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American Jewish Congress, 1920-1924.



Referring to the American Jewish Congress

# Call to the Conference of National and Central Organizations



March 31, 1920.

Dear Sirs:—

The American Jewish Congress is to reconvene shortly to receive the official report of its Delegation to the Peace Conference, and the national and central Jewish organizations of this country which have given substantial support and have expended so much effort in helping to bring the Congress into existence, are vitally interested in the new course which this movement for Jewish rights may take.

The achievements of the Congress are certainly of great significance to our people, but the task which we have set before it is far from being completed. At the time of our sessions in Philadelphia over a year ago, no one could foresee the subsequent events which have increased the sufferings of our people and thus enlarged the work that is before us.

Pogroms and persecutions in Eastern Europe have added to the trials and tribulations of our people and have for the time being even obscured some of the gains made before the Peace Conference. It will thus be seen that the great emergency in Jewish life created by the war which called the American Jewish Congress into being, is far from having passed and that it behooves all of the organizations and individuals interested in this movement to take account of the present situation and make plans for work to meet the new requirements.

In view of these circumstances the undersigned have thought it advisable to call a conference of representatives from all national and central organizations, i. e., fraternal orders, unions of congregations and of other Jewish bodies, central labor organizations, associated educational and mutual benefit societies, etc., for the purpose of having a free discussion and of arriving at a consensus of opinion with regard to future needs of concerted action by the whole of American Jewry as exemplified in the scope and the activities of the American Jewish Congress.

This conference will be held on **Saturday evening, April 17th**, beginning at 8 o'clock, and **Sunday morning, the 18th**, beginning at 10.30 o'clock, in the Assembly Room of the Union Square Hotel, Union Square, N. Y. C. and if you are in sympathy with these objects, we ask your organization to send three delegates to take part in this conference. We would suggest the following as the subjects for discussion:

1. The present work of the Congress Organization and of the Committee of Delegations at the Peace Conference.
2. Future plans and the question of the permanency of the Congress.
3. The relation of the American Jewish Congress to the war relief work and the question of the proposed International Relief Conference.
4. Forms of organization for continued work for Jewish rights abroad.



Trusting that in view of the great importance of these questions you will act upon this matter at your earliest possible opportunity and that you will notify us promptly of the delegates which you have chosen to represent you we are

Yours Respectfully,

GUSTAVE HARTMAN  
Grand Master, Independent Order B'rith  
Abraham

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Grand Master, Independent Order B'rith Sholom

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Please send your reply with names and addresses of your delegates to  
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May 12th, 1920.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

This Conference of Organizations was formed as the result of two sessions held on April 17th and 18th for the promotion of the idea of the creation of a permanent, democratic organization to speak and to act for American Jewry along the lines of the American Jewish Congress. Some of the reasons advanced for the calling of such a conference are indicated in the enclosed copy of the call to the conference.

On the Eve of the reconvening of the American Jewish Congress we are about to issue a special journal to be made up of various brief articles and expressions of opinion on part of the leaders of Jewish thought.

We would be most thankful to you for sending us a few words giving your views with regard to this matter.

Awaiting an early answer, I am, with assurances of esteem,

Very truly yours,

Jacob Carlinger

Corresponding Secretary



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May 15th, 1920.

## TO THE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

Dear Sir:

We are addressing you as delegate to the American Jewish Congress who has been honored by the Jewish people with the election to this office and is expected to carry out the wishes and aspirations of the large masses of our brethren.

The American Jewish Congress is to reconvene in Philadelphia on May 30th, 1920, "to receive the report of the Delegation" to the Peace Conference and "to present such other business as may come before it," and we assume that every delegate will readily fulfill his first duty of coming promptly to the opening of the Congress and of attending all of the sessions to be held.

The Congress was originally convened in December, 1918, on the basis of an agreement between the various elements in Jewry calling for a restricted program of work for the securing of "full rights for the Jews of all lands" and the abrogation of "all laws discriminating against them," these full rights being deemed to include

- (1) Civil, religious, and political rights and in addition thereto
- (2) Wherever the various peoples of any land are or may be recognized as having rights as such, the conferring upon the Jewish people of the land affected of like rights, if desired by them as determined and ascertained by the Congress.
- (3) The securing and protection of Jewish rights in Palestine.

