,



Wellesley Aron

LIST A

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	
100	*Sand Bags	2,000,000	
101	Barbed Wire	1,000	Ton
102	Tents (2 Men)	1,000	
103	Tents (6 Men)	1,000	700 secured
104	Tents (16 Men)	1,000	350 "
105	Blankets	40,000	11,880 "
106	*Boots	10,000	
107	Hard Rations (Dehydrated or Emergency)	500,000	
108	*Sweaters	30,000	
109	Telephones	1,000	Secured
110	Cable Telephone	500	mi. "
111	Switchboards	50	"
112	Water Trucks	50	1 secured
113	Gas Trucks	20	
114	Armored Trucks	200	
115	Jeeps	1,000	
116	2 1/2 Ton Trucks	1,000	
117	3/4 Ton Dodge Trucks	1,000	
118	Medical		
119	Ambulances	50	3 secured
120	Water Canteens with canvas canteen covers	30,000	
121/1	Helmet-steel, world war II specifications	30,000	15,000 secured
121/2	Helmet liners with sweat bands	30,000	complete
122	Army ruck sacks with metal frames, 80 lb. capacity	15,000	
123	Musette Bags-canvas-shoulder strap	30,000	1,600 secured
124/1	S C R 236 (walkie-talkies)		
124/2	S C R 300 (" ")		
125	Mortar and -carrying bags canvas	10,000	
126	Anti-aircraft searchlight projectors with separate gasoline generators	100	
127	Signal lamps with morse code key	1,000	

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LIST B

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	
200	Canvas Cots	30,000	
202	Binoculars	1,000	30 secured
203	Compasses	1,000	570 "
204	Light Projectors (1:10) Km.)	300	
206	*Socks	30,000	
207/1	Flash lights, 2 cell with morse code button	30,000	
207/2	Flash light batteries	100,000	
208	Wire laying reels	100	
209	Wire laying gloves, leather palm	2,000	
210	Pack boards, large frame	1,000	
211/1	Telephone wire hand reels, 1,000 yards per reel		
211/2	Telephone wire reels (not hand) various sizes		
212	Entrenching tools-picks and spades	30,000	
213	Canvas litter bags with 10 outlets, 50-60 gallon	500	



LIST C

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	
300	Ponchos	20,000	complete
301	Rain Coats	10,000	
302	*Bicycles	1,000	150 secured
303	Motorcycles	200	
304	Folding Boats	100	
305	Patrol Boats	20	
306	Mess Tins	30,000	
307	Field Stoves (Up to 100 Men)	100	22 secured
309	Map Cases	300	
310	Drafting Tables	30	complete
311	Folding Caneras	200	
312	Megaphone System (Complete	200	
314	Drafting Equipment Sets (supplies)		
315	Trailers for Jeeps		

LIST B

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
400	Cotton shorts	60,000
401	Undershorts-cotton	60,000
402/1	Khaki field trousers or Herring bone twill combat pants	30,000
402/2	Wool pants-olive drab	15,000
403/1	Shirts - khaki cotton	30,000
403/2	Shirts - wool olive drab	15,000
404	Field jackets-water proof lined (poplin)	30,000
405	Trouser belts-canvas with brass or steel buckle	30,000
406	Photographic Field Units complete with developing and printing facilities	50
407	Water Cans, 5 gal. capacity	50,000
408	Gasoline cans with funnels	10,000
409	Stereoscopes	
410	Shower Units	
411	Field Laundry Units	

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STATE OF ISRAEL

November 22, 1954

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Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Congregation Emanuel
B'nai Yeshurun
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Herb:

Thanks for your kind note acknowledging the New Year's greetings. May I admit that I started out by looking for an ancient map of Jerusalem, but finding somewhere this painted woodcut, with the "meshiach" sitting on a donkey and blowing a trumpet at the gates of Jerusalem, I decided I liked it even better than an ancient map, and so had it reproduced.

