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September 29, 1943

Mr. Nathan Straus
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My dear Mr. Straus:

Within the past few weeks I have accepted the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I have not yet had an opportunity of completing proposals for action and of communicating with the several leaders upon whose cooperation and counsel I count for ~~any effectiveness~~ that our work ~~may achieve~~. One of those upon whom I have been counting most strongly from the beginning is yourself.

Mr. Samuel Blitz has told me of your desire to be of service. Knowing your deep devotion to the Zionist cause and your insight into public affairs, I know that you can be a ~~splendid asset~~ in the situation which confronts us. It is a situation which has the most ominous implications for the future of Palestine and of the Jewish people.

The intervention of the High Holidays prevents me from spending my time continuously in New York at this period, although I plan subsequently to be there a great part of the time.

In the meantime, I am asking Mr. Henry Montor, whom I have asked to take a leave of absence from the United Palestine Appeal to become Executive Director of the Emergency Council, to meet with you so that he may give you in some detail the plans we have in mind and to suggest ways whereby your own great usefulness can be ~~properly~~ integrated.

I look forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you and spending time with you upon my next visit to New York. It is a source of deep encouragement to know that I may have the benefit of your help.

With very best wishes to you and yours for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
246 East 105th Street
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It has come to my attention that the Revisionists or "New Zionists" are about to make overtures to the Emergency Committee of which you are chairman with a view towards effecting a possible rapprochement of their forces with ours.

I am aware of the fact that similar attempts in the past have been made and have failed. And, I am also aware of the seemingly insurmountable basic issues and fundamentals involved which have made such attempts at rapprochement virtually impossible.

I am further aware of the fact that most, or at least many, of these fundamental differences still exist and that at best it would be a very trying and difficult task to find some formula whereby Unity could be hoped for.

However, because of the circumstances which now obtained and because this group right or wrong have demonstrated a potency which cannot be denied, and because it would be well that such force be directed in Unison toward our common aims, it is my fervent hope that this time we shall somehow or other be able to "complete a proper deal".

May I add that there are many of my friends, some of whom have been unquestionable in their devotion to Z.O.A. and to Zionism as a whole, who hold for this group a feeling of respect and admiration even if also a disagreement in some of their methods.



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I believe also that the average Non-Jew, or, for that matter, the average Jew, as well, in our country has yet to learn to distinguish between the various Zionist groups, including the Revisionists, and that this condition is not in any way helping our movement particularly today. On the contrary, it is as harmful and hurtful as it is confusing.

Sincerely yours,

Mendell M. Selig

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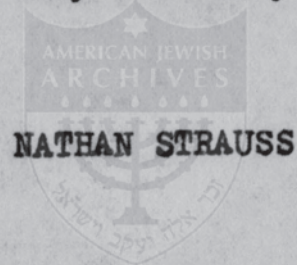
October 4th, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

Replying to your letter, I surely want to be of such assistance as I can to you in the important work that you are undertaking. Mr. Blitz has told me something of your plans and I will, of course, be glad to see him and Mr. Montor to obtain further details. In the not too far distant future, I hope to have an opportunity of seeing you.

Meanwhile, believe me with all good wishes for the New Year and with kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o American Emergency Committee
for Zionist Affairs
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October 20, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am pleased to enclose herewith, the booklet containing the proceedings of the session of the Convention of the American Federation of Labor of Friday, October 8th, 1943, at which the resolution on Palestine was adopted. I am sure that you will be delighted to read pages 358 through 364. I consider it a historic document.

It is due to our efforts and the interest in our work shown by Messrs. Zaritsky and Goldberg that this came about.

Your word of appreciation to Messrs. William Green, Matthew Woll and Max Zaritsky, will surely be deeply appreciated by these gentlemen.

I am,

Most sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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P. S. Attached hereto is a list of their respective addresses.

Mr. William Green, President
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American Federation of Labor
570 Lexington Avenue
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Mr. Max Zaritsky
United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers Int. Union
245 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.



October 22, 1943

Mr. Wendell M. Selig
Selig Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Leominster, Mass.

My dear Mr. Selig:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

Representatives of the Revisionists have been in to see me and we have had an exploratory conversation. I think that we shall have one or two more talks in the near future and I hope that these will result in a formula which will make it possible for the Revisionists to come into the Emergency Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 22, 1943

Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary
Jewish National Worker's Alliance
45 East 17th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 20. I have this day written to Mr. William Green, Mr. Matthew Woll and Mr. Max Zaritsky and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letters which I sent to them. Many thanks for bringing the matter to my attention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Conversation with Dr. Gottfried Salomon
Washington, D. C. October 29, 1943

Dr. Salomon is an old friend of Dr. Goldmann's from Germany. He was formerly a Professor of Sociology at the University of Frankfurt. He is now working with Mr. Henry Field, a nephew of Marshall Field's in the OSS. Mr. Field has been assigned by the President to do research work on problems of post-war migration. The results of the study will be brought directly before the President. Mr. Field plans to investigate the problem of post-war Jewish migration and it would be very important for him to present the Zionist case and the necessity of concentrating the larger part of Jewish immigration in Palestine. Mr. Field is deeply interested in the Jewish problem and is sympathetic toward Palestine. (He had met with Mr. Shertok.)

It is ~~not~~ likely that Dr. Salomon will be assigned to work for Mr. Field on this study.

The President has asked Mr. Field to finish his studies by Christmas, as he will need them by then.

Dr. Salomon will arrange a meeting between Mr. Field and Dr. Goldmann. He asked that all the material available in the World Jewish Congress and the Emergency Committee be made available to Mr. Field.

Dr. Goldmann promised to have all the available material put at the disposal of Mr. Field and to keep in touch with Dr. Salomon. Dr. Goldmann thought this might be a good way to put the Zionist case before the President, through channels other than the State Department. The whole matter is to be considered strictly confidential.

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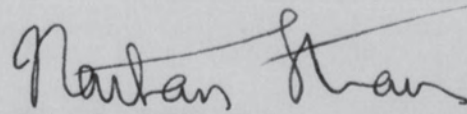
November 3rd, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

It will be a pleasure to see you any time on Monday, November 15th. I will expect you at the address on this letterhead at eleven o'clock if I do not hear from you to the contrary. If however, this hour should prove inconvenient, just telephone me and I am sure that an appointment to suit your convenience can be arranged.

Looking forward to seeing you and with kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,


NATHAN STRAUS

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is my privilege to express to you on behalf of Hadassah, our sincere appreciation for your participation at the closing session of the Convention at the Waldorf a week ago Thursday. The response of the vast audience who were privileged to hear you, their rapt attention, their enthusiastic and frequent applause, must have indicated to you, more effectively than can words of mine, that you made a great speech.

You will be pleased to learn that the dinner was the climax of a most successful convention in which our delegates representing 100,000 women, demonstrated over and over again their devotion toward the movement, and their determination to carry on ever increasing tasks both in the practical and political fields.

Yours most sincerely,

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*Please return to
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I am confused and I am writing you for enlightenment. For many years I have been an ardent Zionist in favor of establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, and opposed to the policy of the American Jewish Committee.

In obtaining converts to the cause of Zionism, I have pointed out that this Jewish Commonwealth would be patterned after a democracy like the United States, in which there would be a constitution and a bill of rights, and in which there would be elections, and in which those men elected would govern the commonwealth, whether they were Jews or not; that the citizens of Palestine would be called Palestinians, not Jews.

It was my impression that the American Jewish Committee and other non-Zionist groups and individuals were opposed to the establishment of such a commonwealth. However, in the statement issued by the American Jewish Committee at the time of its withdrawal from the American Jewish Conference, it made the following significant statement:

"In accordance with our Statement of Views, we approve for the present for Palestine, an international trusteeship responsible to the United Nations for the following purposes: To safeguard the Jewish settlement in and Jewish immigration into Palestine, and to guarantee adequate scope for future growth and development to the full extent of the economic absorptive capacity of the country; to safeguard and protect the fundamental rights of all inhabitants; to safeguard and protect the holy places of all faiths, and to prepare the country to become within a reasonable period of years, a self-governing Commonwealth under a Constitution and a Bill of Rights that will safeguard and protect these purposes and basic rights for all. We thus tendered an affirmative program of conduct to which we believed and believe that Zionist and non-Zionist alike might accord support."

The difference between the Commonwealth of the American Jewish Committee and the Commonwealth of the Zionist, is the fact that the Zionists include the word "Jewish". This leads me to ask what is meant by a "Jewish Commonwealth".

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If we are to assume that on January 1, 1944, the United Nations declare that Palestine is now a Jewish Commonwealth, then on January 1, 1944, let us assume there are a million Jews, two million Arabs and a half-million Christians resident in Palestine. All of the residents of Palestine would automatically become citizens by reason of their residence and birth. Under these circumstances, a vote would show a majority of Arabs, which would not result in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.

To say that the Arabs and Christians shall have no right to vote would of course be undemocratic and contrary to the fundamental principles of our faith.

I presume what the Zionist means by a "Jewish Commonwealth" is a Palestine where the Jews have so great a majority that there never would be any question of being outvoted on questions of immigration, taxation, foreign policy, etc., but are we to assume if, in the future, the Arabs, Christians and Moslems increase, and the Jews emigrate and become a minority, that the Commonwealth of Palestine will remain Jewish? Or let us assume that there is sufficient immigration into Palestine to constitute the Jews a majority of the whole country. The foregoing raises in my mind three questions which I have not heard discussed:

1. What form of government is proposed for Palestine with reference to the political rights of each group, immediately upon the declaration of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth?
2. How will Palestine be governed during that period of time in which the Jews seek to obtain a majority?
3. What is the proposal for transplanting Arabs with Jews?

I hate to admit it, but the proposal of the American Jewish Committee quoted above seemed quite reasonable. It would have met my complete approval if a sentence had been included during the international trusteeship that Jews were to be given every opportunity to increase immigration into Palestine, for the purpose of obtaining a majority of Jews, at which time the trusteeship would end and the Jews govern. These implications however, can be gathered from the words used. It was worded to avoid Arab hostility, because the proposal favors complete Jewish immigration into Palestine, and the establishment of a

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commonwealth after a few years. The natural interpretation would be that after a few years the Jews would have a majority.

I think the American Jewish Committee was afraid to say it because it might offend the Arabs. In my limited reading on the subject, I have yet to find any of the Zionist leaders of the country set out the practical, realistic mechanics, establishing a form of government under the present conditions in Palestine.

For some reason I feel convinced, in view of this statement of the American Jewish Committee, that if the leaders on both sides would refrain from calling each other names, but would calmly discuss the mechanics of forming a commonwealth, there could be an agreement of minds.

When you have a few moments to spare, I would appreciate your personal views on the subject expressed in this letter.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Although I do not have the pleasure of knowing you personally, I address you as one of the outstanding voices in American Jewry.

I have the honor of being a past president of our New Orleans Zionist District, and am at present co-chairman of the American Palestine Committee here, so I address you as a Zionist, and what I am about to suggest is from one about whose Zionism there can be no question, and there is no taint of appeasement in it.

We have organized here in New Orleans a non-partisan committee to fight the White Paper, and its first meeting will be Friday.

As you may know, New Orleans is very weak Zionistically, and the Council for American Judaism is very strong here. One of the "ninety", Rabbi Julian Feibelman, is rabbi of the most powerful and richest temple in New Orleans.

I had a conference with Rabbi Feibelman, and when we finished discussing things, Rabbi Feibelman stated that he would not only join our committee but would fight harder than any Zionist for the principles at stake; that he would be 100% back of the effort to defeat the white paper.

One reason for this is that we Zionists in New Orleans have realized that there is a most important angle to this fight, one that has been generally overlooked, but if properly emphasized, would bring ALL American Jewry under one banner, without any internecine strife between Zionists and anti-Zionists.

That is- to stress RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION THAT IS IMPLICIT IN THE WHITE PAPER.

If, for the sake of victory, and I mean complete victory, in the White Paper fight, we Zionists will only subdue our natural enthusiasm, and emphasize the religious angle in this matter, we can, I believe, win this fight hands down.

For the Council for American Judaism is built on the thesis that Jews are a "religious sect" only. If we will assume that basis, and certainly the religious factor is also a very strong and a valid factor, then the White Paper represents religious persecution. Because, under its terms, an American of the Catholic faith, or of the Presbyterian, or the Baptist faith could settle in Palestine, but an American of the Jewish faith could not do so. That would be rank religious discrimination.

Now, if this thing is presented on a religious basis, and the general public has called to its attention the fact that the British Colonial Office, under the White Paper, could permit a German Nazi or a Jap to settle in

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Palestine, while their fellow-citizens of the Jewish faith are forbidden to do so, I think that public opinion would almost compel our State Department to make representations regarding the White Paper.

Of course, you and I know that not very many American Jews would avail themselves of the privilege, if granted, of settling in Palestine, and our chief reason for the fight is for European Jews. But, as a matter of principle, this fight could be much better fought along religious lines. For whatever may be right, or may be wrong about America, one thing is certain. We have a very deep tradition here of religious freedom.

And the general public would certainly re-act to such a gross violation of the first of the freedoms: - "freedom of worship" by one of our allies pledged to preserve it.

This is an issue on which the Council for American Judaism could be fairly asked to join, may, to lead, if they are acting sincerely.