This program precludes the consideration by this body "of any general theory or philosophy of Jewish life, or any theoretical principle of a racial political, economic or religious character, or which shall involve the perpetuation of such Congress."

Though great and important changes previously unforeseen and requiring further united action have taken place with regard to the situation of our brethren in Europe since this program was drawn up, and though a political event of unparalleled significance occurring before the convening of the Congress has

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brought about a practical annulment of Article 3 of this agreement, we understand that it is the intention of the President and some of the other officers of the American Jewish Congress to abide by the agreement entered into under difficult war-time conditions and to refuse to consider the questions having to do with the permanency of the Congress and involving the consideration of vexing problems in Jewish life.

This creates a situation which requires careful and thoughtful consideration on the part of every delegate as to future steps. We submit that the march of world events beyond our control has upset human calculations and that many previous decisions and agreements have been thrown into the background by occurrences of greater weight and significance. The opposition originally manifested toward the securing of national and minority rights for the Jews of Eastern Europe has now lost all meaning in the face of the acceptance of this principle by the Allied and Associated Powers assembled at the Peace Conference and by the new and enlarged States involved. The fear that the Congress may have committed any of its members or constituent bodies to any "theory or philosophy of Jewish life" can no longer be a binding factor—if fear should at any time be a determining influence. The nations have recognized the Jewish national identity and the aspiration for Palestine as the Jewish national homeland has been legally sanctioned by them.

As to any Jewish group endeavoring to force upon the Congress "any theoretical principle of a racial, political, economic or religious character," such a possibility was always very remote and it is further than ever from the intentions of those sincerely interested in employing the Congress as a means of summoning Jewish energy and strength for the protection of our brethren abroad and for the furtherance of their welfare.

The objection to perpetuating the Congress or continuing such of its work as the circumstances make necessary was never clearly understood by a large number of the adherents of the Congress movement and now becomes less comprehensible than ever as the Jewish situation in Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Ukrainia, etc., continues to be so critical and the authorized representatives of the Jews of Eastern Europe urge the continuance of our political as well as relief efforts in their behalf.

Our first obligation is that which we have to the Jewish people and in face of the precarious condition of millions of Jewish men and women it seems, to say the least, strange to insist upon the technicalities of an agreement which was never fully justified by the facts and conditions in Jewish life. Should the Chairman and other officers of the American Jewish Congress place the amenities between several Jewish organizations above the more binding ties and urgent duties



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resting upon the Jewries of the different lands and carry out the agreement to the letter of the law it will behoove the delegates to find other means of continuing the labors for the furtherance of which the Congress was called into being and which are as yet far from having been completed.

The Chairman of the Congress has declared at the last session of the Congress and subsequently that after this Congress adjourns nothing is to prevent the delegates there gathered from having another session and taking steps for future work.

The majority of those who voted for delegates to the American Jewish Congress believed in a permanent, authorized and democratic organization of American Jewry. But assuming that, owing to the restricted program upon which the Congress was convened, you are willing to concede the point with regard to permanency and not to insist upon the need and the right of continuing immediately the work of this organization, you will, at least, be fully aware of your privilege of taking part in the formation of a provisional committee to form a new organization, to speak and to act in behalf of the whole of American Jewry.

As to the actual and pressing need for a central, authorized and democratically constituted organization very little need be said on that score. The facts speak for themselves and we need but point to the duplication of effort, the overlapping of work, the undignified competition between various federations and central organizations, the unseemly scramble for authority, when an emergency arises requiring action or the making of representations on part of the whole of American Jewry. From abroad comes the cry of our brethren; comes the demand of the authorized leaders of the Jews of Eastern Europe that we continue our efforts to have carried into effect the treaty clauses relating to the rights of minorities and to bend every effort toward preventing the various forms of discrimination and persecution still being practised. You have but to think of the conditions in Ukrainia, Poland, Galicia, Rumania, Jugo-Slavia to realize what a loss it would be to the interests of our brethren in Europe if we at this time discontinued the work for the guaranteeing of their rights and the protection of their welfare. We submit, furthermore, that, in the face of the urgent needs of the hour, to abandon the gains which have been made for greater unity and co-operation in Jewry, for the establishment of authority in Jewish life through the medium of the American Jewish Congress would not be properly serving our people.

