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November 24, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am submitting herewith two statements of expenses which were incurred by Rabbi Silver: one in connection with his trip to Washington on November 8, which amounted to \$40, and one in connection with his recent visit to New York from Monday, November 15 through Tuesday, November 23, amounting to \$150. The total is \$190.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

December 1, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for
the following:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls in connection
with Zionist Emergency Council\$25.39

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

December 3, 1943

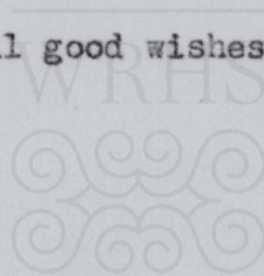
Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

My expenses involved in connection with my visit to
New York and Washington on November 29, 30 and December 1 amounted
to \$56.

With all good wishes, I remain
Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 20, 1943

Mr. Henry Montor
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

The expenses incurred in my visit to New York on
December 13, 14 and 15 amounted to \$78.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

January 3, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for the following:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls	\$10.32
Postage	5.00
	<u>\$15.32</u>

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

January 7, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses in connection with my trip to New York
on January 3rd and 4th were \$58.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

January 17, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expenses involved in my trip to
Washington and New York last week,
January 9 through 13th, amounted to
\$120.00.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

February 2, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for
the following:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls for
December and January\$43.25

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



February 7, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection with his trip on January 22, 23, 24 and 25 amounted to \$75; in connection with his trip to New York and Washington on January 31 - February 4, \$60. Total expenses -- \$135.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

P.S. I am also sending you a copy of a letter I sent to Miss Sulamith Schwartz as I am not certain whether the bill for Rabbi Silver's pamphlet on "Zionism" should go to you or to Miss Schwartz.

February 11, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses in connection with my
trip to Washington February 7 through the 10th
amounted to \$60.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 18, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection
with his trip to Washington from Feb. 14-18 were
\$75.

With best wishes, I remain

BJK



Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



February 25, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection
with his trip to New York and Washington, February
21-25 were \$75.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



February 28, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check
for the following:

Telegrams and Long Distance
calls - January and February \$62.04

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 14, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expenses involved in my visit
to Washington and to New York, March 6 through
March 12 amounted to \$110.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

March 24, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

In connection with my trip to New York for the meetings of the Zionist Emergency Council and the Madison Square Garden meetings on March 20 and 21, my expenses amounted to \$60.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 29, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue - N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for the
following:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls
February and March, 1944 \$48.25

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

EJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

April 5, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses in connection with my
visits to

New York -- March 27th and 28th

New York - April 3rd

Washington - April 4th

amounted to \$65.

Long Distance calls for the month of
March which appeared on my home telephone bill
amounted to \$26.06

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 19, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses in connection with my visits
to New York on April 10th and April 17th
and 18th amounted to \$85.00.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

April 28, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses involved in my trip to
Washington on April 25 amounted to \$25.00.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



May 5, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection
with his trip to New York on May 1 and to Washington
on May 2, 3 and 4 amounted to \$65.

Also please send him a check for the
following:

Long Distance calls and telegrams
for March and April\$51.67

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

May 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses in connection with my visit to
Washington on May 23, 24 and 25 amounted to \$55.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 2, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My expenses involved on my visit to New York
on Thursday, June 1, were \$50.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 9, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Will you kindly send Rabbi
Silver a check for the following:

Long Distance Calls and telegrams
for April and May\$22.89

Our Petty Cash fund is running
low. With Rabbi Silver's permission I am
requesting an additional check for \$25 for
postage and incidentals.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

July 1, 1944

The Honorable Thomas E. Dewey
Governor State of New York
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Governor Dewey:

Permit me to extend to you my heartiest felicitations upon your nomination. It is a great tribute to you and to the Republican Party.

I wish to tell you how profoundly grateful I am for the great help which you gave us in the matter of the inclusion of the Palestine plank in the Republican Party Platform. When we met in New York at the Roosevelt Hotel on June 1, you told me that you heartily approved of the Palestine Resolution pending in Congress and that you favored the inclusion of a similar resolution in the Republican Platform. You said that you would do all that you could to help our cause. You helped us tremendously in Chicago. Your expressed wish for such a plank which was conveyed to the members of the Resolutions Committee insured its inclusion in the Party Platform.

