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(Excerpt from "Justice for my People" by Ernst Frankenstein.  
(pages I44, I45 and I46.)

The one took the Mandate seriously and was determined to fulfil the obligations imposed by it, to develop the land, create the National Home, and lay the foundations of the Jewish State. For there cannot be the slightest doubt that the Balfour Declaration was meant to prepare the way for a Jewish State. The American policy, which was instrumental in shaping the Declaration, was very definite with regard to the Jewish State. A commission appointed by President Wilson had drafted a report "for the President and the Plenipotentiaries" on all the questions to be settled by the Peace Conference. With regard to Palestine it recommended the establishment of a separate State, an invitation to the Jews to return to Palestine and the recognition of "Palestine as a Jewish State as soon as it is a Jewish State in fact." The full text is reproduced in Appendix 3.

Everybody agreed on the principle that there should be established a State which was to become a Jewish State "as soon as it is a Jewish State in fact". "I am persuaded," said President Wilson, "that the Allied Nations, with the fullest concurrence of our Government and our people, are agreed that in Palestine shall be laid the foundations of a Jewish Commonwealth." At a meeting of the War Cabinet at the end of October, 1917, Lord (then Mr.) Balfour, explained the meaning of the words "National Home". "It did not necessarily involve the establishment of an independent Jewish State, which was a matter for gradual development in accordance with the ordinary laws of political evolution." "It was contemplated," says Mr. Lloyd George Prime Minister at the time of the Balfour Declaration, "that..... if the Jews had meanwhile responded to the opportunity afforded them by the idea of a National Home and had become a definite majority of the inhabitants, then Palestine would thus become a Christian Commonwealth." Field Marshall Smuts, then a member of the War Cabinet, speaking at Johannesburg on Jewish immigration to Palestine, said; "In generations to come you will see a great Jewish State rising there once more".



In a speech at Birmingham in 1918, Mr Neville Chamberlain spoke repeatedly of the Jewish State and expressed the hope that "the existence of this new Jewish State would only add to the dignity and influence of the Jews in other countries." More definite still was Mr. Churchill in an article in the "Illustrated Sunday Herald" of February 8, 1920:

If, as well may happen, there should be created in our lifetime by the banks of the Jordan a Jewish State under the protection of the British Crown which may comprise three or four million of Jews, an event will have occurred in the history of the world which from every point of view would be beneficial, and would be especially in harmony with the truest interests of the British Empire.

At a meeting of the Imperial Cabinet of June 22nd, 1921, Mr. Churchill, then Colonial Secretary, replied to the question whether the Jews would be given control of the government: "If, in the course of many years, they become a majority in the country, they naturally would take over."

The Palestine (Lord Peel) Royal Commission state that they were permitted to examine the records, and then continue: "It is obvious in any case that His Majesty's Government could not commit itself to establishment of a Jewish State. It could only undertake to facilitate the growth of a Home. It would depend mainly on the zeal and enterprise of the Jews whether the Home would grow big enough to become a State." The Commission recalls the statements of Mr. Lloyd George, President Wilson and General Smuts, quoted above, and adds; "Lord Robert Cecil in 1917, Sir Herbert Samuel in 1919, and Mr Winston Churchill in 1920 spoke or wrote in terms that could only mean that they contemplated the eventual establishment of a Jewish State. Leading British newspapers were equally explicit in their comments on the Declaration." Later in 1938 the (the) Under Sec-



retary of State for the Colonies, the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, said in the House of Lords (5th July, 1938):" The terms of the Balfour Declaration did not preclude the possibility of a Jewish State on Palestine."

Note " Outline of a Tentative Report and Recommendations prepared by the Intelligence Section, in accordance with instruction, for the President and the Plenipotentiaries," January 21, 1919 (Miller, Diary vol 4, document 246, p.263).







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October 29, 1943

My dear Rabbi Silver:

On Tuesday Rabbi Schwartz, our Executive Secretary, telephoned me from Montreal informing me that the American Jewish Committee had withdrawn from the American Jewish Conference.