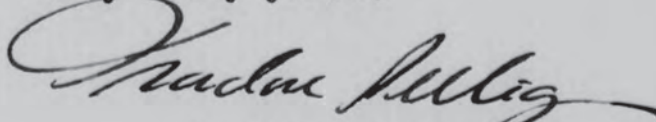
Rabbi Feibelman's quick response to this threat to religious freedom of American Jewish citizens is a case in point. We already have an historical precedent for action in the 1904 action against Russia by our government in behalf of its citizens of the Jewish faith.

We Zionists would be well advised, in this particular case, not to cloud the issue by bringing up the Jewish Commonwealth into the discussion, but to fight it simply and purely on the basis of religious persecution. Our refugees are certainly victims of religious as well as racial persecution.

There is always the possibility that you may be out of town, and as the time element is important, I am writing a somewhat similar letter to Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati, with whom I have a slight acquaintance.

I would very much appreciate your acknowledgement of this letter, and whether you believe that this idea of working against the White Paper from the religious standpoint has merit to it, and whether you will take any action about it. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Isadore Seelig,
1447 Constance St
New Orleans, La.

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November 24, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a transcript of the conversation which took place both at the meeting with Senator Lodge and Congressman McCormack.

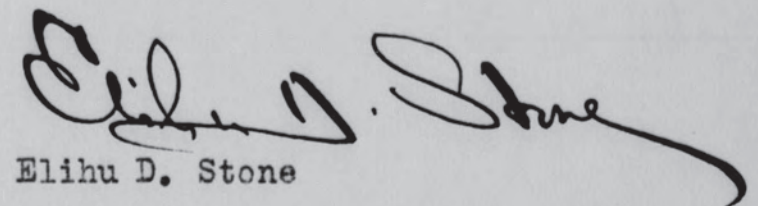
I regret that I could not do full justice to it because of the fact that I did not make the transcript until today. I had no opportunity to do it in Washington as no stenographer was available during the week-end.

I have seen Congressman Martin of Massachusetts, the Minority Leader, and of course he will be glad to see you at any time. He is sympathetic and is ready to give a helping hand.

I expect to return to Washington on Monday.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Elihu D. Stone

November 26, 1943

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
Zionist Organization of America
1720 16th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Elihu:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me a transcript of the conversation which we had with Senator Lodge and Congressman McCormack. It is a very satisfactory report of what took place. Have you sent a copy of it to Mr. Montor for our official files? If not, please do so at once.

I hope to be in Washington Tuesday and look forward to seeing you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

American Zionist Emergency Council

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November 28, 1943

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

The four clergy certificates which you were good enough to send Miss Trebach on November 4th have all been used in obtaining transportation for Dr. Silver. Will you kindly send the Speakers Bureau a further supply, which we shall need as soon as you can get them to us.

I am looking forward to meeting you again in the near future, as there is a likelihood that I shall be visiting your city early in December. Until then, my best greetings and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard

Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS:DS

December 3, 1943

Mr. Isadore Seelig
1447 Constance St.
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Seelig:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 15. Your suggestion that in our attack on the White Paper the religious discrimination involved in it should be stressed is entirely valid. We have called attention to it in some of our publicity, but I am sure not enough emphasis has been placed on this very important angle. I am forwarding your suggestion to our headquarters in New York who I am sure will be quick to act upon it.

Your suggestion has merit quite apart from the other consideration which you raise. Emphasizing the religious discrimination involved in the White Paper has nothing whatever to do with the issue of the Jewish Commonwealth and should not be interpreted as a concession to or an appeasement of those Jews who are fighting the Jewish Commonwealth. The right of the Jewish people to unrestricted immigration into Palestine is predicated upon their right to build the Jewish National Home in Palestine which is guaranteed to them by the Palestine Mandate, subscribed to by fifty-two nations, and approved also unanimously by the Congress of the United States in 1922. Unless this right to build the Jewish National Home is preserved, Jews have no right to unrestricted immigration into Palestine any more than they have a right to unrestricted immigration into the United States, Canada, Australia or any other country.

The Jewish National Home was interpreted by those who first proclaimed it and who were responsible for making it a part of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate -- Churchill, Lloyd George, President Wilson and others -- as the right to reconstitute the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

District Grand Lodge, No. 2, B'nai B'rith



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President

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December 3, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

First of all, let me thank you for your excellent answer to the problem which I presented to you on the differences between the American Jewish Committee and the Conference on Palestine.

I am quite pleased to have received your answer because it confirms ideas within my own mind and makes it that much easier for me to present the subject in my travels about the country.

In the second place I should like to extend not only my personal thanks, but the appreciation of our District for the fine service you rendered to Heights Lodge by addressing them the early part of November.

I received a copy of the program and a nice letter from Ben Spaeth telling me of your excellent service. Please rest assured of my continued cooperation with any matters in which I may be of service to you.

Sincerely yours


Lewis R. Sutin

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cc: Ben Spaeth

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December 16, 1943

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bessie Kline:

Enclosed please find copy of the NLT cable which I sent from Cleveland to Mr. Lipsky in Rabbi Silver's name and with his approval.

I am terribly sorry that we could not get together while I was in Cleveland this last week-end. I was stupid enough to bring to Cleveland some of the flu which is plaguing the entire country now and my misery was so complete that I was unable to do anything outside of the urgent needs of the conference.

I hope that good fortune will bring you in the direction of New York one of these days and that I may then have an opportunity of seeing you here.

With kindest regards to your family and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

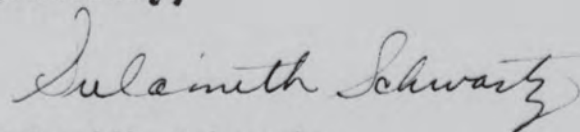
Mr. Lourie has transmitted to me your request that I indicate to you the contents of the next issue of "Palestine". Mr. Lipsky may by now have written to you from Mexico in answer to a note from you on the same subject, received just before he left. In case he has not, I can summarize the decision of the last Publications Committee meeting. We are planning an article on absorptive capacity based on Mr. Lourie's memorandum; editorial paragraphs on Arms searches and what Mr. Lipsky describes as the British search for some alternative to the White Paper; an article on Recruiting in Palestine - describing its purely Jewish administration and inspiration and the Administration's constant opposition to it; paragraphs on various Arab developments - labor rapprochement, etc.

Since Mr. Lipsky left, I have discovered two things I should much like to use - if he approves. One is a quite remarkable and passionately, even beautifully Zionist article by Harold Laski in an October issue of the "New Statesman and Nation." Having seen a reference to this in the London "Zionist Review", I was eager to get hold of it and finally found the copy of the "New Statesman". Mr. Lourie has cabled to the London office of the Agency for permission to use this - "A Jewish Soldier's Letter" it is called. Also I have seen in the "Palestine Post" a brief, new article by Nelson Glueck on the Archaeological Remains in Transjordan and their revelation of modern under-population and under-development.

I am sorry that I do not know what else Mr. Lipsky has in reserve.

As for pamphlets, the printer is now working on a little brochure by Mr. Lourie to be called, "The Facts About Palestine" and containing the gist of three memoranda on American Interest in the Mandate, The White Paper and Absorptive Capacity, respectively. Mr. Lourie and I will shortly start work on the Jewish Commonwealth pamphlet you discussed in a letter to him, and I am preparing a pamphlet on the Arabs based on the Lowdermilk chapter on that subject.

Sincerely,



Sulamith Schwartz
Director of Publications

December 20, 1943

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
Director of Publications
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of December 17. When do you plan to have the next issue of the "Palestine" published?

The material which you outlined seems to be very attractive. I believe, however, that we ought to concentrate on original articles rather than articles copied from other publications here or abroad. I think we ought to contact a half dozen of our best Jewish writers and some others and request them to write on specific subjects related to our cause. They should, of course, be paid for their services. These articles should not be long and should be thoughtful and scholarly without being pedantic. "Palestine" can serve as an important arm of our movement in drawing into our circles gifted writers and journalists who have heretofore done little or nothing in behalf of our movement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 20, 1943

Mr. Nathan Straus
630 Sixth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Straus:

I have not had a chance to see you since the very interesting and helpful conference which we had in your office on November 16. The offer of Mr. Walker to canvass the situation in Washington and to convey the sentiments which all of us expressed was indeed very welcome. I am wondering whether you have heard from Mr. Walker since. It would help greatly in our next contacts with our government officials in Washington to know what Mr. Walker learned.

With all good wishes for a happy Chanukah, and with many thanks for your unfailing readiness to help in this great cause, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please send your reply to
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

December 21, 1943

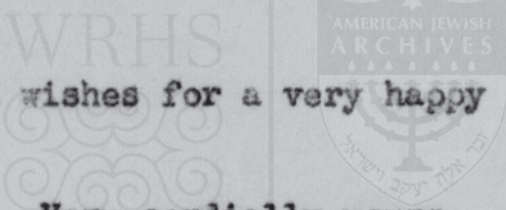
The Honorable Meir Steinbrink
Justice of Supreme Court of New York
Justices' Chambers
Boro Hall
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Judge Steinbrink:

I have just finished reading your very excellent article in "Liberal Judaism" on the American Jewish Conference and I should like to tell you how delighted I was with it. Your fairness, balance and fine sense of justice breathe from its every line. Your statement is the complete and final repudiation of all those who have sought to misrepresent and belittle that great democratic assembly of American Jewry. You have rendered a distinguished service to our people in this country, and may I say also to the cause of Liberal Judaism.

With all good wishes for a very happy Chanukah, I remain

Very cordially yours,



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To MRS. BLANCE SHEPHERD

Care of or Apt. No. 342 Madison Ave.

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I NEED A SPEAKER TO OCCUPY MY PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 9. WOULD YOU

TRY SENATORS PEPPER OR MEAD VAN PAASSEN MOWRER OR MAX LERNER. PLEASE ATTEND

TO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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December 24, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

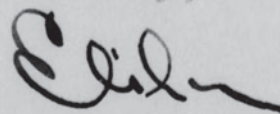
I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received recently from the Majority Leader, Congressman John W. McCormack of Massachusetts.

Since the Majority Leader makes reference to you as well as to the promise to present a Zionist memorandum to the President, I thought that you would probably wish to have this letter in your files as a part of the record.

I made an outline at the request of Mr. Montor ~~on~~ such a memorandum.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially,



ELIHU D. STONE

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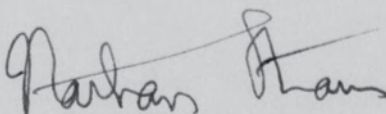
December 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter came less than twenty-four hours after I had heard very heartening news from Mr. Walker. I know that he wants the pleasure of conveying the news to you directly and may have done so by the time you receive this letter. I am indeed very much encouraged and feel that we should consult further about the matter at your convenience.

Believe me with every good wish for the New Year, as ever

Cordially yours,


NATHAN STRAUS

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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To Elihu D. Stone

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I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY COUNCIL JANUARY THIRD.

KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.

December 27, 1943

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thanks for your telegram today -- and for all the correspondence which I have received from you recently which I have personally not had the time to answer, but the answers to which I have tried to slip through to you whenever Dr. Silver was in touch with New York on the telephone.

Senator Mead has been definitely engaged, according to a telegram received today from Miss Janet Weisman.

You were right about Mr. Toll. He not only looks like -- but is a "Herman." I spoke to him the same day I talked with you. He said he was having difficulty getting people to type up the notes what with the holidays, etc. I did, however, impress on his mind that you needed the transcript and I hope he'll have it to you before long, if you haven't it already.

I really meant to stop at the Hotel when you were here for the Convention a few weeks ago, but I, too, didn't feel too well that week-end and later on came down with something that kept me in bed for a few days. However, I'm O.K. now and extremely busy. Maybe there'll be another meeting here in Cleveland before long and in that case I know it'll give us a chance to renew an acquaintanceship.

Most cordially,

December 28, 1943

Mr. Ezra Shapiro
Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You have undoubtedly received a communication from our headquarters suggesting that local community contact groups get in touch with their Congressmen and Senators to get their endorsement of a resolution which we are likely to introduce as soon as Congress reconvenes. I am particularly anxious that you should talk to Mrs. Frances P. Bolton in the hope of getting her to be one of the sponsors of such a resolution in the House. Would you let me know what success you have?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please reply to:
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Cleveland, Ohio

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December 30, 1943

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 27th. I saw the letter which Mr. Montor has written to you, and this sums up and confirms, I believe, our opinion of Mr. Toll.

With kindest regards to you and your family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

MEMORANDUM

FROM *Leon I. Feuer*

DATE: December 31, 1943

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver

SUBJECT:

We have just had word from Mr. Schott, Mr. Stimson's secretary, and he suggests that you drop a note to the Secretary asking for an appointment during the week of January 10th and he will then try to fit it into Mr. Stimson's schedule.

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Would deeply appreciate if you would
let me have present address Rabbi
Steinberg so that I could write to
him.

Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.

January 6, 1944

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stimson:

I shall be in Washington during the week of January 10th in connection with the activities of the American Zionist Emergency Council, of which I am Chairman.

I would deeply appreciate if you could spare me a few minutes from your very crowded schedule. There is a matter connected with our work concerning which I should like to consult you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

January 6, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I am sending along, herewith, a paper which Dr. Robert Gordis sent me. You will recall that Dr. Gordis is the author of the book, "The Jew Faces A New World". He thought that this would make a good pamphlet for the Emergency Council.

I am enclosing, also, the letter which he sent me. Please read it and let me know what you think of it. You may wish to get in touch with Dr. Gordis directly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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To ~~Blanche J. Shepard~~ Dr. Silver

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SUITE ROOSEVELT HOTEL WASHINGTON RESERVED BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY MORNING.