All friends of Palestine are grateful to you for the sympathy and interest which you have manifested in this great cause and for putting the Republican Party squarely behind a movement which the vast majority of our people regard as the sole solution for the desperate problem of our countless refugees and for the abnormal status of the Jewish people as a people among the nations of the earth.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 3, 1944

The Honorable Ranulf Compton
House of Representatives of the United States
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman Compton:

I am sure that you are as pleased as I am of the inclusion in the Republican Party Platform adopted in Chicago of the fine plank on Palestine. Governor Dewey whom I saw a few weeks before the Convention was heartily in favor of such a plank and approved without any reservations the Palestine Resolution which you introduced in Congress. Senator Taft was also very helpful in Chicago as chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

I am now hoping that our Palestine Resolution can be acted upon speedily when Congress reconvenes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 6, 1944

July 6, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check
for the following:

Long Distance calls and telegrams
May and June.....\$35.39

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

July 6, 1944

Mr. David Eidelsberg
Morning Journal
7799 Bowery
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Eiselsberg:

May I tell you how much I enjoyed your article in Thursday's "Morning Journal" on Palestine and the Jewish question in the forthcoming political campaign. It is as intelligent and fair an appraisal of the situation as I have read. I wish that more of our Jewish journalists and leaders would come to grasp the basic common sense which underlies your article and without which our political position in Washington will never be improved.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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July 7, 1944

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

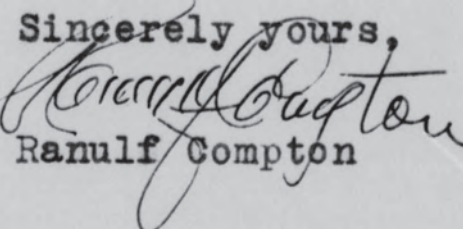
My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your note of July 3 advising me of your pleasure over the inclusion in the Republican Party platform of the fine plank on Palestine.

I think the inclusion of the Palestine plank is a decided step forward in our efforts to get official action in Washington and you may be assured that I will continue and renew my efforts for passage of the Palestine Resolutions at the earliest possible moment.

With best wishes,

RC/hgs

Sincerely yours,

Ranulf Compton

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The Temple
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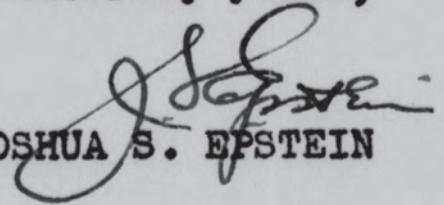
Dear Dr. Silver:

Pardon my tardy answer to your letter of June 29th.

I have postponed my trip to Cleveland indefinitely, as you suggest. By now, you must know of the sentiments expressed by the ZOA Administrative Council at Philadelphia on the subject of the two Zionist radio projects.

I sincerely trust that every effort will be made to avoid duplication that might be harmful to either or both.

Sincerely yours,


JOSHUA S. EPSTEIN

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ESCO FOUNDATION FOR PALESTINE, INC.

521 Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK CITY

July 12, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of June 15th, we have sent you ten chapters of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study which have already been mimeographed, as follows:

- Chapter II - The War Period and the Balfour Declaration
- III - The Paris Peace Conference and the Mandate for Palestine
- IV - Wartime Pledges and Rights Under the Mandate
- V - 1920 - 1929: Initiation of the Mandatory Regime.
- VII - The Arab World and Arab Politics in Palestine
- VIII - The 1929 Disturbances and Their Aftermath
- IX - Economic Development in the Second Decade (1931-1939)
- X - Political Events and the Disorders of 1936
- XI - The Peel Report and the Partition Proposal
- XII - The White paper of 1939

Chapters XIII, XIV and XV, dealing with the developments during wartime, have already been completed but not as yet duplicated. Copies will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Chapter VI dealing with the "Development of the Jewish National Home" is being written now and should be completed soon.

The members of our Study Committee are now reading the Report with a view of offering an opinion concerning its publication. We expect them to have completed the reading by the end of July. We would appreciate your reading the manuscript the same time so that we may have the benefit of your opinion in our discussions. We expect to have an expression of opinion towards the end of July or the first week of August on the question of publication. No doubt you will agree with us that, if the material is to be brought before the public, the sooner we do so, the better.