Needless to tell you I felt that this action is a "stab in the back." I was truly dazed and wondered if I could be of any service. I immediately thought of James Becker of Chicago, whom I met many years ago in Palestine. At that time he showed a keen interest in Zionism, and I knew that he was an influential member of the Committee. I telephoned him in Chicago and stated my feelings to him in the way described above. He promised to see what he could do. I was wondering if you would find it of interest to follow him up. As a matter of fact, I tried to get you in New York and in Cleveland but you were away at the time.

I now want to ask of you a great favour. We are holding our convention in Montreal at the end of January, 1944. I would be very happy if you could honour us with your presence on January 30th.

For the last forty-three years I have attended meetings and listened to many Zionist speeches, but never in my life have I enjoyed an address as much as the one you delivered at the American Conference. I am therefore eager to extend a similar treat to our Canadian Zionists for I expect that we shall have one of the largest conventions ever held in Canada.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A.J. Freiman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o Emergency Council  
41 East 42 Street  
New York, N.Y.

P.S. Since writing the above, Mr. Becker 'phoned me from Chicago informing me that he will be in New York from tomorrow until the middle of next week, and is ready to do anything he possibly can.

I tried to get you in New York and the Secretary of the Emergency Committee answered the telephone. No doubt he has conveyed the message to you.



# The American Jewish World

*The Northwest Jewish Weekly News-Magazine in English*

Palace Building, Minneapolis -:- Pioneer Building, St. Paul

L. H. FRISCH  
*Editor*

November 1st, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The secession of the American Jewish Committee from the Conference is not surprising in view of its present leadership. One could hardly expect anything less from a Proskauer, a Rosenwald and a Sultzberger. I am somewhat at a loss to account for Judge Irving Lehman's acquiescence in an action which cannot be interpreted as anything less than a betrayal. These people and their confreres have learned nothing from our experience in the last quarter of a century.

In view of their action there is nothing left for us but to make it clear to American Jewry, the American people and the American government that this handful of Jewish Tories do not speak for American Jewry. The liquidation of the American Jewish Committee as a national body must now become one of the major objectives of those of us who have an understanding of Jewish history and a desire for the continuity of the Jewish group. It must be reduced in the public eye to the status of a landsmanschaft.

You will note from the attached tear sheets from our current issue that our editorial and news story on the subject of the Committee's secession from the Conference are written from the point of view that the liquidation of the American Jewish Committee is in process. In Minneapolis we did our bit to make that thesis a fact, when our Federation Board voted to withdraw its representatives from the Committee. Attached is a copy of letter addressed to Proskauer informing him of our action.

We should see to it that this action of the Minneapolis Federation receives the widest possible publicity so that it may act as a spur for other communities and organizations to do likewise. By concerted effort and immediate action, I feel we can succeed in eliminating the American Jewish Committee from its position of influence as a body speaking for American Jewry, to the point where it will carry only such weight as any self appointed body of



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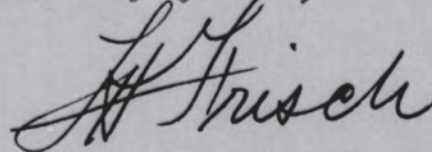
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individuals speaking for themselves and themselves only can legitimately wield.

It now becomes imperative to activate and strengthen the American Jewish Conference so that it may quickly be recognized as the voice of American Jewry. It would be wise to throw our weight in the direction of making the B'nai B'rith the medium through which our domestic civic-defense work is done under the aegis of the Conference and thus undermine the Committee's position as a defender of Jewish rights in the U. S. A. It would also be desirable to get the American Jewish Congress group to amalgamate its American work with the B'nai B'rith and take over as its field the protection of Jewish rights in the international field. I believe that now the time is ripe for a union of forces in this much debated field.