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BLANCHE J. SHEPARD

Sender's Name

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To Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard

Care of or Apt. No. American Zionist Emergency Council

Street and No. 342 Madison Avenue

Place New York 17, N. Y.

January 6 1944

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Mrs. Silver and I will be in Washington beginning next Monday morning. Please arrange hotel accommodations. Kindest regards.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's Name

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January 13, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Dr. Gordis communicating to him the decision on his pamphlet taken at yesterday's Publications Committee.

May I thank you for having had your "Zionism, What It Is - What It Is Not" sent me? A number of people in the office have read it and we are of course all very eager to use it as widely as possible, and see many ways in which it would answer great needs. Could your secretary in Cleveland find out from your printer how many pamphlets he could ship here and at what cost? Or have I your permission to write her directly?

We should like as many as you can spare!

If and when your printer reprints, we must redesign the cover and have an inner title page instead of the vacant pages which now stares the reader in the face as he opens the pamphlet. These are details I apologize^{for} burdening you with, but the pamphlet is so wonderful it deserves a fittingly lovely dress.

Sincerely yours,

Sulamith Schwartz
Sulamith Schwartz

SS:MD
Enc.

January 14, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I have asked my secretary to forward you three thousand copies of my lectures on Zionism - What It Is - What It Is Not. The printing cost is twelve cents per copy, that is to say, \$360.

The pamphlet should be circulated largely among Reform Jewish groups, as the addresses were written for a Reform Jewish congregation. They should be distributed among congregational presidents, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CHICAGO
128 North Wells Street

January 14, 1944

Mr. Joel Gross
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd Street
New York City, 17, New York

Dear Mr. Gross:

In accordance with the decision
of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund
of Chicago, we are sending you herewith copy of the
petition addressed to Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary
of State.

Very truly yours,

U. S. Schwartz
President



C O P Y

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

January 14, 1944

Honorable Cordell Hull
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, the President and Secretary of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago were directed to send to the Secretary of State the following petition:

"The Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago was organized eight years ago for the primary purpose of raising funds to provide refuge for the millions of European Jews who were the first victims of Nazi tyranny. During that period it has appealed to the 300,000 Jews of Chicago to provide the funds for this purpose and has met a generous response from rich and poor alike. A large portion of the funds so raised was devoted to the upbuilding of Palestine, for Palestine was the principal haven to which these victims could escape. All of this was on the assumption that England would fulfill the spirit of the mandate that defined its policy towards Palestine. Millions of American citizens interested in the plight of the Jews of Europe, including the 40,000 and more subscribers to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, have relied upon this policy to keep Palestine open for the Jews who could be rescued from Nazi Europe. The membership and the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund is composed of Zionist and Non-Zionist alike and the action here suggested is not expressive of any opinion with respect to the political status of Palestine. Great sacrifices have been made of time and energy, and many millions of dollars have been spent in the faith that England would not, in pursuit of any policy of appeasement, violate what we consider to be a pledge to the people of the world and more particularly to the Jews. Now, the British Government has given notice that it will put into effect on March 31st, 1944, "The British White Paper on Palestine". This action will in the year 1944 seriously curtail Jewish migration into Palestine, and ultimately close the doors of Palestine entirely, thus frustrating the work of the many thousands of American citizens who have supported the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago and the hundreds of thousands who have participated in similar Welfare Funds throughout the country.

"With all due consideration for the exigencies of War, and keeping foremost in our minds the vital importance of victory for our country and its Allies, we feel that this action on the part of Great Britain is contrary to the fundamental principles for which our country has committed its manhood and its resources. We urge that our Government make every effort to persuade our British Ally to change its position and to keep the doors of Palestine open for the persecuted and the oppressed Jews of Europe.

We earnestly implore you, Mr. Secretary, to take action in keeping with the spirit of this Resolution. Copies of this resolution have been sent to the President of the United States and to the Senators from Illinois.

Very truly yours,

U. S. Schwartz
President

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January 14, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Both Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Feuer have asked me to write to you about a difference of opinion which has arisen between them with regard to the republication of Rabbi Feuer's "Why A Jewish State".

Rabbi Feuer is unwilling to have any section omitted, feeling that his argument is closely knit and that the book is, after all, his. Mr. Lipsky, on the other hand, points out that the Publications Committee accepted his recommendation that the book be reprinted with the omission of chapters VII and X, both of which he feels would unnecessarily confuse the non-Jewish reader. Chapter VII is "Are the Jews a Nation" and chapter X, "What Kind of State" analyze the various proposed solutions - Magnes', Rosenblatt's, Federation, etc. Rabbi Feuer believes that precisely these "controversial" chapters are essential for the non-Jewish reader and will answer questions very commonly asked.

We are all eager to learn your opinion.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz

Sulamith Schwartz

SS:HH

January 15, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz, Publications Committee,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

Under separate cover, I am sending you my copy of "Justice for my People". I do so in order that there may be no undue delay in having the book read quickly by the people who are to pass on it so that there is no delay in its publication, if it is agreed to publish it.

I think it would be a very helpful volume to circulate and we should be prepared to subsidize its publication. I am sure that some publishing house would be glad to print it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

January 17, 1944

Mr. Ezra Shapiro
Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You have undoubtedly received the statement of Mr. Herman Shulman, chairman of the American Palestine Committee, and the list of members who have joined the American Palestine Committee. I looked through names from Ohio -- on pages 20 and 21 -- and there are some extraordinarily fine people among them who have joined the Committee, college presidents, mayors from Ohio as well as the Governor, school superintendents, etc. I note among the names those of Dr. Leutner, of Western Reserve University, Frank L. Wiley, Superintendent of Schools of Cleveland Heights, as well as Arthur K. Loomis of Shaker Heights. I think a very excellent story can be written up and given to the press on these Ohio leaders who have gotten behind the Jewish National Home and the fight on the White Paper. I would suggest that you see that it is done.

I would also suggest that our local Community Contact Committee get in touch with Mr. Wertheimer of the Jewish Review and Observer and protest against a line used by Mr. Taslitt both in his column and in writing up the news items for the Review and Observer. Taslitt is a member of the Jewish Army group and has been doing a good deal of publicity for that group which the American Jewish Conference as well as the Emergency Council have public denounced. I have myself spoken to Mr. Wertheimer about it, and Mr. Kenen has written to him. It would be helpful if others make their dissatisfaction known.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 17, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I believe that Rabbi Feuer's book should be reprinted in full, especially since he prefers it that way. I think that Mr. Lipsky and the Publications Committee should be asked to reconsider their original decision. I would not want to go over the head of Mr. Lipsky in this matter.

Rabbi Feuer's book has received such universal praise that it should be permitted to carry on its good work "as is".

I am most anxious that rapid progress be made also in the publication of Frankenstein's book.

It is important that we have a memographed statement on the Absorptive Capacity of Palestine which we can put into the hands of those Senators and Congressmen who, when interviewed, ask questions on that one particular subject. It is more impressive to send them a typewritten statement on the subject rather than a printed pamphlet. It is more personal. The study has already been made and Mr. Lourie has a copy of it. I believe that you ought to make a hundred or two hundred duplicates. I should like to have a dozen myself for I have to send them on to people in Washington who have asked for data on this specific subject.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 17, 1944

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

To whom is the check for Senator Mead to be sent and what were the Senator's round trip expenses? The contract is with Thomas Brady and was sent to us by the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

SECRETARY TO RABBI SILVER

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January 19, 1944

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Dear Dr. Silver:

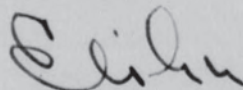
Enclosed please find memorandum relative to the conference with Congressman Eaton.

I believe you will find it interesting.

I expect to see Congressman McCormack, together with a group of constituents from Boston, who are in Washington for that purpose. The delegation includes Rabbi Herman H. Rubenovitz, Hon. Charles Rome, Benjamin Ulin, Isadore Muchnick, member of the Boston City Council, Ralph Bass, Max Kabatznick, and Gottlieb, assistant U. S. District Attorney of Boston.

Things are being crystallized. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Elihu D. Stone

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January 19, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate your instructions regarding the following two matters, initiated prior to our staff meeting of January 13th, when the Speakers' Bureau was requested to limit the scope of its activities. Since that meeting, I have been working along the lines laid down, channeling new requests to the ZOA. The two questions on which I would like your decision are:

(1) Rabbi Joshua Liebman, with whom I have been in touch, will be available to us, by special action of his Temple Board, February 28th through March 2nd, also March 4th or 5th. He is willing to visit as many large mid-western cities as he can make within this period. Dr. Liebman stipulated that any functions which he addressed must be of importance as to the program, and as to the audience; that the audiences must be composed mainly of Christians. Dr. Liebman's first point of call is Cleveland, to which he returns on March 3rd, where he has engagements at the temples of Rabbi Rosenthal and Rabbi Brickner. His tour would radiate from Cleveland.

(2) Rabbi James Heller has given me his speaking engagements in a number of cities. He would be available in these cities for the Emergency Council program. Former practise would have dictated our contacting local Emergency Committee chairmen and through them arranging for such meetings as would be helpful to their specific programs.

Am I to proceed with these matters, and have you any suggestions to offer?

Awaiting your instructions, and thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

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January 19, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending on your copy of "Justice for My People". It will be in Mr. Lipsky's hands tomorrow, and I trust that the entire matter of publication will be expedited.

Mr. Lipsky expects to reconsider the Feuer matter at a special meeting of his committee called for this Friday afternoon.

The memorandum on the Absorptive Capacity of Palestine has been multigraphed in a thousand copies very attractively. Five hundred copies were sent to Rabbi Feuer at the Washington Office over a week ago. There should thus be sufficient copies on hand for your use in Washington, but I am also having a dozen sent to you to Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz

Sulamith Schwartz
Director of Publications

SS:HH

January 20, 1944

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York 17, N.Y.

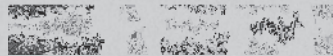
My dear Mrs. Shepard:

In reply to your letter of January 19,
I should like to know what financial commitments
are involved in the tours of Rabbi Liebman
and Rabbi Heller.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Will be very happy to see you
Sunday morning Commodore.
Most kind regards
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January 21, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Executive Committee
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Some days ago you were good enough to write me that you will serve as a member of the committee of sponsors of the dinner in honor of Freda Kirchwey.

I am hopeful that your engagements will enable you personally to attend as I will deem it a very great pleasure to be able to welcome you.

At this time I am taking the liberty of writing to you on a related matter, concerning which I am hopeful you will feel you can cooperate. The suggestion has come from a number of friends that the occasion be utilized for something practical in order to enable the Nation, with the assurance of adequate financial support, to expand its activities at a moment when such expansion is of the highest importance. The proposal is that a check in the sum of \$25,000 should be presented to Freda Kirchwey and I may say that already a number of persons with whom I have shared this suggestion have made contributions to such a fund. Would it not be possible for the American Zionist Emergency Council, through you, to associate itself in this undertaking to the extent of a gift of \$2,500 to the anniversary fund?

I do not have to describe to you the character of the times in which we are living, the dangers at home and abroad. In the face of a situation where the future of the democratic way of life remains at stake even though a military victory is assured, there is the most vital need of an organ of public opinion imbued with the crusading spirit, bound to no partisanship except that of human freedom and equality. The Nation is such an organ. It has performed great services. It has within itself the power to discharge truly fundamental obligations which would safeguard the democratic way at home and abroad. To discharge these obligations, however, the Nation must have enlarged facilities and to enlarge its facilities it must have adequate funds.

I feel that it is not necessary to emphasize further to one like yourself, engaged in the day by day defense of human freedom, the importance of an organ like the Nation in molding public opinion and in establishing and safeguarding the foundations of civilization. I venture to express the opinion that should the American Zionist Emergency Council find it possible to make this gift, it will be a wise investment which will have manifold returns in the benefits, direct and indirect, to the cause which you are championing.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

With cordial greeting,

(signed) Raymond Swing

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January 22nd, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
41 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been wanting to send you the enclosed clipping from a newspaper published here in my home city, namely the Evening Sentinel.

I was very happy to read the contents of this very fine poem and I took it upon myself to convey my personal expression to Mr. Charles A Cox of the Howard and Barber Company, who happens to be a fellow Rotarian of mine, and I also advised him that I knew of you.

He was very glad to receive this information and I thought I would send you the copy of this clipping.

I happen to have on my desk at the present time the invitation to the Senator Barkley dinner and I am going to look forward to the privilege of attending this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

David Schpero

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January 26, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

This acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Dr. Silver's check dated January 21st in the sum of \$66.21, covering disbursements referred to in my letter of January 19th. This has been turned over to our Accounting Department for deposit and entry.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

Greetings!

January 26, 1944

Mr. U. S. Schwartz, President,
Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago,
128 North Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Schwartz:

Through the kindness of Mr. Joel Gross of the American Zionist Emergency Council, a copy of the statement which the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, addressed to the Secretary of State, concerning the abrogation of the White Paper, has reached me.

May I convey to you and through you to the members of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago my deep appreciation for the splendid statement which you submitted and for the fine spirit which motivated it. I am sure that it will be greatly helpful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

January 26, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I believe that Dr. Kallen's excellent article in the Contemporary Jewish Record should be reprinted by us. Please take the matter up with Mr. Lipsky. From many sides I have heard most enthusiastic reactions to the article.