However, I am not writing just to get your praise for this bright idea, but mainly in order to tell you how pleased I was to hear from Giora Josephthal about your conversation. We had a good time here with some of your friends during their recent visit. In fact, I think this group was more enthusiastic than any I remember. Of course, last year, when you were here, we had the tension between the two groups. This year there was a more unified atmosphere. On the other hand, last year we accepted the idea of funding, which brought such good results, while at this most recent conference our targets were set in a much more general way.

It was really a great pity that you and your wife could not be here again. All the very best to you,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Kollek
Theodore Kollek

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לשכת ראש הממשלה
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

February 5th, 1954

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanu-El
2419 East Kenwood Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Herb:

You can't imagine how happy I was to have seen you both at least for the hour in your new home in Milwaukee. Of course, the thing I was most impressed with was to find the exact copy of your Denver house on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Please, Herb, keep after Sol Kahn and the others and get us our loan through fast so that I can go home as quickly as possible. I have written to Sol Kahn directly but I think a little reminder from you would be very helpful.

Please extend my warmest wishes to your wife and hoping to hear good news from you soon, I am

Cordially,

Teddy
Theodore Kollek
Director General of the
Prime Minister's Office

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 10, 1953

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I have been asked by Mr. David Ben-Gurion to convey to you the following personal message:

"I wish to express to you once again my thanks for your participation in the Jerusalem Conference 1953.

"The alacrity with which you - and the other leaders - accepted my invitation and came to hear the reports on the progress made in Israel in the past five years and the plans for the future, also the spirit of sympathetic understanding that you and your friends evinced for the problems of Israel, are encouraging evidence, if such evidence were necessary, of the solidarity of purpose between Jews abroad and the people of Israel.

"I hope you will agree that the Government of Israel and the Executive of the Jewish Agency did their best to place before the Conference all the relevant facts and considerations so as to enable all participants to arrive at a sober evaluation of the position. For our part we certainly took care not to gloss over our difficulties but tried to take the Conference fully into our confidence and present it with a true picture of the situation and prospects, in all their lights and shades.

"My colleagues and I, and indeed the people of Israel as a whole, were heartened in particular by the unity of purpose and the strength of determination revealed in the Declaration made by the Conference.

"I feel convinced that you came away from the Conference enriched by first-hand knowledge of the manifold problems with which the Government of Israel is trying to grapple, determined to do your utmost to assist Israel in her trials and endeavours, and reinvigorated in your faith in the ultimate triumph of our joint efforts."

Yours sincerely
Abba Eban
Abba Eban

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
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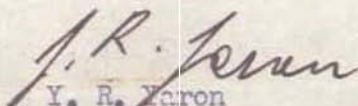
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I enclose herewith copy of a statement by Deputy Prime Minister Pinhas Lavon concerning the resignation of the four General Zionist members from the Israel Government Coalition, and should be most grateful if you could see your way to give it as wide publicity as possible.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Yours, very sincerely,


Y. R. Yaron
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May 27, 1953

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release #10

The following statement was released on Tuesday afternoon, May 26, 1953 at New York by Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister without Portfolio in the Israel Cabinet:

"PRESS REPORTS FROM ISRAEL ON THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS REQUIRE CLARIFICATION: FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, BELONGING TO THE GENERAL ZIONIST PARTY, HAVE RESIGNED FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LABOR PARTY RELATING TO ONE PARTICULAR REGULATION OF THE PROJECTED EDUCATION LAW. I WISH TO RESTATE THE POSITION OF THE LABOR PARTY OF WHOSE NINE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PRESENT CABINET I AM ONE, WE ARE THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF LABOR IN ISRAEL - THE HISTADRUT. MY PARTY HAS JUST DECIDED THAT THE HISTADRUT SHALL JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS - THAT GREAT ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE TRADE UNIONS OF THE WORLD WHICH STAND, AS WE DO, FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND AGAINST COMMUNIST REGIMENTATION. WE SHALL SEND OUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS TO BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM ON JULY 5 OF THIS YEAR. MY PARTY HAS DECIDED THAT COMMUNISTS SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM OFFICE IN THE HISTADRUT. OUR PARTY AND, UNDER ITS DIRECTION, OUR LABOR MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE, STAND FOR THE IDEALS OF FREE DEMOCRATIC LABOR. IT HAS REJECTED COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY. OUR CONSISTENT RECORD OF ACTIVE ANTI-COMMUNISM IS SUCH THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS FACT WHICH NO MISREPRESENTATION CAN CHANGE