I am informed that the continuation of the agreement for the UJA is again being debated. In view of the fact that JDC is dominated to a large extent by the same group of Tories it might not be such a great catastrophe if there were a split. The Conference could then organize a body to take over the functions of the JDC. I realize that this will present considerable difficulty as the Conference is not strong enough as yet to take over the work of the JDC without loss of funds. However, if the break cannot be avoided then we must utilize the opportunity to build up a relief organization that will be administered by Jews imbued with a feeling for Jewish continuity and a sense of Jewish history, and responsible to the communities from whom its funds are derived.

Sincerely yours,



LHF/sr.  
Enc.



November 11, 1943

Mr. A. J. Freiman  
Ottawa  
Canada

My dear Mr. Freiman:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 29. I share with you completely your feelings about the bolt of the American Jewish Committee, and evidently the entire country feels about it as we do. I should be interested to know what Mr. James Becker, whom you contacted, is doing in the matter.

As far as your gracious invitation to attend your convention in January is concerned -- I wish I could come. But you know the burdens and responsibilities which I have assumed. I am compelled to be away from the city three and four days a week, in Washington and in New York, and then try to carry on with my work here at The Temple. I have been compelled to cancel lecture engagements which I had previously made and to decline others which under normal conditions I would have been most happy to accept. I am afraid, therefore My dear Mr. Freiman, I shall have to forego the pleasure of being at your convention this year. Perhaps at some future time when life eases up for all of us, I shall be able to come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 11, 1943

Mr. L. H. Frisch, Editor  
The American Jewish World  
Palace Building  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Frisch:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 1. I share with you fully your reactions to the bolt of the American Jewish Committee from the Conference. I am delighted with your courageous editorial stand on the subject in the American Jewish World. I am also hoping that the splendid stand taken by the Minneapolis Federation will be paralleled elsewhere. I am bringing your letter to the attention of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BN



NEW ORLEANS ZIONIST DISTRICT  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 30, 1943

Rabbi Leon Feuer  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
41 E. 42 St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

On November 19 there was organized in New Orleans an Independent Emergency Committee to fight the White Paper, with Mr. Leon Rittenberg, Whitney Bank Building, as chairman. At this meeting about 30 Jewish communal leaders, representing Zionist, non-Zionist, and even anti-Zionist groups decided not to affiliate directly with the National Zionist Emergency Committee in order to allow non-Zionists and anti-Zionists to participate in its efforts.

The Zionists have agreed to this lack of affiliation because they felt that the main object was to get wide community participation in this drive.

We have every confidence in Mr. Rittenberg's ability and sincerity and feel that he will cooperate in every manner with your committee. We, therefore, urge you to continue to keep Mr. Rittenberg informed of all your plans and developments.

For your information, a small actions committee was appointed to carry out the dictates of the large committee. Of its eight members four are Zionists; Dr. A.M. Altschul, Mr. Isaac Heller, Mr. Leopold Stahl and Mrs. Jack Harris, President of Hadassah.

Please be assured that the New Orleans Community will make a real effort to help in the abrogation of the White Paper.

Very truly yours,  
(signed)

Philip Brenner, President  
(signed)

A.M. Altschul, Chairman of the  
Administrative Committee

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December 9, 1943

Mr. Philip Brener, President  
and  
Dr. A. M. Altschul, Chairman  
Administrative Committee  
New Orleans Zionist District  
1118 Napoleon Avenue  
New Orleans 15, La.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter of November 30th which has just reached me. I had already been informed that Mr. Leon Rittenberg was serving as Chairman of the local Emergency Committee for Palestine in New Orleans, but I was grateful for the background news contained in your letter. Note has been taken that a small Actions Committee has been appointed to carry out the dictates of the large Committee.

Your assurance that we may count on the full cooperation of the New Orleans community in our program directed against the abrogation of the White Paper is most encouraging.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
Director, Community Contacts

LIF:PMD



# Journal NEW YORK American

*Daily and Sunday*  
210 SOUTH STREET, NEW YORK 15, N. Y.