The well-known Jewish writer and Zionist, Bernard G. Richards, is eager to be of service in your Department. I am sure that you can use him. Will you please get in touch with him? His address is 103 Park Avenue, New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

January 28, 1944

Mr. I. G. Simon, Executive Director
Tri-State Zionist Region
901 Keystone Bldg.
Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

My dear Mr. Simon:

Thank you for your kind letter which I read with interest. Much of the work which you suggest does not come within the province of the American Zionist Emergency Council. It is not charged with the responsibility of doing general propaganda work for Zionism. The Emergency Council is a Political Actions Committee. However, some of the things which you suggest may prove very helpful. I have referred your suggestions to our headquarters in New York.

In connection with the introduction of the Palestine Resolution in Congress, which took place yesterday, we shall launch in the immediate future a forceful campaign among the masses in keeping with the thoughts contained in your letter.

Some of the suggestions contained in your letter could be put to work right in your own region. You do not have to have authority or guidance from national headquarters. You have gifted men in your community who can be used as speakers at service organization meetings, labor unions, churches, etc. That, I take it, is your job.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 28, 1944

Dr. A. Steinfeld
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Collingwood and Acklin Avenues
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Dr. Steinfeld:

May I convey to you and through you to the members of the Collingwood Avenue Temple my own deep appreciation and that of the American Zionist Emergency Council for having made it possible for Dr. Leon Feuer to devote his time during this very critical and decisive period of the war to the sacred cause of the upbuilding of Palestine and the opening of its doors for the countless and tragically helpless Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. Dr. Feuer is rendering a tremendously significant service at this time. His effectiveness in Government circles has been even beyond our expectations. From all sides there comes to us nothing but praise and admiration for the quality of his work and the manner in which he is making important friends for the cause.

Through Dr. Feuer your congregation is making a distinguished contribution to Jewish life today.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 29, 1944

Mr. Z. Swett,
2633 N. E. 14th Ave.
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Swett:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. As you probably know by now, I have resigned the national chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal. The work which I undertook in connection with the Zionist Emergency Council has been so heavy that I could not do justice to both. Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati has been elected to succeed me.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Montor, who I am sure will give it the most serious and sympathetic consideration.

With all good wishes to you, and in great appreciation of the fine services which you have been rendering our cause, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

Superior Court of Cook County

Alyssa S. Schwartz, Judge

In Chambers

Chicago

February 1, 1944.

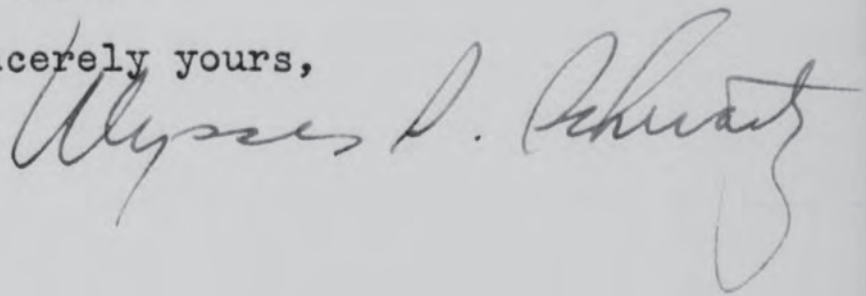
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I am very happy to get your letter of January 25th and to note your approval of the resolution which was adopted by the Jewish Welfare Fund. This was not done without considerable opposition from those who are opposed to Zionism. However, in the course of a debate which lasted several hours and in which the grounds of the resolution were made clear - to-wit, the Welfare Fund's contribution to the upbuilding of Palestine which runs into millions of dollars, and that this was done in the faith that England would comply with her mandate - those who were opposed were, I believe, convinced of the weakness of their position and consented at least that it should be sent as representing the preponderant attitude of the Welfare Fund. I mention this because the result of the debate has convinced me that less heat and less ideological polemics on the part of Zionist and anti-Zionist could bring about a more united Jewry. The American Jewish Conference has driven a deep wedge into American Jewish life, and I am afraid it will take many years to correct the big mistake of that Conference. While I feel that it was utterly fallacious, nevertheless I am doing my part to see the best that there is in it and to heal the breach.

I trust that you are in good health and in as good spirits as these days will permit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alyssa S. Schwartz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Alyssa S. Schwartz" which appears to be part of the signature block.

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My Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your kind response to my "Megillah".

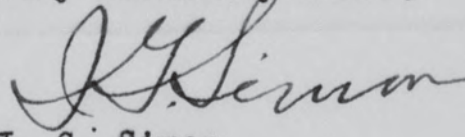
I do not want to take up more of your valuable time to read another long letter, hence I will make this one brief.

I would appreciate it very much, if you would be able to give me from 20 to 30 minutes at most, for a personal conversation with you at any time most suitable to you.

I trust that you will find it possible to grant my request.

With my most sincere thanks for your kind and favorable consideration of my request, and with Zion's Greetings, I am,

Very Cordially Yours,


I. G. Simon

IGS:rk

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1529 - 16th ST., N. W.

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Office of the President

February 3, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver :

Complying with your instructions,
we have this day sent to Hon. Sol Bloom, telegram in
behalf of the local Zionist Emergency Council, request-
ing and urging passage of resolutions 418-419.

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Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Spiegler

Louis E. Spiegler, Chairman
Zionist Emergency Council
Washington, D.C.

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February 4, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

We received a bill for the freight charges
in connection with the shipment of Rabbi Silver's
pamphlets on Zionism to your office. The total
bill is as follows:

3000 copies of the pamphlet at 12¢	--	\$360.00	
Freight Charges		<u>15.48</u>	
Total			\$375.48

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

American Zionist Emergency Council
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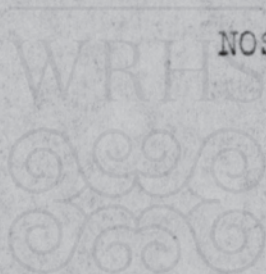
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342 MADISON AVENUE
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February 9, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Enclosed is a check for \$375.48, covering the printing and freight charges on Rabbi Silver's pamphlet on Zionism which we are distributing.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz

Sulamith Schwartz

SS/ER

P.S. You will note that the the checks also include the bill you submitted to Mr. Shapiro for the following:

Dr. Silver's trip to New York 1/22-25	\$75.00
" " " " Washington 1/31-2/4	60.00
3000 Pamphlets at 12¢	360.00
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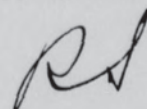
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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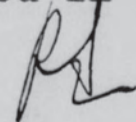
Dear Dr. Silver:-

What would you think of appointing Mrs. Teurover as representative of the Emergency Committee in Washington for the purpose of following up (a) the UNRRA matters as well as (b) the purchase of government property which may be disposed of in the Near East; and (c) the facilitation of Middle East supply center authorization for the import of goods into Palestine? She is active, knows her way around, and until we get a first class man might do.

Sincerely yours,



P.S. Enclosed herewith is copy of cable received January 13, 1944 which I took up with Hon. James Landis before he left and also with Mr. Isador Lubin. Mr. Landis assured me that the Reuter Report, mentioned in the cable, is unfounded.



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American Zionist Emergency Council

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February 16, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Mrs. Isadore L. Bronstein (401 Arcadia Court, Fort Wayne, Ind.) has requested biographical material on Dr. Silver. I have sent her a short sketch, but believe that what she requires would be something more detailed, since her Sisterhood is planning a program consisting of papers presenting the outstanding Jewish people of today, and Rabbi Silver is among them. Mrs. Bronstein's program is scheduled for the first of March.

Do you have any data available which will be helpful to her, or could you refer her to an easily accessible source for the complete picture? Your early attention will be appreciated, I know, by Mrs. Bronstein and by yours, with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

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February 17, 1944

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thanks for your note of the 16th.
I wrote to Mrs. Bronstein of Fort Wayne, Ind.,
today.

With kindest personal regards, I
remain

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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moment, be raised against the resolution as was done in the case of revocation Cremieux decree. We must be on the alert and warn our fellow citizens against all such manoeuvres. Let the clear voice of the American people be allowed to speak through its chosen representatives in Congress. Once the resolution reached the floor of the House and Senate, it will be approved overwhelmingly if not unanimously.

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February 19, 1944
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Please convey my warmest greetings to the Youth Leaders assembled at your conference in support Palestine resolutions now before Congress.

The American people wish to see the infamous White Paper abrogated and the heroic struggle of the Jewish people to reconstitute their Commonwealth in Palestine given maximum support. Sinister forces are attempting to emasculate or completely defeat the resolution now pending. Arguments from military necessity may, at the last

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SZOLD, BRANDWEN & SHUBERT
30 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

February 29, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I received today your special delivery
letter from Cleveland dated February 26. The delay
was caused by a mistake in the address.

Please note that my address is
30 Broad Street.

Sincerely yours,

Rob Szold

American Zionist Emergency Council

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-1160

March 1, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

We have just about exhausted the 3,000 copies of Dr. Silver's pamphlet on Zionism which you sent us. There are in fact requests for it which we cannot fill. Do you have any on hand in Cleveland? If you do, would you let us know at once, telling us too, whether you could send some here and how many you think you could spare.

In case we should decide to make a reprint, it would be important to know if the type is still standing at your printer's in Cleveland. Could you find out and tell us? Thank you ever so much.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz
Sulamith Schwartz

SS:SG

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cheaper*

March 3, 1944

Mr. Robert Szold
30 Broad Street
New York 4, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Szold:

I think your suggestion that we appoint Mrs. Teurover as representative of the Emergency Committee in Washington is a good one. I wish that you would take the matter up with her and make whatever arrangements you deem necessary.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 3, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Schwartz:

Thank you for your letter of March 1.
We had four hundred copies of Rabbi Silver's
pamphlet on Zionism on hand here which I sent
you via express today. And that's the last of
them.

I called the printer and was told
that the type is no longer set up. He said
that the book could be lithographed, which would
not look any different than the printing. It would also
be less expensive than setting up the type again.
I told him about the error on page 16, and that
you might wish to change the cover and the inside
page. He said it could be corrected.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 3, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I was about to send you the remaining 400 copies of my lecture on Zionism, but Rabbi Lelyveld wired an urgent request for 500 copies and I had them detoured to him. He is engaged, as you know, in carrying on the ZOA campaign against the American Council for Judaism.

There are no more copies of the pamphlet on Zionism left. I would suggest that the Emergency Council now make reprints. In so doing, please make the necessary typographical corrections. I think it would be good public relations if the lecture went out as is, without carrying the imprimatur of the Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ERNST FRANKENSTEIN, DR. JUR.
Consultant in International Law
London

52, Belsize Avenue N.W. 3.,
8th March 1944

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
Mayfair Hotel,
W.I.

Dear Dr. Goldstein,

"Justice for my people"

With reference to our conversation I should like to repeat that a friend of Rabbi Silver informed me recently that the Publishing Department of the American Zionist Society(!) intended to subsidize an American edition of my book and would get in touch with me. As until now I had no direct communication and the latest developments seem to render the matter rather urgent I should like to ask you to take the matter in hand.

Under the agreement with my English publishers, Messrs. Nicholson & Watson, I am free to arrange an American edition. As, on the other hand, the 1st English edition of 5000 copies is almost exhausted and lack of paper prevents my publishers from publishing a second edition I have been advised to publish a larger American edition since one of the big distributors firms might get an import license.

The American edition could simply re-print the text of the 1st edition. I would have liked to add a few words and make a very few alterations, but would renounce that if it would delay the publication.

In order to lose no time you would perhaps send me a cable with the main conditions

Yours sincerely

Ernst Frankenstein

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March 9, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are going ahead with making an offset of your pamphlet on Zionism. It will look as well and cost considerably less. I am certain that you will have no objection to the economy. As a further measure of economy we will not have a separate cover as you originally did, but I have comforted myself with the thought that the pamphlet has already been sent to the most select and critical audience and that what we are now printing for is the "mass".

Since your secretary wrote me that your printer in Cleveland did not keep the type, it seemed preferable to do the work here in New York. It will be quicker, cheaper and more direct.

We will, of course, as you so rightly suggest, not include the imprimatur of the Emergency Council.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz
Sulamith Schwartz

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Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

March 14, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

Since at the meeting last night, little attention was given to the meeting in Madison Square Garden, which is to be held on Tuesday the 21st, I wish to recommend the following:

1) Letters or telegrams should be sent to each one of the Congressmen and Senators advising them about the meeting and requesting a statement from them endorsing the Palestine resolution now pending in both houses of Congress and pledging their support. This will be the best method of a canvass as to the attitude of the Congressmen and Senators, and this will also place each one of them on record.

2) A similar message should be sent to each of the forty-eight Governors to secure their endorsement of the Palestine Resolution as Chief Executive of their respective States.

3) I, also, deem it advisable that messages should be secured from the two heads of the Democratic and Republican parties, pledging themselves and their parties in favor of the resolution.

4) Every effort must be made to have an overflow of tens of thousands at the Madison Square Garden meeting. I have today spoken to Mr. Tuvim and the other members of the staff of the Emergency Council making a number of recommendations how to bring about such overflow.

Hoping that we will not allow any "letdown" in the most important political efforts ever made in this country in the history of Zionism, I am

Most sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

LS:PMK P.S. Copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. H. L. Shapiro.
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American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 15, 1944

Mrs. Norma E. Knoblock
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Knoblock:

Thank you so much for having taken care of the hotel and railroad accommodations for Dr. Maurice Perlzweig when he spoke at the Temple on March 8th.

