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American Committee for Civil Liberties in Palestine, 1938.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES IN PALESTINE

(Affiliated with the Palestine Mandate Defense League, Inc.)

30 PINE STREET

NEW YORK CITY

January, 1938

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Rabbi Abba Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You are no doubt aware, from reports in the press, of the wholesale arrests of Jews in Palestine. Several months ago about 30 Jews were summarily convicted without a trial and sentenced to various terms in the Acre prison. A few days ago an additional group of 51 Jews were summarily convicted and sentenced.

In the course of these persecutions, searches were made in the homes of many Jews. Jewish youth were dragged away in the dead of the night and were taken to concentration camps.

We have received cables from Palestine, appealing for support on behalf of these innocent prisoners and their 250 dependents. To protect these youths and their families and to safeguard civil liberties in Palestine, which will take up the defense of the imprisoned young pioneers, and in other ways help the victims of this persecution.

We appeal to you as a friend of Civil Liberties to send your contribution immediately, to 30 Pine Street. Make checks payable to the American Committee for Civil Liberties in Palestine. Your donation will be deeply appreciated at this critical moment for the stricken families of the young men who have been dealt with so unjustly.

Sincerely yours,

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