Jan. 20  
1944

My Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that you are to come to New York city soon and I write this brief note to tell you how much I regret not having had an opportunity to meet you in person in connection with my proposed trip to Palestine. My conversations thus far have all been with Mr. Montor who, I believe, has informed you that he had asked me to go on this mission and that I am preparing to leave. I am reminded, too --and this, I think, is a rather interesting coincidence --that while I was with The Cleveland News several years ago I interviewed you and that I still hold a letter from you in which you were kind enough to observe that my interview published in The News "was as intelligent and faithful a performance as I have been privileged to see in many years."

I trust that is not only a coincidence but a happy augury, and that we can meet soon at your convenience and discuss this thoroughly challenging and exciting assignment.

Sincerely yours,

*Gerold Frank*  
Gerold Frank

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th st. at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, O.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

BRONX-UPPER MANHATTAN ZIONIST REGION  
260 East 161st Street- Room 409 A  
Bronx, New York

January 20, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

A Bronx Assemblyman in the New York Legislature, Mr. Arthur Wachtel, introduced the enclosed resolution in the New York Assembly. This, he tells me, he did at the instance of Rabbi Jacob B. Grossman of Temple Beth Elohim of Hunts Point. Mr. Wachtel does not pretend to have any particular knowledge about Zionism.

Apart from Rabbi Grossman the resolution was submitted, as is the customary thing, unfortunately, without consultation with the bodies primarily charged with these responsibilities.

I felt that this proposal should be called to your attention and that we be guided by your suggestions as to phraseography, procedure, etc.

Mr. Wachtel certainly has no assurance that he can have it passed, and the situation presented is the following: 1- how shall the resolution be phrased; 2- if the prospects for passage are not assured, should any effort be made to push it?

Sincerely yours,

*M. Maldwin Fertig*  
M. Maldwin Fertig  
President

MMF/jsk  
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COPY TO: Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise



24 בינואר 1944

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בכבוד רב ובברכה ציון,

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שמאל י. פ"ג



January 26, 1944

Dr. Samuel I. Feigin,  
Oriental Institute,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Feigin:

Please be assured that whatever communications  
you have sent me or are likely to send me will  
be kept in the strictest confidence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



January 26, 1944

Mr. M. Maldwin Fertig,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
260 East 161st St.  
Room 409 A  
Bronx, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fertig:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 20th. My impression is that a Resolution on Palestine was introduced and passed by the New York Assembly. If that is the case, there is, of course, no need for another Resolution this year.

It would be most helpful if our good friend would consult the Zionist Emergency Council before they initiate political action of such a character.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

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**WINNIE FRYER**

February 21, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosure just came today  
from Mrs. Bolton.

In view of some of the rumors  
that I have heard tell about your contact  
with her committee, I thought you would  
be interested in her reply to me. I hope  
to get a personal account from you about  
your Washington interview.

Hoping to see you soon,

Yours with personal greetings,

Winnie



March 14, 1944

The Honorable Harry M. Fisher  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Judge Fisher:

Many thanks for the services which you rendered to our cause in Washington last week. You were there at a historic moment, and I am sure that you enjoyed the experience.

I should be very much interested to know about your talk with Rosenman last Thursday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 14, 1944

Dean Moses Feinstein  
Herzliah Hebrew Academy  
187 East Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dean Feinstein:

Thank you for your kind letters. I  
am looking forward with pleasure to the meeting  
next Monday. I shall be at the Commodore  
Hotel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI OF AMERICA  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, N. Y.  
Watkins 9-5725

March 31, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Hapoel Hamizrachi of America has on previous occasions requested the erstwhile Zionist Emergency Committee to give it representation thereon. The request was ignored and Hapoel Hamizrachi continued its political activity independent of the Emergency Committee. Now, that the Committee has been reorganized and you have assumed the chairmanship of the Emergency Council, we renew our request for representation. We hope that our request will be granted so that in these crucial days for Israel and Zion we may have united Zionist political action.