I beg to itemize expenditures made by the Emergency Council, and chargeable to The Temple and to Dr. Silver:

1. February 22nd - one way fare for Mrs. Silver, New York to Washington	\$ 9.75
2. Advanced to Dr. Perlzweig for cash expenses, speaking engagement at The Temple, Cleveland, March 8th	25.00
Fee for above	100.00
Round trip railroad	51.55
Total	\$186.30

Thanking you for giving this matter your attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

186.30
9.75

176.55

March 17, 1944

Mrs. Blanche Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

Will you kindly send us a statement of Dr. Perlzweig's honorarium and expenses incurred in his visit to Cleveland when he addressed the Cleveland Zionist Society. To whom shall the check be sent?

You might be interested to know that Dr. Perlzweig made quite a "hit" with his audience.

With kindest personal regards, I

am

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 20, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I have your note of March 17th. On the 15th I sent a note to Mrs. Knoblock, itemizing expenditures made by the American Zionist Emergency Council in behalf of Dr. Silver and The Temple. These items included the following, covering Dr. Perlzweig's visit to Cleveland on March 8th:

1. February 22nd - One way fare, Mrs. Silver, New York to Washington	\$ 9.75
2. Advanced to Dr. Perlzweig for cash expenses, speaking engagement at The Temple, Cleveland, March 8th	25.00
Fee for above	100.00
Round trip railroad fare	<u>51.55</u>
	\$186.30

The check should be made out to the American Zionist Emergency Council, as we have already paid Dr. Perlzweig.

It is good to know that Dr. Perlzweig was so well received by the audience.

Regards!

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

March 22, 1944

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Enclosed herewith is Rabbi Silver's
check for \$186.30 to cover expenses and honorarium
for Dr. Perlzweig as well as one way fare for
Mrs. Silver, from New York to Washington on Feb. 22.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

American Zionist Emergency Council

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AIR MAIL

March 24, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Subject to your approval, I have booked Albert E. Kahn, co-author of the book, "Sabotage", to speak at The Temple in Cleveland on Sunday, May 7th. The enclosed page from PM's issue of March 20th, plus Meyer Weisgal's favorable report on Mr. Kahn as a speaker, may help you in deciding on Mr. Kahn's suitability.

I understand that you will be coming to New York on Monday, at which time you may be able to tell me what your wishes are. Mr. Kahn's lecture fee is \$200 plus expenses.

I am working on Mr. Sherrod for a Sunday within the next 4 or 5 weeks. In view of Wednesday's disappointing experience, I shall make doubly certain of any engagement made with him, and shall further cement the thing through Leo Sack, who knows Mr. Sherrod so well. It would be helpful if your office could let me know which Sundays, if any, are already booked.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard

Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

Enc.

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March 28, 1944

Miss Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your note of March 22nd, enclosing Rabbi Silver's check for \$186.30, covering expenses and honorarium for Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, as well as one way fare for Mrs. Silver from New York to Washington on February 22nd.

With all good wishes and kindest regards to your sisters and yourself,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

BJS: DE

PAUL SIMON & COMPANY
116 John St.
New York

March 28, 1944

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was my good fortune to attend the Madison Square Garden Rally last Tuesday at which I had the extreme pleasure of listening to your inspired address which moved me profoundly.

I thought you would be interested in learning what my personal reaction was to the events of that evening. I am sure you are realistic enough to agree with me when I say that we may hope for little in the way of practical results from that meeting. We passed some very laudable resolutions in protest of the White Paper and it will be a matter of record that over twenty thousand persons attended this meeting for the purposes noted.

I sat through the meeting and listened to three influential United States Senators speak their pieces together with a labor representative and the very likeable and intelligent Dorothy Thompson. And then you spoke. And when you had ended I was so deeply affected by your oratory that your very words still ring in my ears.

The compelling reason for my letter is this: Why should not men who have the ability by their gifts of intellect and oratory not put them to the most practical use in pursuance of the causes they favor? Men who have these abilities should not regard it beneath their dignity to run for elective office and sit in the halls of Congress so that their ideas and oratory would produce results that would be immediate. For they would be addressing directly our law-makers who wield the necessary power to bring about the desired ends. Such a speech as you delivered in the Garden last Tuesday, if spoken in the House of Representatives, would surely have caused that body to take action in opposition to the provisions of the White Paper. As it was the great number of those present at this meeting are powerless to do anything about it.

I hope you will find yourself in accord with the point of view expressed in the foregoing and that you will understand why I have been impelled to write this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Paul Simon

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1720-16th Street N. W.
Washington, D.C.

March 29, 1944

Dr. Abba H. Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

The author of "Justice for My People"
has written me the enclosed letter while I
was in London which I am pleased to hand on to
you.

Will you kindly let me know whether
you have in mind going through with this idea.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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March 31, 1944

Mr. Paul Simon
116 John Street
New York, N. Y.

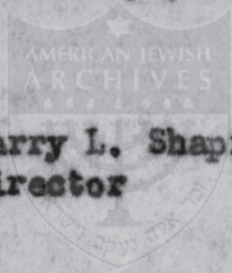
Dear Mr. Simon:

Your letter of March 28th addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver reached this office. Since Dr. Silver is not in town, we are sending your letter to him and he will undoubtedly communicate with you.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 3, 1944

From Sulamith Schwartz

You may have noticed that "The" of The Temple on the front cover of the offset of your pamphlet is in lower case rather than capitalized.

I am very sorry that it happened and must explain that the last proof I saw was correct. The editorializing instincts of printers are fearful things. Apparently they decided that there could be no such thing as The Temple.

I am enclosing a copy of the last proof with the corrections made on it and I apologize once more for the printing temperament.

SS:SG
Enc.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 3, 1944

From Sulamith Schwartz

Here are copies of an important letter from Dr. Ernst Frankenstein and of a cover^{note} from Dr. Goldstein to you.

Would you like me to tell Dr. Goldstein in your name that we have indeed just received Dial Press's formal agreement to publish an American edition of Frankenstein's book within the next two to three months? As it happens I am very grateful to Dr. Frankenstein for having gotten in touch with Dr. Goldstein while the latter was in England. Dr. Frankenstein's letter gives Dial Press and me much of the information we would otherwise have had to cable for. It is clear from the letter that we need not negotiate directly with the English publisher, and it is also clear that we need not spend time on transatlantic negotiations about changing any of the text of the book.

In case you happen to talk to Dr. Goldstein directly or communicate with him, would you let me know, and I will not acknowledge the letter.

SS:SG
ENC.

American Zionist Emergency Council

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WASHINGTON BUREAU

1720 Sixteenth Street, Northwest
Michigan 4480

April 4, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dearest Dr. Silver:

I want you to know that I am humbly grateful for your kindness and patience to me, when you were in the Washington office.

Having the contact with you and the enjoyment of the Conference and listening to your brilliant and convincing oratory was something that I shall always remember.

May you and your family enjoy a Happy Passover and your future be filled with satisfying endeavor -- and that eventually you will SEE the results of your work in Washington.

Most sincerely,

Stephanie Silverman

Stephanie Silverman
2289 Upton Avenue, #7
Toledo 6, Ohio

April 5, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Rabbi Schatz. Please send him the copies which he asks for.

You may wish to send me seventy-five to a hundred copies for distribution here as I am receiving requests for the pamphlet right along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

April 6, 1944

Miss Stephanie Silverman
2269 Upton Avenue, #7
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Miss Silverman:

Thank you so much for your kind note.
I reciprocate most heartily your good wishes for
the coming holiday.

You were indeed very helpful to me
in Washington and I hope that there will be
opportunities in the future when you can assist
us in the great cause in which we are all engaged.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 6, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I am glad to know that you, too, are fallible
in matters of proof reading.

With reference to Dr. Frankenstein's letter, I
would suggest that you cable him as he requests and tell
him of the arrangements which we have made for the
publication of his book, giving him only such information
as is necessary to indicate to him that we are proceeding
with the publication, and that the book should appear
within the next two or three months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Please have a reprint of Van Paassen's "A Cruel
Hoax" sent without comment to Mr. Henry Epstein,
835 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

April 7, 1944

Mr. Ezra Shapiro
Guardian Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ezra:

Hearty congratulations upon your election to the presidency of the Cleveland Community Council! I hope that your administration will be eminently successful and productive of great good to our community.

In the second place, I would like to call your attention again to the editorial policy of the Jewish Review and Observer which evidently is still being directed by Taslitt, who is on the payroll of the Bergson Revisionist Irgun group of New York. The editorial appearing this week in the Review and Observer, called "The President On Palestine," is a contemptible piece of propaganda which attacks at one and the same time the Palestine Resolution which was introduced into Congress, calling it a political blunder of the entire Zionist leadership in this country which it claims is "on the verge of losing both its nerve and the public confidence heretofore reposed in it." This is how that irresponsible group of politicians and political opportunists hope to fish in troubled waters.

I should also like to call your attention to the headline on Page 1, "Zionists Resigned to Postponement of Discussion on Palestine." This, of course, is a complete fabrication. The Zionists have never resigned themselves to a postponement of the discussion on Palestine.

I believe that the Cleveland Community Contacts Committee ought to consider seriously the matter of a local Jewish Paper lending itself, wittingly or unwittingly, to this sort of thing.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 7, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was a pleasure to read Rabbi Schatz's enthusiastic comment on your Zionism pamphlet. We have sent him the copies he asks for.

Under separate cover, you are being sent one hundred for distribution from Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Sulamith Schwartz
Sulamith Schwartz

SS:SG

May I add "on the part of the ..."

LAW OFFICES
EZRA SHAPIRO
540 GUARDIAN BUILDING
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CHERRY 3737

April 12, 1944.

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

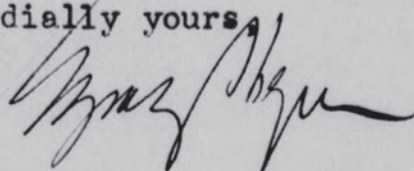
My dear Rabbi:

I appreciate your note of congratulations.

Incidentally, you must have heard from either Sidney Weitz or Leo Neumark about the Federation Board meeting at which the American Jewish Conference allocation was considered and approved. The experience was not a pleasant one, but I think it was worth while and had to be done. Unfortunately, the cleavage relating to Zionist matters still persists in some quarters.

Upon my return to town yesterday, I read the issue of the Review and Observer to which you refer in your letter. I am really distressed by this business. At the first opportunity, we shall consider this matter and determine on some course of more vigorous action since the editor does not seem to be amenable to individual suggestion. I will let you know what we propose to do.

Cordially yours



EZS:K

April 13, 1944

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

At Rabbi Silver's request I am
enclosing herewith ten clergy certificates.

With kindest regards, and

Most cordially,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

MEMORANDUM

To Meyer W. Weisgal

Date April 13, 1944

From Harry A. Steinberg

Relative to my memo of March 31st I should like you to note the following additions and changes:

The following ads appeared:

100 x 2	New York Times	April 1st	148.00
100 x 2	Washington Post	March 24th	66.00
			<hr/> 214.00
	Additional Mechanical Cost		3.00
			<hr/> 217.00

1/4 page ad to appear in May issue of Wilson's Library Bulletin (This reaches 16,000 libraries)	30.00
	<hr/> 247.00

Estimated Cost for all Promotion Work for PALESTINE, LAND OF PROMISE as submitted in memo of March 31st	2,950.00
Total	<hr/> 3,197.00

Mailing of circular should begin April 17th. Distribution of the circular will be handled from our office.

On Tuesday, April 18th we will have the breakdown on the cost of the circular which has been estimated at \$800.

The second printing of Dr. Lowdermilk's book was ready on Tuesday, April 11th. The advanced orders which had accumulated during the past three weeks for this printing reached the 2,000 mark. The sales are coming along nicely and a third printing of 3,500 books has been ordered. This third order brings the total number of copies printed to 9,500.

The ZOA has ordered 500 copies of Dr. Lowdermilk's book.

Additional reviews and publicity have appeared and others are scheduled. A more detailed report on this phase of the work will be submitted in a week or so.

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JEWISH-AMERICAN SECTION
RUBIN SALTZMAN
National Secretary

April 17, 1944.

איריש-אמעריקאנער סעקציע
ר. זאלצמאן, נאציאנאלער סעקרעטאר

Rabbi A. H. Silver
Temple - Ansel Rd. &
E. 105th
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very pleased to present you with a complimentary copy of "Emma Lazarus - Selections from Her Poetry and Prose" which was edited and contains an introduction by Morris U. Schappes. The book has been mailed to you under separate cover.

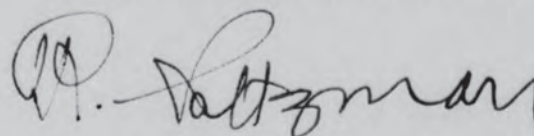
It is a source of pride to us that of America's great poets, the name and verse of Emma Lazarus are inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. Her writings have been inaccessible to the general public for more than fifty years. Our aim in publishing this book is to reintroduce a Jewish-American poet of great stature and to acquaint the present day American Jew with the noble heritage of the American Jewish community of the past.

Emma Lazarus lived and breathed the spirit of American Jewry. She derived her nobility of thought from her people. Her beautifully written democratic messages and their powerful defense of the proud history of the Jews will help fortify our people. They are additional ammunition in the fight against anti-Semitism.

We are sure you will derive immeasurable enjoyment in reading "The Selections." May we expect an expression of opinion from you on the merit of the publication?

Sincerely yours,

JEWISH-AMERICAN SECTION, I.W.O.