Yours sincerely,

Leah H. Klepper

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July 12, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection
with his trip to New York on June 19 and 20
amounted to \$40.

His expenses in connection with his
trip to New York on July 10 and 11 amounted to
\$60.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

Views on Palestine Hailed

Adoption by the Democratic convention of a plank supporting the ideals of a Jewish Palestine, following a similar pronouncement by the Republican convention, "lifts the Palestine problem beyond the pale of partisan politics," Leon Gellman, president of the Misrachi Organization of America, declared yesterday. This organization is the religious wing of the World Zionist movement.



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

July 14, 1944.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I cannot tell you how much I
appreciate the very generous things you
say in your letter of July 1st. I hope
to continue to merit the high confidence
you express.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Dewey
P.S. May I not also hope to see
you soon?

T.E.D.

TED:HA

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

July 23, 1944

My dear Abba:-

I am enclosing Dr. Margoshes column in today's "Doy". Of course there would have been no Palestine plank in the Democratic platform had you not succeeded in putting in one in the Republican platform. And I suppose now those who poo-pooed the plank in the Republican platform will now blow their horns about their great accomplishments.

Well I believe the Zionist and Jewish public should be enlightened. No one will blow your horn for you, if you will try always to be modest. They certainly don't. Why shouldn't you follow... P.S. P.S. P.S. P.S. P.S. I would suggest that as soon as possible the Zionist

Emergency Council call a conference of the Yiddish press representatives and editors to be addressed by you - and of course those will want to be there - in which they be taken into confidence by you and told of the strategy in the past, and the plans for the future, let them know who is doing the work.

Lipsky, as newly elected Head of the "gigantic" organization, just had such a press conference, and utilized the occasion to make a statement about M. Michael and Lord Fort which was widely broadcast in the press. Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys. Anna wishes to be remembered.

P.S. Enclosed clippings from Sunday "Times" about Mizruchi. Love ever yours Sol.

A. B. COHEN

SCRANTON, PA.

August 1, 1944.

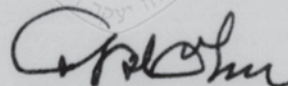
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that after many conferences with George W. Maxey, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, he has consented to take the Chairmanship of the American Palestine Committee for the State of Pennsylvania.

I believe it would be a very fine gesture if you would write him a letter of encouragement and appreciation.

Cordially yours,



A. B. Cohen

ABC:BB

P. S. Address all communications to:

Chief Justice George W. Maxey
First National Bank Building
Scranton, Pa.

August 4, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Dr. Silver a check for the
following:

Long Distance calls and Telegrams
for June and July \$20.54

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

August 18, 1944

Mr. Saul Danaceau
1560 East 21st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Saul:

The Jewish Review and Observer is still using the editorials and the services of Israel L. Taslitt, who is a paid stooge of the Berkson boys. This week you will note the featured article on the front page is the report of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and the editorial "Senator Gillette's Warning" is again an attack on Jewish leaders who have exposed the chauvinism of this small group, which has set up many phoney front organizations, including the Embassy of the Hebrew Nation in Washington. I think a final warning should be given to Mr. Wertheimer. I was under the impression that arrangements had been made to have the Independent Jewish Press Service provide the Review and Observer with the news and the editorials which it requires.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR

Copy sent to
Ezra Shapiro



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St. Regis Hotel
ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE SWITZERLAND
FLEISCHMANN'S, N. Y.
PHONE 220

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MANAGING DIRECTOR: LOUIS SHERRY

August 28, 1944

My dear Abba:-

I am spending my vacation here. I was mortified to hear from Neumann about your resignation. I understand a meeting of the Emergency Council will be held to-day to act on your resignation.

I only pray that for once the interest of the movement will be put ahead of the ^{disgusting} small politics. I think it's about time that the Jewish Agency recalled Dr. Goldmann from the American Zionist scene as persona non-grata, just

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as any government does
when one of its representatives
becomes unacceptable.

Neumann is calling a
meeting for to-night of
a few of our group. I
suggested that leaders
of the Community Contacts
~~be~~ be advised of the
seriousness of the occasion
and that Dr. Goldstein
should be flooded with
wires expressing in
no uncertain terms
their reactions and
their resentment.
Long Island will do its
best. I am returning
home on Labor Day.