We are sure you are acquainted with the role of Hapoel Hamizrachi in Eretz Israel and in the Zionist movement. Hapoel Hamizrachi, as the only religious-Zionist labor movement is an independent organization, which maintains separate institutions and activities subject to the control of no other political party in Zionism, save the Zionist Congress and its elected organs. No other group or organization, therefore, is entitled to represent us or talk in our name. In Eretz Israel, Hapoel Hamizrachi is represented by delegates of its own choosing in every Zionist and Communal body.

Hapoel Hamizrachi of America has branches in most of the large Jewish communities throughout the country. It has been actively participating in every Zionist endeavor since its inception in this country, twenty years ago. It has a fine youth organization and publishes its own monthly, the Jewish Horizon. It is recognized by, and represented in, the American Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Congress, it has participated in the American Jewish Conference and is represented in its Interim Committee. We consider it most important that Hapoel Hamizrachi of America be a full-fledged member of the Emergency Council during this crucial period for Zionism so that it should be fully informed of, and thus be enabled to participate in, the political decisions and activities of the Zionist movement.



HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI OF AMERICA

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The present situation calls for the active cooperation of all Zionists and the existence of an enlightened rank-and-file Zionist membership. Hapoel Hamizrachi, however, is in no position to give directives for political action in conformity with the policies of the Emergency Council since because of its exclusion from the Emergency Council it gets its information, if at all, from secondary sources and often in distorted fashion. We are, therefore, obliged to conduct whatever action seems advisable to us without regard to the actions and policies of the Emergency Council.

We wish to repeat: Hapoel Hamizrachi is a movement based upon a specific ideology and approach to Jewish and Zionist problems, and it therefore requests to be represented, with voting rights, on the American Zionist Emergency Council. Otherwise, the Council has no right to claim that it speaks in the name of all Zionist parties.

We trust your sense of justice and we hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

With Zion's greetings, we are

Sincerely yours,

HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI OF AMERICA

Dr. Simon Federbusch, Pres.

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יקירי ד"ר סילבר:

אי אתה יודע איזו התלהבות גרמה  
הידיעה, כי אתה תהיה הנואם-האורח בנשף חנוכה הבית  
שלנו, ביום ב', 20 במרץ, בבית המלון וואלדארף אסטאריא.  
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ברוך תהיה לנו ולכל עמנו הנענה והחולם  
מתוך מצוקות שאל על ימים טובים ועל תחיה מדינית שלמה.  
אשרינו שזכינו באמריקה למנהיג כמות, אשר אש אלוהים  
בוערת בעצמותיו ולשונו חוצבת להבה. עומדים אנו מלאי  
בטחון, כי השם יתן לנו כוח ועצמה לגשם את חלומנו הכביר,  
חלום דורות. כל נאום שאחזק נאום באזני המדינאים למען  
ארץ ישראל החפשיה מחזק בנו את האמונה, כי יכול הכול  
לכל אויבינו מקרוב ומרחוק.

קבל נא חודה לבבית על הבטחתך לבוא  
לשמוח אתנו בחגנו הגדול, חג החינוך העברי הגבוה.  
עשרים ושנים שנה, מעת יסדתי את "הרצליה" נלחמתי ואלום,  
נפילתי תחת המשא המיגע ואקום. כדאי היה. הבית הנפלא, בלי  
גוזמה, אשר קנינו לנו באחת השכונות היוחר יפוח בעיר,  
הוא שכר עמלי ושכר עמלם של חברי המורים ושל כל אלה שעזרו  
בקיום מוסדנו. הסכומים לעתיד גדולים הם עד מאד.

לבואך לשמחתנו הגדולה ולדבריך המעוררים

אנו מצפים.

בשם נשיא הכבוד שלנו מר מ'ץ ובשם נשיאנו  
מר זאב זלצמן ובשמי אני, קבל נא חודה וברכה,

שלך,  
משה פיינשטיין



April 4, 1944.

Dr. Simon Federbusch, President  
Hapoel Hamizrachi of America  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Federbusch:

Your letter of March 31st, addressed to Dr. Silver, has been received and it will be referred to the Executive Committee at its next meeting so that the matters contained therein may be taken up.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro  
Director

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April 13, 1944

Dr. Leon I. Feuer  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
1720 - 16th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leon:

Have Atkinson and Voss made progress  
in securing a permanent Executive Director for  
the American Palestine Committee? I think  
that this should be done without much further  
delay.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



DANIEL FRISCH  
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April 28, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I truly appreciate your note and the kind thoughts expressed therein.