The organizations which have formed this Conference are most of all persuaded by the crying need of early action and especially of continuing abroad an activity such as that of the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris which is keep-



ing watch over the conditions affecting our brethren in Eastern Europe. To maintain such work in the future it is necessary to have the support of American Jewry and this is one of the many reasons for having an authorized and central organization of the Jews in this country. We believe that the various Jewish communities in the country which have sent delegates to the American Jewish Congress are back of the demand for immediate and effective action calculated to make a complete end of the legal disabilities and the insecurities under which our brethren in Eastern Europe still live. The Jewish press of this country is almost unanimously of the same opinion as that herein formulated in behalf of this Conference. We ask you to consider these matters thoroughly and to make these questions a subject of discussion for the purpose of which a conference of representatives from local organizations should be called in your city. We ask you also to confer with regard to this subject with the other delegates on your arrival in Philadelphia. A preliminary conference will undoubtedly be held under the auspices of the Jewish Congress Committee of Philadelphia.

We ask you meanwhile to give us your support and co-operation. We feel sure that as a loyal son of the Jewish people you will not in this time of storm and stress fail to answer to the high call of duty.

Yours respectfully,

For the Conference of Jewish Organizations,

JOSEPH BARONDESS,  
Chairman.

JACOB CARLINGER,  
Corresponding Secretary.



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PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION

For the Formation of

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

1 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

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MAX SHULMAN

November 12, 1920

Dear Sir:

The Provisional Organization for an American Jewish Congress was formed in Philadelphia last May after the adjournment of the second session of the original Congress. Resolutions were then adopted to reestablish the Congress on a permanent basis and also authorizing this body to carry forward the work for the protection of Jewish rights hitherto undertaken by the former Organization.

In keeping with these resolutions, the Provisional Congress Organization has, in cooperation with the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris and with other Jewish bodies abroad, endeavored to safeguard the rights of our brethren in Eastern Europe and to prevent further outrages from being committed against them. Efforts have also been made to counteract the nefarious anti-Semitic propaganda which certain un-American elements are beginning to spread in this country. At the same time steps have been taken to prepare the way for new elections and to bring about the reestablishment of the Congress as a central Organization of American Jewry, on a permanent basis.

In order to assist in the immediate work and to take part in the elections, the Jews of the different cities of the country must organize. Newark is now asked to do its part in forming an effective Congress Committee with delegates from all the local organizations.

Accordingly a conference is hereby called for Tuesday evening, November 23rd, at 8 P. M. and will be held at the Zionist Headquarters, 196 Springfield Avenue. Each organization is asked to send one delegate for every fifty members and one additional member for every fraction thereof. A member of the National Executive Committee and other prominent speakers will address this meeting. We trust that as a matter of duty to the Jewish cause in this critical hour, you will take immediate action to have your Organization represented at the conference.

Yours respectfully

Philip Schöndland

Sarah Kussy

Joseph Kraemer

Elizabeth Blume

Dr. Jacob Polevski

Newark Delegates to American Jewish Congress



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AN AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

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1 Madison Avenue New York

BERNARD G. RICHARDS

Executive Secretary



## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION RENEWS PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO JEWISH CONGRESS

Resolution Adopted at the Twenty-Third Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, Buffalo, N.Y., November 28, 1929.

Resolved that this convention of the Zionist Organization of America affirms the decision of the previous Convention as well as of the National Executive Committee in favor of the establishment of the American Jewish Congress on a permanent basis to deal with all such general Jewish questions as come within its purview.

We pledge the support of our Organization to this undertaking and we call upon the Zionist Districts in the different cities of the country to assist in the formation of the local Congress Committees made necessary by the proposed new election and in such other ways as may be possible.



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NATHAN STRAUS

Chairman, Executive Committee  
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December 9, 1920

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Dr. A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Dr. Silver:

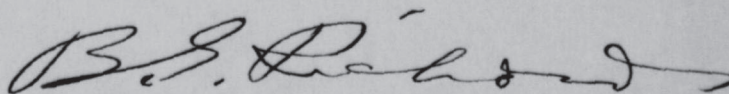
We are taking steps to reorganize the Jewish Congress committees of the different cities, preparatory to the holding of the new election for delegates to what is to be the permanent American Jewish Congress.