By the way, at the
meeting of the J. O. A.
Executive at the Brandeis



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MANAGING DIRECTOR: LOUIS SHERRY

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Camp several weeks ago,
the altruistic Mr. Bouxstein
moved that a vote of
thanks be given to all
responsible for the
adoption of the Zionist
Platform in the Democratic
Platform. Whereupon
I amended the motion
by adding the words
"and the Republican
Platform." There
was of course no
alternative but to
include my

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amendment in the
motion. I never
thought that some
can stoop so low!

Let me hear from
you, and let me
know when you
expect to be in
New York.

kindest regards to
Virginia and the
children. Anna joins
me in best wishes
for a happy New Year.

As ever yours
Sol.

August 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Will you kindly send Rabbi Silver a
check for the following:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls for
July and August \$46.94

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1944

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—John, viii, 32.

A Sound Plea

THE DUMBARTON OAKS Conference has for its object, so its sponsors say, the "security of the post-war world."

There will be no "security" so long as the Jews in Europe are in danger of new waves of anti-Semitism, in Germany or elsewhere.

The security of the Jew is the concern of all rational, sane, freedom-loving human beings and should certainly be the concern of such a beneficently disposed body as the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

To rouse this conference and the British and the United States governments generally to the importance of having Palestine thrown wide open to the sorely-pressed Jews of Eastern Europe, Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, president of the New Zionist Organization of America, submitted this plea to the delegates at Dumbarton Oaks:

"1—Palestine must be treated internationally as the Jewish homeland. Its territorial integrity, fundamentally embodied in the [British] mandate, must be respected.

"2—Jews who have been forcibly evicted from their former lands shall not be compelled to return to them, but shall be granted their wish to be transferred en masse in the shortest possible period to Palestine.

"3—This mass transfer must be assisted financially by an international loan granted to the Jewish people, and the Axis powers must be made to pay reparations for all damage done to life and property of individual Jews as well as of Jewish communities. These reparations shall be used solely for the resettlement of the Jewish people in Palestine and for the up-building of the Jewish state."

Aside from the question of an "international loan," which is debatable, this plea is sound.

Great Britain has a World War I mandate over Palestine.

Under the Balfour Declaration of 1917, the British government is pledged to the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people.

In 1922 the Congress of the United States passed a joint resolution favoring the establishment of this national home.

In 1939 Britain issued a "White Paper" which stopped all Jewish immigration into Palestine from 1944 onward.

So today the gates are closed (except for a very small concession) to the Jews by the very government that was mandated to keep the gates open—Great Britain.

What did Winston Churchill, then a Member of Parliament, think of this betrayal by his own government? This:

"What will be the opinion of the United States of America? Shall we not lose more—and this is a question to be considered maturely—in the growing support and sympathy of the United States than we shall gain in local administrative convenience, if gain at all indeed we do? What will our potential enemies think? What will those who have been stirring up these Arab agitators think? Will they not be encouraged by our confession of recoil? Will they not be tempted to say: 'They're on the run again. This is another Munich'?"

"What will be the opinion of the United States of America?" asked Mr. Churchill.

That opinion is crystallized in what Hugh Gibson, former U. S. Ambassador to Poland and Belgium, said on this vital Jewish-Palestine question—

"I do not for one moment believe that the reproach lies against us as a nation. I firmly believe the American people are as generous and compassionate as they ever were. If the issue can be put squarely before them so that they can understand their duty and their opportunity, I am convinced they will respond as they have always responded in the past, worthily and generously; that they will not tolerate half measures or equivocations; that they will not rest until their Government has carried out their will."

That will of the American people is:

Open the gates of Palestine to the suffering Jews of Europe!

The "White Paper" of 1939 WAS "another Munich."

And its victims were the Jews of Europe.