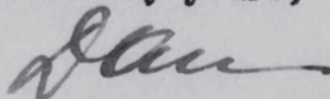
Referring to your postscript, I hasten to inform you that we have compelled the Welfare Fund, whose President is a member of the American Council For (?) Judaism, to reconsider the American Jewish Conference issue.

At the meeting of the Board, of which I am a member, held Wednesday last, they have allocated \$500.00 and also authorized me--contrary to previous policy--to raise additional monies from local organizations, which I am doing.

The request of the Conference was for \$1150.00 which, by virtue of the size of our community, was excessive. Nevertheless, they shall get it.

With genuine of good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,



DANIEL FRISCH

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FERTIG, WALTER, GOTTESMAN  
84 WILLIAM STREET  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

May 4, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o American Zionist Emergency Committee  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my deep appreciation for your goodness in sending the commendatory letter in connection with the Testimonial Album; and may I take this occasion to tell you what has been in my mind for these many months, namely, my admiration for the superb manner in which you have carried on the work for the Emergency Council. I heard you speak at the last Administrative Committee meeting which I attended, and left much inspired and moved.

We have fairly well succeeded, as a beginning, to arouse and organize this vast community of Jews -- Bronx and Upper Manhattan comprising only about a million -- but of course, it is a mere beginning. We cannot rest on our laurels.

Nothing would give our cause and our movement greater impetus up here than to have you address us on an occasion that will be suitably arranged. On Sunday, June 4th, the Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region holds its annual conference, and it is planned to hold a public meeting that same evening. I assure you that your coming, significant and valuable at any time, would at this juncture be invaluable.

I am not, of course, unmindful of your numerous and heavy burdens, but believe me, an address to the Bronx now, by you, would bear fruit, to a surprising degree.

I hope you can find it possible to give us your acceptance. I can assure you it will stimulate and electrify our membership, and the community at large, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

With warm, personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

/s/ M. Maldwin Fertig



May 7, 1944

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

Rabbi Silver had the enclosed pullman reservation from Washington to Cleveland on May 4. As he shared the compartment with another gentleman part of the ticket may be redeemed if it is turned in at the ticket office in Washington where it was bought. Will you kindly ask the office secretary to take care of it? Also, will you please let us know the name of the new secretary.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially,



C O P Y

May 26, 1944

American League for a Free Palestine  
11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I was yesterday informed that the New York Times stated that I had agreed to become one of the sponsors of the American League for a Free Palestine. I do not have any recollection of ever having authorized such a statement. I find that there seems to be a good deal of dissatisfaction among Jewish people with reference to your organization. Under the conditions, I desire that you do not from this time on represent me as being a member of your organization. I, at the request of a Miss Keane, did place in the appendix of the Congressional Record an article which she desired to have placed there. I don't think this authorizes any assumption that I am in any way connected with the organization.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ James M. Tunnell

JAMES M. TUNNELL

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5/26/44

Mr. Gabriel Wechsler  
Executive Secretary,  
Emergency Committee to  
Save the Jews of Europe  
25 W. 45th Street  
New York City

My dear Gabriel Wechsler:

I hereby request that my name no longer be included on the list of the Executive Committee. I have worked diligently, and, thoroughly, for the welfare and objectives of the Committee. The record will show my consistent loyalty to the aims and purposes from its inception; the road from the "Jewish Army", to the "Conference" and to the "Committee".

I feel there is no more to be done; the Committee has fulfilled its objectives. There has been other activities organized under the direct or indirect influence, inspiration and egis of the "Committee" such as is implied in the "Embassy", etc. This latest development has been most embarrassing to me personally and to the well-established and constituted agencies with and for Palestine with which I am in accord.