R. Saltzman,
National Secretary.

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April 21, 1944

Mr. R. Saltzman,
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80 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Saltzman:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of "Emma Lazarus - Selections from her Poetry and Prose" which was edited by Mr. Schappes. You have put us all under a great debt to you because of this very helpful and welcome volume of Miss Lazarus' writings which are as fresh and uplifting today as they were years ago when she first penned them. Hers was a rare spirit, and her great pride in the historic heritage of her people is a challenge to our generation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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April 21, 1944

Miss Blanche Shepard,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City, N. Y.



Suggest you do not press Taft engagement May 7th.
Try Dr. Poling or President Marsh. Please wire.

Silver

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ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
ON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS' ALLIANCE

45 East 17th Street,
New York, N. Y.

April 22, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro, Ex. Director
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro,

Enclosed herewith you will please find
a copy of a letter which I have received from
the Department of State, relative to the status
of American citizens in connection with the
White Paper, which will surely be of interest
to the American Zionist Emergency Council.

I am,

Fraternally yours,

(signed) LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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April 22, 1944

Miss Blanche Shepard,
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Would James G. McDonald be available for Cleveland Zionist Society.
If not could you suggest two or three other names who are available.

Silver

ELIHU D. STONE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dr. Abba Hildel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
New York, N.Y.

April 27, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I should appreciate it if you would be good enough to kindly approve the memorandum submitted by me to Mr. Shapetta relative to my Honorary for Service rendered.

I have been associated with you in the service the American Zionist Council since October 1944. It is almost a year with the exception of the winter months I was away I practically devoted all my time to the political work under your leadership and I completely neglected my other business. I could I maintained my office with a considerable overhead, since for obvious reasons I could not close it. The last cheque received by me was in the amount of \$1,000.00 on April 27, 1944.

As you know I am not on the weekly payroll. Had a you approval in necessary so that a cheque for \$25,000.00 be issued to me, by Mr. Shapiro. The amount of \$25,000.00 is a reasonable one for the time devoted and for the kind of service rendered.

I should be grateful if you will give this matter your immediate and kind attention for understandable reasons. Yours on ever
Eldon G. Stone

American Zionist Emergency Council

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-1160

May 11, 1944.

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I am enclosing check for \$116.67 to cover Dr. Silver's expenses in connection with his recent trips to New York and Washington and also in payment of long distance calls and telegrams made during March and April for the Council.

On checking our records I find that on April 4th a check for \$48.25 was sent Dr. Silver in payment of telegrams and long distance calls made during February and March.

Will you kindly check your records to determine whether there has been a duplication in the charges to the Council and if so, kindly deduct them from your next invoice to us.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Shepatin
Rose Shepatin
Bookkeeper

rs.
encl.

May 15, 1944

Miss Rose Shepatin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Miss Shepatin:

In reply to your letter of May 11, permit me to state that there was no duplication in our charges to the Emergency Council. As our telegraph service is billed from the first to the first of each month and our telephone service from the tenth to the tenth, when I bill you on the first, I bill you for say part of April and part of May telephone calls and all of May telegrams and the following month I bill you for the remainder of May and part June telephone calls plus June telegrams.

I'm sorry if this was confusing. I should have explained the system that is used here.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

P.S. I should like to add that long distance calls made from Rabbi Silver's residence are charged to his own account. These are included in the bill which I send you on the 1st if I receive the residence charges on time; otherwise, as you have noted, it is billed separately.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Miss Bessie Kline

Date May 16, 1944

From Rose Shepatin

Thank you very much for the information contained in your letter to me of May 15th. I thought the explanation would be that given by you but rather than be in doubt, I wrote you.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Shepatin

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JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS' ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

45 East 17th Street, New York, N.Y.

May 25, 1944

Hon. Edward R. Stettinius
Under-Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stettinius,

I am enclosing herewith a news item which has appeared in the New York Herald-Tribune of today, announcing the contemplated activities of the so-called newly organized American League for a Free Palestine.

This Committee was condemned by the most important Jewish and non-Jewish organizations in this country. The organization of such Committee is considered by the Jewish masses as an act of irresponsibility.

I would highly appreciate it and be very thankful to you if you would inform us whether there is any possibility that this Committee will receive any status with the State Department, or any official bodies of the United Nations.

I am hopeful that this Committee will not receive any encouragement from responsible Government agencies.

Your reply to this letter will be highly appreciated.

I am,

Most sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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Enc.

P.S. For your information, I am enclosing the statement issued by the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, which is most significant.

May 25, 1944

Miss Sulamith Schwartz
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Miss Schwartz:

I had hoped to talk to you in Washington but did not get a chance. Quite a number of the delegates who attended our Conference expressed a wish for a brief ABC brochure on What is Zionism in the form of questions and answers, something which can be read quickly, and which answers the questions which most people are raising today. This brochure should be skillfully written and attractively printed. Perhaps Mr. Lowenthal will undertake the writing of it, or you may know of someone else.

I am still hoping to hear that the pamphlet on "Why a Jewish Commonwealth" is in the printing.

The delegates also suggested that we get up a pamphlet on the American Council for Judaism. I would suggest that you get in touch with Dr. Heller and pass on this request to him. The ZOA has undertaken to do the propaganda work against the Council for Judaism and has a special fund for it. It would be a happy thought to have that brochure also in the form of questions and answers.

Passages of some of the addresses delivered last evening at the Lowdermilk meeting will bear reprinting in Palestine.

With good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Emanuel Neumann

Date June 5, 1944

From Sulamith Schwartz

Dr. Weisgal has informed me that the Hebrew rights for "Palestine, Land of Promise" have already been granted to the Hashomer Hatzair's daily publication, "Hamishmar". I suppose we shall have to cable Yabne to that effect. I do not know what arrangements Weisgal has made with Harpers on the financial basis. We must find out.

As for the proceedings of the Lowdermilk dinner which Dr. Lowdermilk wants, Mr. Magida has promised to let us know as soon as they appear on the scene and to take care of sending them on to Dr. Lowdermilk and getting a copy to you.

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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June 6, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to your request, I have put in an application for transportation for Mr. Leo R. Sack and yourself in connection with the forthcoming National Republican Convention in Chicago scheduled to open on June 26.

I have asked Mr. Rosen to obtain plane and/or train reservations for both Mr. Sack and yourself, leaving New York on Tuesday, June 20. Reservations will be requested on a plane leaving Tuesday about 4 o'clock, as well as on trains leaving Tuesday at 4 o'clock and at 6 o'clock. Thus, in the event that your plane reservation is cancelled, you and Mr. Sack may be able to make one of the two trains.

Hotel reservations have been made at the Shoreland Hotel. I regret that it was necessary to accept the double-room for Mr. Sack and yourself, but the hotel situation will be a very difficult one for the Convention period.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director, Speakers Bureau

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Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 19, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12th, addressed to Mr. Louis Segal.

I wish to advise you that Mr. Segal is at present in Los Angeles, and will not return to New York until the beginning of July.

In his absence, however, I have made an investigation of our files and found no record of Mr. Segal's consent to sponsor the testimonial dinner given to Congressman Sol Bloom.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Pauline M. Kaplan

PAULINE M. KAPLAN
Secretary to Mr. Louis Segal

PMK

P.S. Your letter will, of course, be given to Mr. Segal on his return to New York.

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MEMO

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

June 20, 1944

Harry A. Steinberg

I propose that the Emergency Council undertake cutting several records for radio broadcast purposes which would discuss various phases of the Palestinian situation today, using personalities who are nationally known. This project is both feasible and inexpensive. The size of the audience we reach would depend, of course, on the number of local stations throughout the country our committees are able to induce to carry the program.

The subject matter of the programs should be timely and the format should be informal and unrehearsed except insofar as we acquaint the principals beforehand with the general topics for discussion. The program should be handled by a moderator with three authorities on the panel whose names would be instantly recognizable to any American audience. For the first recording, I suggest Quincy Howe as moderator with Pierre Van Paassen, Maurice Samuel and Edgar Ansel Mowrer as the experts.

Such programs can reach a maximum audience with a minimum of expense. The cost of making the recording plus the purchase of 12 copies would be about \$70. These records would be aluminum-based and unbreakable and could therefor be shipped without fear of breakage.

The only obstacle that we might encounter would be the assembling of the "cast". However, I feel that, properly approached, the above-mentioned would consent. Once gotten together, we should utilize them for two recordings.

For distribution we should divide the country into twelve areas and select one of our most active chairmen in each of these areas to make the contacts with station managers. The placing of the program should not prove difficult considering the "name-value" of the performers.

Another possibility would be to actually broadcast such a program either over a network or a local station in New York. Recordings could be made from this broadcast taken over the air.

With your approval I should like to get to work on this right away.

HAS:SK

COPY
MEMO

Harry L. Shapiro

June 21, 1944

Harry A. Steinberg

I think it might be timely for the Christian Council on Palestine to arrange a dinner in honor of one or two outstanding American Clergymen who have recently joined their ranks.

Whereas all arrangements and correspondence involved in planning and executing this affair would be handled through the offices of the Christian Council, it would be advisable to line up a number of church groups who would act as sponsors. These groups might include, in addition to the Church Peace Union and the Church Federations of Metropolitan New York, various church periodicals such as The Churchmen, Christian Herald, Christianity and Crisis, etc. Also perhaps leading theological seminaries might be willing to join in.

Another way of handling the matter might be to have the entire project run as "the churchmen's tribute to the contributions of Jewish Palestine on behalf of the United Nations."

The invitees should be mainly Christian clergymen from the Metropolitan area and the meeting would serve as a stimulus for increased membership in the Christian Council. Speakers should include leading clergymen plus other noted personalities.

It is important that the American Zionist Emergency Council remain in the background in this entire matter.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 23, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I enclose copy of Mr. Louis Segal's letter to
Mr. Stettinius re the American League for a Free Palestine.

Encl.

July 2, 1944

Mr. Herman Shulman
39 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shulman:

You may be interested in a copy of a letter which I sent yesterday to Dr. Wise. We are in a very advantageous position at the moment, and we ought not to pull any "boners."

For the first time, both major political parties need us and are prepared to listen to us very attentively. Our primary responsibility is the Zionist cause, and we should keep our eye on the ball.

We will need the Republicans to put through our resolutions in Congress. If we do not show any marked appreciation for what they have done in connection with the Palestine plank in their program, and if they are made to feel that there is no quid pro quo, they will pay no attention to us when we come to their leaders in Congress next month to urge the passage of our Resolution. Some of our Zionist leaders who are so wrapped up in their loyalty to the Democratic Party and Mr. Roosevelt unfortunately overlook this simple elementary fact.

I should like you and Dr. Wise to contact, as soon as possible, the Democratic leaders who will have a hand in the framing of the Democratic Platform. I understand that Senator Jackson has been selected to be the permanent chairman of the convention. He should be seen right-a-way; so also the chairmen of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Committeemen from New York State. We found the Republican Committeemen from New York State extremely helpful because of their eagerness to appeal to the Jewish voters in New York State which is likely to be one of the three or four critical states in the forthcoming election. Do not rely too much on Senator Wagner. I am afraid that he is a broken reed.

Some of our friends in New York suggested the name of Mr. Mark Eisner as likely to be helpful because of his influence in Democratic circles. I believe that you, Dr. Wise and Mr. Eisner could well handle the matter of a Democratic plank. The less people who will be drawn into this move of ours, and the less publicity given to it, the better. Our Republican friends cautioned us against public agitation. We followed their advice and it was good

Mr. Shulman

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July 2, 1944

advice. You will have in Chicago the same very efficient staff which I had during the Republican Convention -- Mr. Manson, Mr. Leo Sack and Mr. Elihu Stone.

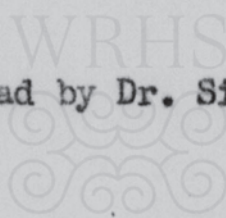
You and Dr. Wise ought to arrange to be in Chicago during the meetings of the Resolutions Committee, which usually take place two or three days before the Convention, and you ought to plan on remaining for the duration of the Convention. Nothing is sure until final action is taken and the Resolution is voted on. I shall also be in Chicago for part of the time, but as you readily understand, behind the scenes. Our office is making reservations for hotel accommodations for all of us. Please keep me in touch, if necessary day by day, of the steps which you take in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Dictated but not read by Dr. Silver



ELIHU D. STONE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

44 SCHOOL STREET

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

July 5, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am enclosing herewith a form
for a Resolution or Platform that would be
appropriate for the inclusion in the Democratic
Platform in my humble judgment.

I am sending it to you for
your kind consideration.

With kindest regards

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Sincerely,
E. D. Stone

Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.
July 20, 1944

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

Dear Chaver Silver,

I am pleased to inform you that we have today forwarded to you under separate cover, a Golden Book Certificate of the Jewish National Fund, which one of the Chaverim of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, who was present at the Third Seder and after hearing your magnificent address, decided that the inscription of your name in the Golden Book would be his way of expressing his deep appreciation for your presence at that occasion.

I fully share his feeling and admiration for your most inspiring address delivered at the Third Seder for the Histadrut.

I have recently visited Mexico in connection with the campaign of the Jewish National Fund. I found the Jewish community there deeply interested in all Jewish affairs, especially the activities for the upbuilding of Palestine.

During my visit, I was officially received by Senor Vincente Lombardo Toledano, the outstanding labor leader of the Latin-American countries, who has expressed his admiration for the accomplishments of the labor movement in Palestine, and has promised to organize labor committees for Palestine in the Latin-American countries.