Open the front door of the Jewish Homeland and **KEEP IT WIDE OPEN.**

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Draft Statement on Emergency Rescue
Shelter Resolution Before Congress

(9/6/44)

A resolution recently introduced into the Senate and the House (and sponsored among others by Senator Elbert E. Thomas of Utah, and Representative Joseph C. Baldwin of New York,) calls for the immediate establishment of "emergency rescue shelters in Palestine for all Hebrews who can get there". The Congressmen who are supporting this resolution are moved by the noblest humanitarian sentiments and their sympathetic efforts deserve the thanks and gratitude of Jews everywhere. It is obviously necessary, however, to consider whether the resolution in fact promotes the object which it seeks to serve. (Clearly it is the purpose of those who have introduced this resolution into Congress to achieve something practical.) Unfortunately however, in present circumstances, particularly in view of the declaration of war by Rumania against the Axis, the passage of such a resolution will do nothing to promote actual rescue. (As a gesture of good will the resolution is to be commended; but unhappily, while otherwise ineffective) its introduction in fact serves to obscure certain immediate and practical needs of the refugee situation and to prevent action in that regard.

Even under the Palestine White Paper there are still some 14,000 immigration certificates into Palestine available for distribution, but on the pretext that these certificates should be ear-marked for Jews in Hungary and other Axis occupied territories, the British Government has virtually put a stop to all Jewish immigration into Palestine. For while Jews in Axis occupied territories are in practice unable to escape except in very small numbers, thousands of Jewish refugees who have reached Italy

and other "safe" areas and wish to begin their lives afresh in Palestine are precluded from doing so because the certificates are reserved for persons in enemy territory. These other refugees are in fact physically safe but morally and materially they are deteriorating. Accordingly, what is necessary is not the creation of temporary refugee camps in Palestine for Jews in Hungary, but the opening of Palestine to Jewish refugees wherever they be.

The resolution as it stands, therefore, is inadequate and ineffective, but in addition it is objectionable on two other grounds. In the first place it is premised on the condition that Jews shall be brought to Palestine for temporary internment in refugee camps, but subject to ultimate removal elsewhere. This is in diametrical opposition to the internationally recognized claim of Jews to come to Palestine "as of right and not on sufferance". And secondly, the terminology of the resolution embodies a conception which is utterly alien to and resented by the great mass of Jews everywhere. It is the terminology of Mr. **Peter** Bergson and his handful of associates of the so-called "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation". These self-appointed spokesmen of the "Hebrew" nation draw a distinction between the Jews of America and those of Palestine and Europe. The latter are stated to be not Jews but "Hebrews", and it is these "Hebrews" that Mr. Bergson and his friends claim to represent. The fact that the democratically elected representatives of the Jews of Palestine and the entire Jewish press of Palestine from extreme right to extreme left ridicule the representation which has thus been thrust on Palestine Jewry and have described it as a fake and a fraud, troubles Mr. Bergson not at all. It is sufficient for his purposes if well-meaning Christians can be led to believe that he has in fact a mandate on behalf of Jewry and if with their

support he is enabled to indulge in one publicity stunt after another and to travel under the false colors of one who speaks as the authorized representative of his people.

The net result of a resolution such as that now submitted to Congress will be:

- (a) That nothing practical whatsoever emerges.
- (b) That the offensive terminology of the Hebrew Committee, which cuts off from the Jewish people a great fraction of its numbers, will find official recognition in a resolution of the Congress of the United States, and
- (c) That instead of affirming the right of Jews freely to enter their National Home in Palestine, it is proposed to put that country on the same basis as say the camp at Oswego -- a temporary shelter from which they will be subject to ultimate removal.

It is earnestly to be hoped that this effort by a tiny splinter group in Jewish life to mislead unsuspecting well-wishers of the Jewish people and to impose through them its own peculiar ideology, will be seen for what it is.

We desire again, in conclusion, to express appreciation of the motives which animate the sponsors of the resolution before Congress. We would most earnestly urge them, however, in the interest of the cause which they so sincerely desire to help to concentrate on the one real measure of Jewish salvation, namely, the opening of the gates of Palestine to all Jews who may wish to go there, wherever they may be, and the reestablishment of a Jewish nation in its own land.

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September 17, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection with his trip to New York on September 13 amounted to \$40.

For the meeting on August 28th, Rabbi Feuer used the reservations I made for Rabbi Silver -- a round trip ticket from Cleveland to New York. Rabbi Silver paid for the tickets which amounted to \$40.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

September 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection with
his trip to New York on September 25 amounted to \$50.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



September 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for
the following:

Long Distance and telegrams for the
months of August and September \$104.60

This bill includes calls re Emergency Council
made on Rabbi Silver's residence phone.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

October 3, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Our Petty Cash Fund has hit rock bottom again. With Rabbi Silver's permission may I request you to send us a check for \$50?