With kindest regards to you and all friends of Zion and the refugees,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Philip David Bookstaber



C O P Y

AARON FINGER  
DU PONT BUILDING  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

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May 27, 1944

Hon. James M. Tunnell  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I am informed that your sympathetic interest in the matter of Palestine and the Jews has resulted somehow, either with or without your authority, in your name being used in connection with a group going under the name AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE or under the name HEBREW COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, their address being 2315 Massachusetts Avenue. This group is self-constituted and represents no responsible constituency. Their activities serve principally to create confusion in the public mind. Whether or not their ultimate objectives are consistent with those of responsible Zionist organizations, I believe their activities constitute a disservice to the Zionist cause. Believing that you would not care to be bothered with a factual explanation, and being confident that you desire only to be helpful to the Zionist cause, I am taking the liberty of limiting myself to the foregoing general assurances, but if for any reason you desire more facts placed before you, either orally or in writing, I shall be glad to arrange it.

If you are willing to accept the foregoing assurances, and, accordingly, if you are willing to notify the above group not to use your name, I shall appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Aaron Finger

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cc/Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
1720 Sixteenth Street, Northwest  
Washington 9, D. C.



UNITED STATES SENATE

May 31, 1944

Aaron Finger, Esq.  
DuPont Building  
Wilmington, Del.

Dear friend Finger:

Your letter of May 27th has been received. I am enclosing copy of a letter which I sent to American League for a Free Palestine on May 26th which I think explains my connection with this organization.

I am very anxious to prevent becoming involved in any controversial matter along this line. I am willing to help if I can do so with the backing of the great majority of your people, and particularly those in my home State. I had become suspicious of the new organization before being warned about them. It appears that they published a statement that I had become identified with their organization. I don't think that an entirely legitimate organization would do this without my consent.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ JAMES M. TUNNELL

JAMES M. TUNNELL

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## MEMORANDUM

FROM *Leon I. Feuer*

DATE: May 31, 1944

TO: Dr. Silver

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter from Mr. Finger to Senator Tunnell, and also copy of Bookstaber's letter of resignation from the Executive Committee of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe. I have suggested to Bookstaber that he make his letter a little clearer and more pointed, particularly that he include a definite statement indicating that he is not only resigning from the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, but also as a member of the Sponsoring Committee of the American League for a Free Palestine. Bookstaber thinks he is doing a wonderfully courageous thing and might appreciate a note from you. In fact, he specifically asked me to pass a copy of his letter on to you.

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Hotel Gramercy Park  
52 Gramercy Park North  
New York

June 2, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have assumed the role of a schnorer for a while. Please don't get scared. I am not competing with the big "drives" for funds. This is just a little "touch" in order to honor a well-deserving Yiddish poet, Ephraim Auerbach, of our staff.

Auerbach has just passed fifty, and a group of friends has decided in lieu of a banquet to pay a tribute to him by publishing a volume of his latest poems, which are steeped in biblical, religious and traditional motives. I would say that Auerbach is now of the leading Yiddish National poets, but if I am too partial, we have the reviews of all the critics to the effect that he has made a very valuable contribution to Yiddish literature.

We require about a thousand dollars to bring out this volume, and it seems to me that because of your well-known interest in Yiddish culture, you would desire to contribute to that fund.

Now, I am through with my amateur schnorring job, and I ask you to forgive me if I have been presumptuous. You may send a check to me, and it will be gratefully appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Fishman*



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AARON FINGER  
Du Pont Building  
Wilmington, Delaware

June 3, 1944

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
1720 Sixteenth Street  
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

For your information, I enclose herewith copy of a  
letter and of the accompanying enclosure from Senator Tunnell.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Aaron Finger

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Encs



June 7, 1944

Mr. Jacob Fishman  
Hotel Gramercy Park  
52 Gramercy Park North  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I am happy to contribute to the fund which you are raising to make possible the publication of a volume of poems by Ephraim Auerbach on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary.

I thought the meeting which attended yesterday afternoon was a good one and should yield concrete results.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BI