It will surely be of interest to you to know that with the cooperation of Senor Toledano, I was received by Hon. Konstantin Oumansky, Ambassador in Mexico of the U. S. S. R., and I had a three and one-half hour conference with him discussing a number of matters of utmost importance in connection with the Jewish people in general, and especially Palestine.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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P.S. Please send a note of acknowledgment to our Chaver Dr. Abr. Margulis, at #33 West 42nd Street, New York, 18, N.Y.

Herman Shulman

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7-21-44

Since you called me a half hour ago I have been giving some serious thought to the revised resolution. While I am of course prepared to go along with the decisions which our representatives ^{will} ~~are~~ finally making in Chicago, I am nevertheless greatly troubled and would like to share with you the following considerations.

I am wondering whether it would not, from the larger point of view, be more desirable to ask that no Palestine plank at all be included in the Democratic Platform, especially if the platform is ^{to be} brief. We and the Democratic leaders could then make the explanation to the country that the brevity of the platform precluded the inclusion of a Palestine plank as ^{will be} ~~was~~ the case with other important matters.

The inclusion of a Palestine plank which omits reference to the Jewish Commonwealth and even to the Balfour Declaration, the Mandate and the Congress Resolution of 1922 will clearly tell the country that the Democratic Party is not prepared to go along with us ~~on those matters~~. Beyond unrestricted immigration and land purchase, ~~it is not prepared to go~~. This might ^{hurt} ~~lower~~ our chances for affirmative action on the ~~resolution and the resolutions pending in Congress~~. The statement ^{7th} ~~that~~ ^{resolution calling} they call for "such a policy which would result in the establishment of a free and democratic commonw alth" may be very dangerous for us. It is a ^{statement} ~~phrase~~, which unattached to the Balfour Declaration and Mandate, may be highly welcomed by the Arabs and may be used against us.

I am also ~~of the~~ thinking of the fact that we made a public appearance and asked for a Jewish Commonwealth plank. The press of the country, particularly the Jewish press, has played that up. To get the kind of a plank which you indicated cannot ~~be~~ but accepted by the country as a repudiation ~~of us~~ and a rejection of our full program. ^P The action of the Democratic Convention in calling for unrestricted immigration

and land purchase will add nothing to our strength. President Roosevelt last March already stated that the American Government has never approved of the White Paper. ^{In a way} It even weakens the second part of the President's statement. ^{IP} Furthermore, a dramatic gesture on the part of Dr. Wise at this time calling upon McCormick to eliminate a whittled-down Palestine plank really might force them to make concessions.

If there is no ~~plank~~ ^{we} plank you might then go to the President and call attention to the disadvantage under which the Democratic Party finds itself and get a good statement from him. ^{before long}



July 22, 1944

Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
45 E. 17th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I enjoyed reading. I wrote, this morning, to Dr. A. Margulis thanking him for his gracious act in inscribing my name in the Golden Book.

I was very much interested in your recent visit to Mexico and your meeting with Toledano and the Soviet Ambassador, Oumansky. I should be most eager to hear more about it. I shall be in New York Monday and Tuesday in connection with the meeting of our Emergency Council. If you have any time during Tuesday, drop off at the office of the Emergency Council and we will have a chat.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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July 27th, 1944

PERSONAL- IMPORTANT

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Chaver Silver,

Confirming our conversation of the other day, I am enclosing herewith the confidential memorandum which we have discussed at length.

I am pleased to inform you that I have already met with our Political Committee and conveyed to them your impressions in connection with the memorandum, and, also, your suggestion that one of our Chaverim proceed immediately to Palestine, and, also, if possible, to London in connection with this and other pending Zionist matters.

Our Political Committee has received your suggestion with satisfaction, and Mr. Hayim Greenberg, who considers this matter of great importance, has volunteered to go to Palestine and to London if the question of priorities can be arranged by the Emergency Council.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

LOUIS SEGAL
General Secretary

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John W. McCormack
12th Dist. Massachusetts

Eugene T. Kinnaly
Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

July 27, 1944

Dear Elihu:

I received your message of thanks and
I am glad I was able to do the effective work I
did. It was a real job, if I do say so. With the
Platform we have, I would like to see you declare
publicly for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

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(Signed)

AMERICAN JEWISH
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Sincerely,

John W. McCormack

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Herman Shulman
39 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

YOU DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB IN CHICAGO AND THE PLANK WILL HELP
US GREATLY IN OUR FUTURE WORK. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Joseph W. Martin, Jr.
14 Dist. Massachusetts

OFFICES OF MINORITY LEADER

House of Representatives

Fall River, Mass.

August 11, 1944

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
United Palestine Appeal
600 Washington Street
Boston 11, Mass.

Dear Elihu:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 8th. It was very good of you to write me and I appreciate it. I am sure it will be helpful to me in the campaign, although of course, you know that was not the motive which prompted me to support the Palestine movement.

I have sincerely believed in the Palestine Homeland for over twenty-five years, and I was very glad to be helpful.

Incidentally, I might say I know of no man who has done more for the cause than you have.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

ELIHU D. STONE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

44 SCHOOL STREET

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

August 23, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters which I received from Congressmen McCormack and Martin, as they might be of some interest to you.

The time is ripe for a decision relative to the Palestine Resolution in the United States Congress. It may well be that at this time the "military" may take a neutral attitude which is a condition precedent.

The confusion produced by Dr. A. Goldman's interview with Stettinius, the Under Secretary of State is unfortunate. No government, however strong, could successfully conduct its foreign affairs under such conflicting conditions. It is not a question of the right of a representative of the Agency to conduct negotiations with the Department of State in Washington. It rather involves a question of common sense. The right hand must know what the left hand is doing, and vice versa, otherwise it is chaos. Indeed, the situation demands that an end be made to this policy of mutual irritation instead of cooperation. ✓ The political affairs in Washington cannot be successfully conducted by two parallel bodies working independently and even secretly. I know what I say is superfluous as far as you are concerned. However, one cannot suppress his feelings when matters of such national importance are involved.

We are suffering from the affliction of what the newspapermen ✓ call "scooping", so that one might claim credit for what he does not do. This disease is prevalent from the bottom up. It is a competition for credit whether one is entitled to it or not, including even our civil service.....

With reference to our friends in Congress who are now engaged in a campaign for re-election, it seems to me that our people should be advised with a view of manifesting our active interest. I have particularly reference to Congressmen Wright and Compton. Washington operates on the principle of quid pro quod. It is imperative that we give to our friends concrete and positive evidence of

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our interest in their campaigns. It is obvious that it would not be advisable to do it by means of correspondence. I respectfully suggest that some representative of the Council visit the communities involved personally and thus demonstrate our sympathetic concern.

It should not be limited to Compton and Wright. This is important not only for the sake of our Congressional friends immediately involved, but what is even more important is to demonstrate that we are appreciative and do not forget our friends. It is clear that our relations with the United States Congress will have to be continued for some time to come.

As for McCormack, I am doing all I can to help him, although he would like to see me jump on the President's bandwagon. As for Congressman Martin, I have taken steps to organize a Jewish Committee in Fall River and in Taunton, which are included in his Congressional District. I have suggested to Dewey Stone of Taunton, to act as chairman of such a committee. I expect to visit Fall River personally for the purpose of meeting some of our people on behalf of Martin. The Jewish voters will be circularized and public rallies for the Jewish voters will be arranged, both in Fall River and Taunton. These meetings will be addressed by me. I expect also to appear at a meeting in McCormack's district in which I reside, for the purpose of supporting him publicly. Neither of these two Congressmen is in danger of defeat. However, for the reasons I have stated above, it is advisable for us to be in the picture. That applies to all of our friends in Congress who are now running for re-election. Thus, I am also helping Congressmen Christian Herter and Bates.

I hope that you enjoyed a deserved rest with your family. I, more than anybody else, know how hard you labored during this year. A tremendous piece of work of education has been done, as far as public relations is concerned, under your devoted and magnificent leadership.

I hope that some day not in the long distant future, I will be able to record some scenes and sidelights of this great drama which culminated in the adoption of the Palestine planks in both the Republican and Democratic Platforms.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes

Sincerely,

Y. D. Martin

Elihu D. Stone
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P.S. The party of the Christian Science Monitor whom I have to see will not return from his vacation until after Labor Day. E.

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ELIHU D. STONE
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44 School Street
Boston, Massachusetts

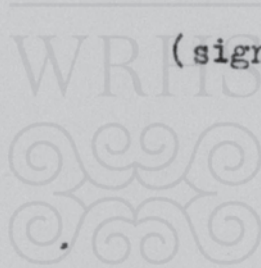
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THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICE RENDERED \$2500.00

(signed)

Elihu D. Stone



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August 24, 1944

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
44 School Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Elihu:

I have your statement of August 23 to the American Zionist Emergency Council, "On Account of Services Rendered - \$2500", and I am at a loss as to how to respond.

I quote from a memorandum sent by Mr. Henry Montor to the Accounting Department on November 23, 1943:

"Mr. Elihu D. Stone has undertaken a special task for the Emergency Council in Washington which will take him three or four months. He is to be reimbursed for his time and expense at a total sum of \$5,000, exclusive of living expenses incurred in Washington, for which he will submit regular bills. He is to be paid in lump sum amounts, to be specified to you later."

Our records show that the following payments have been made in accordance with the above agreement:

November 29, 1943	\$2500.00
January 26, 1944	1000.00
March 7, 1944	1500.00

Total\$5000.00

When you returned from South America you requested that a check be issued to you, and if you will recall I told you that I had no authority to issue such a check and suggested that you speak with Dr. Silver. I quote from a memorandum which you sent to Dr. Silver and on which he placed his approval:

"I should appreciate it very much if you would kindly authorize Mr. Shapiro to issue to me a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 on account."

Following Dr. Silver's approval of above we sent you a check for \$1,000 on April 4, 1944. There is no record of any further agreement between you and the American Zionist Emergency Council with reference

Mr. Elihu D. Stone

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to your services, and I therefore am unable to authorize expenditure in accordance with your statement.

May I suggest that you take this matter up with Dr. Silver.

I hope that you are well and look forward to seeing you when you next come to New York.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HLS:HH

Harry L. Shapiro
Director



ELIHU D. STONE

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Attorney At Law
44 School Street
Boston, Massachusetts

August 25, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Harry:

This is to acknowledge your communication of
August 24, current.

I appreciate your position. As a matter of
fact, I would not expect you to act on it. I will com-
municate, concerning my matter, with Dr. Silver.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially,

(Signed) Elihu David

Elihu D. Stone

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RABBI LEON FEUER
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
1720 16TH ST NW WASHDC

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TODAY UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION ASKING ABROGATION OF
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PALESTINE

The overwhelming tragedy which has overtaken the Jewish people in Nazi occupied Europe, rendering millions of them homeless, which shocked the conscience of humanity, makes the need of a Jewish National Homeland today more imperative than ever.

We favor the opening of the gates of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and the granting to them the full freedom of opportunity for the acquisition of land and colonization so that, in accordance with the true intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Resolution adopted by the 67th Congress in 1922, when the Jewish people will become a majority of the population of that country, Palestine shall be constituted as a free and democratic Commonwealth.

E. J. S.

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SHORT NOTE OF CONVERSATION WITH FIELD-MARSHAL SMUTS
HYDE PARK HOTEL, LONDON W.I, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th,
1943, at 10 A. M.

I met General Smuts at the Hyde Park Hotel at ten o'clock this morning, and though we had not seen each other for eleven years, we met as old friends. I had, however, a considerable amount of leeway to make up in order to put before him a picture of the situation as I see it at present, and this took me about half an hour.

I described our difficulties and frustrations: The White Paper, and what it means for us, the Jewish Army, etc. and incidentally told him that because of the White Paper probably about 150,000 to 200,000 more Jews had died in torment because we could not get them out. I added that in a few months now, there would be a notice over the gates of Palestine: "No Jew need apply!" I described the gun-running trials, and told him that Englishmen and Americans were apt to return from Palestine with poisoned minds, to spread Anti-Jewish, anti-Zionist, anti-semitic propaganda, suggesting that the Jews were subversive, and attacking the United Nations in the midst of the war. They were trying to drive us into revolt, and at the same time they accused us of being subversive. It seemed that they were following the pattern so successfully evolved by Hitler: first defame - then you can do what you please with them.

The General listened with close attention, and at the end said that I had painted a dark picture. He thought that I had changed a great deal in the years since we had met. I said it was small wonder if I had. But my attitude had taken a course precisely opposite to his own: he had started by fighting the British, and ended as one of their most important collaborators. I had devoted almost 25 years of my life to a sincere collaboration with the British, and now everything is being done to drive me into opposition to them. I think this made an impression on him.

I said that so far as the Jews were concerned, Hitler had won the war, because he had succeeded in poisoning men's minds everywhere. He replied emphatically that Hitler was not going to win.

He asked me whether I thought the Jews still followed me? I said I believed that English, American and South African Jews still did. So far as Palestine was concerned, it was some years since I had been there, and they might regard me as coming empty-handed. But I thought they would still follow me.

I told him the story about Ibn Saud and Philby and the Prime Minister's talk with me about his plan. But more than two years had passed since then, and nothing had happened. I was afraid that such an atmosphere was being created as eventually to make it impossible for the Prime Minister, with the best will in the world, to do anything: his hands would be tied - the Administration in Cairo and Jerusalem would see to that. I said it was therefore essential to do something now, and the first thing I would suggest was that General Smuts and myself should meet the Prime Minister and discuss the matter. He thought this an excellent suggestion and said he would try to arrange it.