With best wishes for the new year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



Not to be released until

Thursday, October 12th.

NEW BOOK SHOWS CONGRESS IS OVERWHELMINGLY FOR ZIONIST PROGRAM.

DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF U. S. FRIENDSHIP FOR JEWISH PALESTINE ISSUED TODAY.

Washington - - A volume containing endorsements of Jewish aspirations in Palestine by more than 400 members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives -- 77% of Congress -- was issued for the first time at a press conference here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Executive Committee Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Entitled "America and Palestine," the book is being published and distributed by the Council, which represents all major Zionist organizations in the United States and which is leading the drive to bring about the repeal of the British White Paper policy for Palestine and the establishment of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

"America and Palestine" is a documented history of the American Government's traditional policy of friendship for the Zionist Program from the first World War up to the present time. Beginning with President Wilson's Declaration in 1919 "That the Allied nations, with the fullest concurrence of our Government and people, are agreed that in Palestine shall be laid the foundations of a Jewish Commonwealth," the book includes all official pronouncements on the Palestine question by the Executive and Legislative branches of the American Government up to and including the present administration.

"This volume has great political and historical significance," Dr. Silver declared. "It will serve as a permanent record of the Seventy-Eighth Congress' whole-hearted endorsement of Zionist aims. Readers of this book -- Government officials and the general public alike -- cannot fail to be impressed by the vigorous tone of these statements by our elected representatives and by the fact

that there is here complete unanimity among American leaders representing different parties and conflicting political beliefs," he said.

The following statements are typical of the hundreds of declarations which members of Congress authorized the American Zionist Emergency Council to publish in this volume:

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) -- "I wish to express my interest in the Movement to establish Palestine as a permanent homeland for the Jews. In these years of unprecedented tragedy, the untold hardship and suffering of European Jewry, it is fitting, I think, that Jewish immigration be allowed to continue into Palestine, where the Jews may live as free men, with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am heartily in favor of this movement and shall support all proper measures toward the development of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland."

Senator ~~Joseph~~ Owen Brewster (R., Me.) -- "... The complete unanimity of support for the Coolidge Convention of 1924 between the United States and Great Britain, covering the guarantees made by Great Britain to the United States concerning a Jewish National Home in Palestine indicates general recognition of the soundness of the Zionist program. ... Two powerful and impelling motives combine to encourage American support for a Jewish National Home in Palestine -- first, as a haven for persecuted Jews from other parts of the world, and second, as a valuable asset in the development of American foreign policy."

Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) -- "We are learning through hard and bitter experience that peace is indivisible. We are learning another lesson as well, that so long as freedom is imperiled in any one part of the globe, it is threatened everywhere. To this we must now add the proposition that national security, which is the logical outgrowth and blessing of peace and freedom is indivisible as well. So long as any group anywhere in the world suffers from

the inability to fulfill its destiny in nationhood, so long shall peaceful and free nationhood be threatened everywhere. The Jewish people have earned the right to peaceful and free nationhood. They cannot be stopped from attaining it."

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) -- "There can be no doubt in anybody's mind regarding my attitude toward the Jewish National Home in Palestine. I have long been associated with the organizations supporting this great objective. I continue to believe that the Jewish National Home represents one of the greatest of all major ideals in international justice and humanity. Regardless of race, religion or creed it cannot fail to claim the fidelity of those who love their fellow men and who pray for peace with justice in this war-torn world."

Representative John W. McCormack (House Majority Leader) -- "Indeed, if ever there was a need for a National Home for the Jewish people, it is now when tens of thousands of helpless men, women and children are trying to escape with their lives from the diabolical massacre at Hitler's foul hands. Their entire hope is centered on Palestine -- the land pledged to them as their National Home. I should like to reiterate the convictions which I have entertained for a long time that the problem of Jewish homelessness can never be solved right unless a place of equality and dignity is granted to the Jewish people through the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. ... "

Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (House Minority Leader) -- "Plain justice should prompt us to keep faith with the Jewish people and permit the building of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Following the war the Jewish people must find a haven where they can have happiness and security. Unquestionably Palestine will be the one place capable of absorbing large numbers. Palestine through years of preparation has been made ready for the

emergency which now exists. It would be unfortunate if the great humanitarian movement which prompted its birth should be interrupted. We must not allow it to happen."