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the enclosed circular letter which has been sent out on the subject. I enclose also resolution pertaining to the Congress adopted at the Convention in Buffalo.

Cleveland has hitherto given effective support to the Congress movement and we are hoping that a conference of representatives from organizations will soon be held in your city with a view of enlisting the cooperation of your community in the renewed effort for the establishment of more order and greater unity of action in American Jewry. We feel sure that you could be of great assistance to the cause by giving your encouragement to the preliminary efforts in this direction and I wish to say that we shall greatly appreciate any help that you can give to the furtherance of this task.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely



Executive Secretary.



December 16th, 1920

Mr. Bernard G. Richards,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Jewish Congress,  
1 Madison Ave., New York City.

My dear Mr. Richards,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the ninth, asking me to co-operate with you in preliminary efforts toward the formation of a permanent American Jewish Congress. You know how eagerly I would have given my support if I felt entirely free to do so. Frankly, I am not in favor of the organization of any permanent Jewish Congress at this time.

I need not go into details to tell you, informed as you are, concerning the temper and the mood of this country at the present time, the reasons why I believe a of such an assembly and the publicity and notoriety incidental to it would be detrimental to the best interests of the American Jew.

I was in favor of the first Congress, and perhaps after the storm shall have passed and men will have regained their mental equilibrium, their sanity and their good sense, I might endorse anew the idea of this Congress. Really I do not think that the moment is auspicious and I would hesitate to give any encouragement to the project. This is simply my point of view, Mr. Richards, and I trust you will not take it as a criticism of your work or the work of the fine men associated with you.

With kindest regards, I am



*American  
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Congress*

Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the decision of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, the election of delegates to the next session of the Congress will be held throughout the country on the 24th day of June 1923. Every Jew or Jewess, over twenty-one years of age, will be entitled to participate in the voting. The delegates thereby elected will represent American Jewry and will hold office for a term of two years.

The next session of the American Jewish Congress is to deal with the numerous problems affecting Jews life here and abroad, such as the spread of anti-Semitism in America, the continued infringement of Jewish rights abroad, the brutal treatment of Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe, and the all important question of a World Jewish Congress for Palestine. You can readily see, therefore, the great importance which is attached to the American Jewish Congress and the necessity for American Jews to give their fullest support to it.

In order that the next Congress session may be successful, it is necessary that the largest number of Jews participate in the voting. By direction of the Central office of the Congress in New York, a convention of all the Jewish organizations in this city is hereby called for the following purposes: First - For the purpose of forming a strong, representative, and permanent Congress Committee for this city to take complete charge of all matters relating to the American Jewish Congress. Second - For the purpose of nominating fourteen candidates for delegates, seven of whom are to be elected at the popular election which will take place on June 24th, 1923. Third - For the purpose of discussing other matters relating to the next session of the Congress.

The convention will be held on the 20th of May 1923, at 2:30 P. M., at the Jewish Center, at the corner of East 105th Street and Grantwood Avenue. All Jewish organizations of this City are entitled to send two delegates each, and your organization is hereby cordially invited to send your delegates to this convention. Please select your representatives and send us their names and addresses. Every organization, to be entitled to be represented at this convention, is to contribute the sum of \$3.00 for the purpose of defraying expenses.

In view of the important work for which this convention is called, we trust that your organization will not fail to be among those who are helping to unite the Jewish forces in order to solve the many problems which are now confronting our people. We must be united and you should not remain aloof in this critical moment.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. D. B. Steuer  
Jennie K. Zwick  
Abraham Kollin  
Sol Hurvitz

Members of the National Executive Committee of the  
American Jewish Congress and Temporary Committee.

P. S. Please address all communications to Sol Hurvitz, Secretary, American Jewish Congress Committee, 202 Engineers Building, City.



# AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

1 Madison Avenue, New York

July 10th, 1924.

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Mr. Samuel Rucker,  
c/o The Jewish World,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rucker:

Owing to very pressing immediate matters I did not until this day have the opportunity of writing to you further with regard to our recent attempt to have the National Republican Convention in Cleveland adopt an emphatic plank against the Ku Klux Klan.