That more or less terminated the interview. I am sending him a written note of the facts mentioned in my statement. He will, as he said, "chew it over" and we shall meet again. He will then try to arrange the interview with the P.M.

In conclusion, I said: the picture is gloomy, but there are still three men in the world who could solve our problems: the Prime Minister, Mr. Roosevelt, and yourself. I then gave him a short account of my talk with Roosevelt.

The talk, which was throughout most friendly, lasted about three-quarters of an hour.

London
14.10.43

[undated]

Judge Horace Stern

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After this terrible war is over the victorious United Nations will meet in conference. The conclusions reached by them will determine the course of history for decades, possibly centuries, to come. Decisions will be made which will have to be accepted and obeyed by all the peoples of the world. The problems for consideration will be extraordinarily complicated, and no doubt sacrifices will be required in some instances on the part of individual nations and races in order that major benefits may be secured for the world as a whole.

One of the most perplexing questions will be: What shall be done with the Jews? Or, stating it more encouragingly: What shall be done for the Jews? Never before has this subject been considered from an international standpoint, nor on as comprehensive a scale as it now must and will be. Therefore the Jews are about to face the most momentous verdict in all their age-long history. It is not too much to say that their prospects for survival will depend largely on the result of the deliberations of the post-war conference of the United Nations.

How are we prepared to meet this impending, this dramatic, this all-important crisis? It is a notorious fact that on several occasions in world history the Jews have fumbled opportunities which lay within their grasp. Will they once again prove incapable in the hour of decision? We see around us a veritable medley of confused counsels, bitter antagonisms, factional groups, and vituperations so intolerant, indeed so shameful, as to raise grave doubts regarding the capacity of Jews to live in amity with one another and to govern themselves wisely.

Our principal, indeed our essential requirement is unity, for it is as true now as when first uttered, and as when, centuries later quoted by Lincoln, that a house divided against itself cannot stand. But unity cannot be achieved if every individual, every group, every organization, remains intransigent. The secret of Anglo-Saxon efficiency is the ability to compromise. If hopelessly discordant views are expressed upon the post-war conference the likely result will be one far less satisfactory to everybody than that which might be accomplished if, by willingness and capacity to make concessions, proposals were unanimously agreed upon and presented on behalf of the Jewish people as a whole.

With these considerations in mind, I venture to submit a series of propositions intended to form a far from detailed but nevertheless concrete suggestion of a plan, or platform, for approval by all groups. It embodies a compromise between extreme viewpoints, but one which, in my opinion, can be accepted by Zionists and non-Zionists alike without their abandonment of any fundamental principles or ideologies. I present it as a basis for consideration.

In the first place, it must be conceded by even the most ardent Zionist that Palestine is not the "be-all and the end-all" of the Jewish problem. The great bulk of the Jews do not live in Palestine, and millions upon millions of Jews never will live there. In Germany, in Italy, and in Poland, France, Roumania and other countries under German domination, such of the Jews as survive have suffered, and are suffering, indescribable agonies. Post-war reconstruction must assure to the Jews in every country of the world, by adequate international guaranties, safe living, complete protection of the law, full citizenship, equal economic opportunity, and freedom for religious and cultural development. It is essential, too, that no nation shall, in its immigration policy, discriminate against Jews. To have so little a sense of perspective, therefore, as to

concentrate all efforts on Palestine, and to lose sign of the rights and security that must be gained for the Jews throughout the world, would be an error, indeed a tragedy, too fearful to contemplate.

So the first proposition is:

There is no single solution of the Jewish problem, - that is, the problem of providing for the Jewish people assured safety and opportunity for free and happy living. At best, whatever the future of Palestine, the major portion of the Jewish people will have to live in the Diaspora. This makes it correspondingly imperative to obtain protection and guaranties for the Jews in all of the countries of the world in which they live or may desire to live, and to secure for them the right of immigration into such countries in reasonable numbers.

This being clear, it should be equally clear, and must be conceded by even the most ardent non-Zionist, that Palestine is a very decided reality, that the situation there with respect to the Jews is a definite, concrete problem which demands and will receive from the post-war conference some practical and realistic solution, that it is a condition and not a theory which there confronts us, and that it is not an adequate treatment of the problem which Palestine presents for one to say merely that he is "opposed to a Jewish state or a Jewish commonwealth or a Jewish flag." These are but negative pronouncements. What is required, and what will be established by the conference, is a constructive plan for the government of Palestine, for the position of the Jews with reference to that Government, and for their status generally with regard to that country. To what extent shall their immigration into Palestine be permitted? When shall self-government be granted to Palestine? What form shall that self-government take? These are the real, basic questions that press for unavoidable decisions.

So the second proposition is:

While Palestine can be a haven for only a part of the Jewish people, its development and welfare are of extreme and urgent importance because of its potentialities as a country in which very large numbers of Jews may dwell under favorable conditions of safety, freedom, and opportunity for full development, and because of the sentimental and emotional urge of large masses of Jews to live in what they regard as the land of their fathers. It is now vital that Zionists and non-Zionists should agree upon a plan, to be submitted to the post-war conference, for the future government of Palestine and for the determination of the status of the Jews with respect to that country.

Demanding primary consideration is the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine. This is the major problem the answer to which is bound largely to determine all the others. Here, again, there can be, and presumably there is, no real disagreement, from a practical standpoint, between Zionists and non-Zionists. What all Jews naturally desire is a maximum freedom of immigration everywhere and especially into Palestine. The wider the doors can be opened there the greater the number of Jews who will be relieved from their present sufferings and enabled to enjoy the new and larger life that Palestine will offer. True, the Arabs, or some of them, will no doubt oppose any large-scale Jewish immigration. But the post-war conference of the United Nations will impose many dictates upon various countries and peoples in regard to boundaries, forms of government, international relations, group rights, and provisions for the attainment of social and economic justice. Not all of these will be acceptable to each country and people concerned, but, as already stated, sacrifices will have to be made by some for the benefit of humanity as a whole. This is

not the case of an Arab lusting after the vineyard of a Naboth, nor of an imperialistic power seeking to extend its domain in a desire for wealth and aggrandizement. It is rather the exercise of an international right, analogous to that of eminent domain, with the making of just compensation for the purpose of providing shelter for a host of grievously persecuted and homeless people in that particular part of the world which, for many obvious reasons, best lends itself to the object in view. However, there are practical considerations which call loudly for wise statesmanship. Palestine must not be turned into a "bloody Kansas" through an uncontrolled, hysterical rush there of immigrants. The desirable annual rate of immigration will necessarily depend upon varying economic conditions, although a fixed minimum, substantial in amount, might well be established. A definite, unambiguous formula should be set up by the post-war conference with which as a guide there may be determined each year, with some measure of scientific precision, what number of immigrants should be admitted. That determination should be in the hands of a wholly non-political agency, as, for example, a commission composed of American jurists, business executives, or representative men of affairs generally. The Jewish agency for Palestine would be the appropriate body to select the immigrants and to carry into execution the program established by the commission.

So the third proposition is:

Palestine will be of little value to the Jewish people if immigration therein is to be limited to the annual trickle heretofore permitted by England. On the other hand, an unrestrained immigration might plunge the country into economic chaos. The rate of immigration, while it must be substantial, will necessarily depend upon the absorptive capacity of the country, as that capacity is progressively developed. There must be established by the United Nations some objective, reasonable standard or guide by which the immigration shall be governed and the number (subject to a fixed minimum) may from time to time be determined. This task shall be in the hands of an appropriate agency (preferably American). The Jewish agency for Palestine shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the immigration programme thus fixed.

For the present, and for some time to come, Palestine must remain a ward of the United Nations. But, as with every other country, such tutelage should not continue indefinitely, for nations, like individuals, upon "growing up" desire, and should obtain, the right of self-government. When, in the case of Palestine, shall that right be granted? Zionists and non-Zionists cannot but agree that, if an independent local government be established while the Jews are still in a minority, there might result legislation in regard to the continuance of immigration and other questions of national policy which would gravely impair, if not wholly liquidate, the entire Palestine project on which the Jews have expended so much wealth and energy and built such eager hopes. Moreover, assuming that the form of self-government that will be instituted will be a democratic one in which all individuals will have equal political rights, it is obvious that the nature of the legislation that will be enacted in Palestine will be determined by the majority of the voting population. It is certain that the Jews must compose that majority if Palestine is to share in the social and economic progress of western civilization, for the Jews not only have imbibed the ideals of social justice from their ancient forebears but have acquired, in their more recent European and American environment, experience with modern laws and institutions designed to implement these ideals through practical measures of legislation and government.

So the fourth proposition is:

No country should be compelled to remain forever in tutelage, but, like an individual ward, is entitled to be freed of guardianship when it "comes of age," that is, when it becomes capable of self-government. In the case of Palestine, however, it is obvious that if such government were to be established before the Jews are in a majority their continued growth and development there might be imperilled, and the legislation of the country would not be of a nature most conducive to social and economic progress.

We come to the final question, the one which has occasioned most controversy between Zionists and non-Zionists: What kind of a political entity shall Palestine ultimately become, and what shall be the nature of the permanent government to be established there? The Zionists clamor for a so-called "Jewish state" or "Jewish commonwealth"; these terms and the concepts they are supposed to represent are anathema to non-Zionists. But what is a "Jewish state" or a "Jewish commonwealth"? It has been well said that animals have no trouble in understanding one another because they do not have to use words. Certainly the Zionists are not to be understood as urging the establishment in Palestine of a theocracy, or an atavistic restoration of the ancient Hebrew commonwealth or kingdom. Certainly, also there cannot be created in Palestine the regime of a Jewish "Herrenvolk," with the Arabs reduced to the possession of "minority rights," nor any domination permitted of one people or group over another; what is wrong in Germany cannot be right in Palestine. As for a bi-national state made up of two races enjoying equal power as unitary groups regardless of their respective numbers, that is an academic conception which would surely prove unworkable in practice and act as a constant incentive to deadlock and bitter strife. What, then, is the solution? The very simple one of establishing in Palestine a democratic government modelled upon that of the United States, with such minor variations as local conditions may require, and in which all citizens shall have equal political rights. The United States is neither a "Christian state" nor a "Christian commonwealth"; on the contrary, it is wholly non-sectarian and unconcerned with differences of race and religion among those who comprise its citizenship; true, it has been said to be a "Christian country", but only in the sense that the major portion of its inhabitants are Christians and that this determines the character of its prevailing "mores" and social institutions. In that way alone would Palestine be Jewish; as a political entity or government it would be non-sectarian, as the name and flag to be selected for it should indicate. Nor, of course, will it occupy any such relation to the Jews of the Diaspora as the Papal State does to the Catholic world. Since all the provisions for the protection of life, liberty and property and the separation of Church and State contained in the Constitution of the United States should be embodied in the Constitution that will be prepared for Palestine, and those provisions supported by international guaranties, the Arabs will be as safe from harm or political or legal discrimination on the part of their Jewish fellow-citizens as the Jews in the United States are safe from such harm or discrimination on the part of their Christian fellow-citizens. On the other hand, the Jews, because of their number, will have an assured safety, perhaps for all time to come, in the old-new land of Palestine, where they may sit every man under his vine and under his figtree, and none shall make them afraid. What more should Zionists desire? And to what, in a Palestinian state so organized, can non-Zionists object? Surely it would be well if governments similar to that of the United States could be established in every country of the world, teaching the great lesson that a race and a nation need not, indeed should not, be identical, but that different peoples may live happily together in one nation and under one government. And, since Christians are in a majority in so many countries, and Moslems in so many others, is there any cause for lamentation or apprehension if Jews be in a majority in one?

So the fifth and last proposition is:

When Palestine is given the right of self-government the government established there must be a democratic, non-sectarian one modelled upon that of the United States, the name and flag of the country to indicate its non-sectarian and democratic character. Palestine shall be "Jewish" only in the sense that the Jewish population, protected by being a majority, will, without fear or hindrance, have the opportunity for free and full development. There must be attached to its Constitution a Bill of Rights and a "fourteenth amendment" as in the Constitution of the United States. There must be complete separation of Church and State. No laws must be passed giving special rights or privileges of any kind to Jews as distinguished from other citizens. The League of Nations, or whatever similar body may be established after the present war, shall guarantee the observance of the conditions herein set forth.



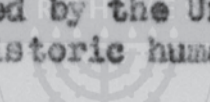
SUGGESTED MATERIAL FOR MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Hon. Nathan Straus, Honorary Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City #17

Dear Mr. Straus:

On the occasion of the tenth annual "Night of Stars" and the publication of the Year Book of the United Palestine Appeal, I wish to extend my felicitations to all those who have labored to promote the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

It is a source of deep interest to all Americans that Palestine has served as haven and home for many thousands of victims of war and persecution. The pioneering efforts of the Jewish settlers have won the admiration of men and women of all creeds. Particularly at this time of trial for the Jews and other peoples under the yoke of Hitlerism, the program of reconstruction supported by the United Palestine Appeal constitutes a project of historic humanitarian importance.



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The overwhelming tragedy which has overtaken the Jewish people in Nazi occupied Europe, rendering millions of them homeless, which shocked the conscience of humanity, makes the need of a Jewish National Homeland today more imperative than ever.

We favor the opening of the gates of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and the granting to them the full freedom of opportunity for the acquisition of land and colonization so that, in accordance with the true intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Resolution adopted by the 67th Congress in 1922, when the Jewish people will become a majority of the population of that country, Palestine shall be constituted as a free and democratic Commonwealth.

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