"THE SPECIFIC ISSUE WHICH HAS LED TO THE RESIGNATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT IS PART OF THE WIDER PROBLEM OF THE REORGANIZATION OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. ALL PARTIES IN THE GOVERNMENT REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH A STANDARD CURRICULUM. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE WE AGREED THAT WE WOULD ALLOW SCHOOLS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF PARENTS, TO ADD TO THAT STANDARD CURRICULUM IN AN AGREED MANNER AND UNDER PUBLIC SUPERVISION. UP TILL NOW THERE HAVE EXISTED SEPARATE LABOR SCHOOLS. WE AGREED TO PUT THEM INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, BUT WE ASKED THAT THE RIGHTS ACCORDED TO ALL PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE WITHHELD FROM MEMBERS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MY PARTY ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED THAT WHERE PARENTS REQUIRE IT, OUR TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY, THE FIRST OF MAY, SHOULD BE CELEBRATED IN THE WAY IN WHICH DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS HAVE ALWAYS CELEBRATED IT, AS AN OCCASION FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE DIGNITY OF FREE HUMAN LABOR. WE DO NOT WANT TO IMPOSE THAT ON ANYONE WHO DOES NOT WISH IT, BUT WE ASK THAT THOSE WHO DO WISH IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE IT. PART OF THAT TRADITION, WHICH IS NO NEW THING WITH US, IS THE USE OF THE LABOR FLAG AND THE SINGING OF THE LABOR HYMN. THESE ARE THE TRADITIONS WHICH OUR LABOR MOVEMENT SHARES IN COMMON WITH THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS OF WESTERN EUROPE, WITH WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED. THE REPORT THAT THE LABOR FLAG WHICH WE USE CONTAINS THE COMMUNIST SYMBOLS OF THE HAMMER AND SICKLE, IS FALSE. WE HAVE NEVER USED THE COMMUNIST SYMBOLS WHICH TO US STAND FOR A MOVEMENT WHICH HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT AGAINST OUR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND OUR WORK IN ISRAEL.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WHO IN THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE FOUNDED THEIR STATE UPON THE BASIS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, WILL NEVER SWERVE FROM THESE PRINCIPLES, AND WILL ALWAYS FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THEY IMPOSE. WHATEVER DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON ISOLATED ISSUES MAY EXIST BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OTHER PARTIES, AND NO MATTER HOW STRONGLY WE MAY FEEL ABOUT THESE DIFFERENCES, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE UNITED IN DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THEIR DEMOCRACY AND PROTECT THE CONDITIONS OF HUMAN FREEDOM AS THEY ARE GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD IN ALL FREE COUNTRIES."



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ISRAEL OFFICE OF INFORMATION

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December 22, 1952

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun
2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
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Dear Herb,

Thank you very much for your note of December 16th. The person who worried you about Christian missionary schools in Israel, must have got his knowledge from a piece which appeared in "TIME" of December 15th, in the Education section with the heading "Rumblings in Israel". I am sending you attached copy of this item.

The facts as stated in "TIME" are essentially correct. Of the six to seven thousand children attending missionary schools in Israel, approximately 1,500 are Jews. This does not mean that the children have been converted to Christianity; it simply means that many Hebrew schools operating under the compulsory and free education law, are so overcrowded that some parents prefer to send their children to missionary schools, where incidentally, Jewish teachers also teach Hebrew. In view of the bad physical conditions, the number of 1,500 out of more than 300,000 school children is not really alarming. Of course the situation is not satisfactory, and a private committee recently set up is doing everything to persuade parents not to take such a course.