We appreciate the help which your associates and yourself have given to our committee which went to Cleveland and which was made up of members of our organization from New York, Philadelphia, and other cities, but in the course of the work some misunderstandings seem to have crept in which I am very anxious to have cleared up.

On June fifth you were good enough to telegraph me as follows:

COMMITTEE OF RABBI SILVER GOLDMAN MYSELF AND OTHERS FORMED WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FORM PROPER CONNECTIONS WHEN WILL YOUR COMMITTEE COME TO CLEVELAND.

On the basis of this information we asked our delegates who went to Cleveland to immediately confer with Rabbi Silver, Rabbi Goldman and yourself, and I was considerably disappointed to learn afterwards that the local committee was not functioning as I was led to believe it was.

At the suggestion of Judge Pam and Mr. Nathan D. Kaplan, and at our request, State Senator Sidney Lyon of Illinois went on to Cleveland to cooperate with our committee



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1 Madison Avenue, New York

Mr. Samuel Rucker -

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and the report of his trip has within the last week been forwarded to me through Mr. Nathan D. Kaplan.

Senator Lyon, writing to Mr. Kaplan under date of June fourth, begins his letter as follows:

"Reporting to you on my visit to Cleveland, - immediately upon arrival at eight-thirty a. m. I got Dr. Aba Hilel Silver on the telephone. I informed him that I had come at the request of the American Jewish Congress, in the matter of the Anti-K. plank in the Republican platform and to act with the local committee in that matter. He pointedly told me that he did not know of any such committee. Being surprised, I reiterated my mission and his answer was that he knew of no such committee that was functioning. I asked him how I could reach Rabbi Goldman. He replied that I might refer to the telephone book, and I then asked him Rabbi Goldman's first name; he responded that 'he thought it was Louis'.

"I succeeded in getting Rabbi Goldman on the telephone and he was very pleasant in his conversation. However, he knew nothing of a committee that was working on the matter I mentioned to him."

The letter goes on to relate what the writer attempted to do in the matter of his mission to Cleveland in cooperating with Congressman Siegel and others. However, his opening efforts were as embarrassing to him as they are to me now in learning of them, and I am sorry to say that the whole occurrence puts our organization in a wrong light.

Under the impression which you had given me, I had even gone so far as to write to Rabbi Silver to thank him for his cooperation. I presume Dr. Silver was wondering what I was writing about and I can now understand why he looked so puzzled when I spoke to him on the subject during an accidental meeting in New York.

Of course it might have been expected that despite what I assume to be a mishap in your arrangements, both Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Goldman might have quickly understood the object we had in mind, and promptly offered some assistance to Senator Lyon and to the other gentlemen who called them up, regardless of whether they were serving on any formal committee or not. But "the best of men (or rabbis) are only men at best", and accidents or peculiar things will

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Mr. Samuel Rucker -

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happen in the best Jewish families. However, inasmuch as both the organization and myself have been placed in a false position, I would say that the least you could do now would be to explain the whole situation to Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Goldman as well as to Senator Lyon and the other gentlemen, I meanwhile taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to some of the gentlemen above mentioned.

I am, nevertheless, with appreciation of your cooperation,

Yours very sincerely,

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# AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

1 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

July 11th, 1924.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Rucker of the Jewish World, intended to make clear a recent occurrence in which your name was brought in, and which will also serve to explain my last communication to you, which under the circumstances must have been rather puzzling.

With assurances of esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

*B. G. Richards*

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July Fifteenth  
1924

Mr. Bernard G. Richards,  
American Jewish Congress,  
1 Madison Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Richards,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of July tenth, and for the copy of your letter to Mr. Rucker. The report of Senator Lyons is substantially correct, although I really am not the "gaslon" he pictures me. I could not have told him that I thought Rabbi Goldman's first name was "Louis", as I know Rabbi Goldman intimately and call him by his first name.

I had never heard of Senator Lyons, who, by the way, introduced himself to me over the telephone as "Mr. Lyons", and I could not at all understand his mission. I rather thought that he was a professional meddler, who was representing nobody. I am sorry that I so completely misunderstood his mission.

Hereafter, when you or Mr. Rucker wish to have me assist you in any work, please let me in on the secret.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.

Please forward a copy of this letter to Senator Lyons.