As you know, missionaries are free to operate in Israel and they maintain their own schools supported out of their own funds. Since we believe in, and practice freedom of religion, the Government does not interfere at all in their activities. I am sending you attached the booklet "Christians in Israel" as well as Marie Syrkin's "Education in Israel", which you may find interesting.

I have not heard from you as regards the matter of an overall Jewish Committee for Israel, or whatever you were going to name it, which I thought was going to be established under your Chairmanship in Milwaukee.

I would also be interested to hear what happened to the efforts of the American Friends of the Middle East in Milwaukee and how your "pilgrimage" plans are working out. When you have a moment, please do drop me a line.

With my kindest regards and my very best wishes to you and your wife,

Very cordially yours,

Ruth

Ruth Goldschmidt

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11 February, 1953
26 Shevat, 5713

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
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Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Shmuel Ben Dor, the Head of the American Department in our Foreign Office, in his last letter asked me to convey to you his very best regards. He hopes to see you soon in Israel when you will lead the group of Reform Rabbis coming there on the occasion of Shavuoth.

With my very best regards to your family and yourself,

Yours,

I. B. Yaron
I. B. Yaron
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*Aren't you ever coming
to Chicago? I suspect you
have been here without
stepping in.*



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22 January, 1953
6 Shevat, 5713

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
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My Dear Herb:

I would like to thank you most heartily for your letter of January 14, 1953 containing the information concerning the medical and dental arrangements you have made on our behalf for the Israeli students in Milwaukee. We have already written to Ovadya, Eliezer of Milwaukee, who is the representative of the Israeli students there and informed him of the contents of your letter.

I regret that while passing through Milwaukee a few weeks ago I was unable to get in touch with you, but I am looking forward to getting together with you in the not too distant future and discussing problems of mutual interest.

Unfortunately, during the last few days storm clouds have again covered the Jewish people and we are anxiously following the developments which now take place behind the Iron Curtain, which I believe may endanger the lives of a very large number of Jews who are still in that area. I personally have great doubts whether the governments behind this Curtain will permit the Jews to come to Israel. In spite of this we must try and do our utmost to awaken ourselves and others in order to save what we can save. All this comes at a time when we are already fighting on two fronts - to strengthen Israel's economy - to straighten out our relationships with the Arabs - and now a third front has been open whose strength should not be underestimated. I sincerely believe that we should discover ways to awaken a lot of our Jewish brethren who have sunk into an apathy which I have witnessed during my many meetings with different Jewish groups.

I hope to see you soon. Give my regards to Mrs. Friedman,

Cordially yours,

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April 8, 1953

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Rabbi Friedmann

The hostility of the Soviet Union to the State of Israel and its savage campaign of anti-Jewish incitement must be regarded as events of historic significance to Jews everywhere. Both the Government of Israel and the Jewish community in the United States share a common responsibility in regard to the fate of two and a half million Jews in East Europe and the protection of the Jewish interests involved. Thus they have a common interest in ensuring that the response shall serve Jewish welfare, security and dignity in the fullest possible measure.

In our several ways we shall all be affected by what we do and how we bear ourselves in this grave hour. There can be no doubt that it is in the capacity of the Jewish people to withstand the assault.

I have, therefore, been directed by Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel to Washington, to invite the presidents of some of the leading organizations in their personal capacity and a few other distinguished friends to consult with him informally and confidentially on the international and American aspects of this situation, and especially on the means of enabling Israel to meet those serious developments. Mr. Eban will come to Chicago on Thursday, April 16, and we will deeply appreciate it if you could be here for the purpose of meeting him on that day at the offices of the Consulate of Israel, 936 N. Michigan Avenue, from 3:30 till about 6:00 p.m. and take counsel together.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether we may count on your attendance.

Yours, very sincerely,

J. R. Yaron
(Y. R. Yaron)

Consul of Israel

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