Representative George E. Outland (D., Calif.) -- "It is peculiarly fitting that Palestine Jewry should today be in a position to offer safety to persecuted Jews in Europe. It was in order to solve the millennial problems of Jewish homelessness that the nations of the world determined to re-establish a National Home for the Jews in their ancient country, Palestine. The purpose of the Palestine Mandate is still far from achieved. In the over-all aggregate of Jews admitted from Hitler-dominated Europe, little Palestine still stands ahead of our own country. ... One cannot but feel its relation to that other great historic task which we once before undertook, and which we must at this moment reaffirm -- that of enabling the Jewish people to resume a normal process of living in a land of its own."

Representative Claire Boothe Luce (R., Conn.) -- "... There is a land which historically belongs to the Jews, but was lost to the military power of more aggressive nations. Now the Jews are scattered all over the world, their families broken by the war, their spirits crushed by Nazi brutality. Alone they do not have the strength to regain what is rightfully theirs. They must have the active help of those who, even though they have never experienced homelessness, can at least understand, from the lesson of their forefathers, the commendable desire for independence and freedom under a national flag. It is hoped that this year, which begins so darkly for the Jews, will end with the first tangible hope that these unfortunate people have known for centuries. It is to be hoped that the splendid example of fortitude which the Jews have set in this last decade of incredible suffering will win them not just sympathizers -- but supporters -- men who will stand at their side in the

struggle to attain that one thing so cherished by all mankind -- a home."

Recalling that in 1922 the Sixty-Seventh Congress of the United States, by unanimous action passed a joint Resolution which declared that "The United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, Dr. Silver asserted that in January and February of this year Congress moved to reaffirm this traditional policy when Senators Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.) and Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) and Representatives James A. Wright (D., Pa.) and Renulf Compton (R., Conn.) introduced Resolutions urging "That the United States shall use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization, so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

"While action on the Palestine Resolutions was deferred at the request of the military, there can be no doubt that they will pass overwhelmingly when the War Department feels that the military situation will not be affected by such action," Dr. Silver declared. "Certainly the hundreds of strong declarations contained in this book, which denounced the restrictive policy of the British White Paper of 1939, which demand unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine and the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, -- these magnificent utterances by America's statesmen are eloquent proof of Congress' desire to act as speedily as possible on this pressing question which affects the future of an entire people".

"America and Palestine" includes, in addition to the statements by members of Congress, President Roosevelt's declaration of March 9th that "The American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939 ... and that when future decisions are reached, full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish National Home."

Also highlighted in the book are the pro-Palestine planks included in the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic Parties. The plank adopted on June 27, 1944 by the Republican National Convention reads as follows:

"In order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jewish men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to their unrestricted immigration and land ownership, so that in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Resolution of a Republican Congress in 1922, Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic Commonwealth ..."

The Democratic National Convention included the following declaration in its platform three weeks later on July 20th:

"We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

The book also contains the texts of Resolutions condemning the White Paper policy and urging support for a Jewish Palestine, which have been passed by the legislatures of twenty states, comprising more than 60% of the country's population.

A complete list of members of Congress who contributed statements to "America and Palestine follows:

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~~THE DAY~~
The National Jewish Daily
183 East Broadway
New York 2, N.Y.

Office of the Publisher

October 13, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I exceedingly regret the error in today's 'DAY' reporting your statement at the press conference of last night regarding your interview with Governor Dewey.

The error was due to the fact that the news was given to the city editor over the telephone almost at midnight, and having already placed Governor Dewey's statement in an earlier edition of the paper, he thought that your statement referred to a new commitment by the President.

Realizing the error and the injustice done to you and to the Governor, I immediately ordered a correction to be inserted in Saturday's paper, a copy of which is enclosed; and to make doubly sure, I am publishing in Sunday's paper a picture of yourself with the Governor, stating that it was taken at the Hotel Roosevelt, when the Governor made his statement regarding Palestine.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Weinberg,
Publisher.

No enclosure

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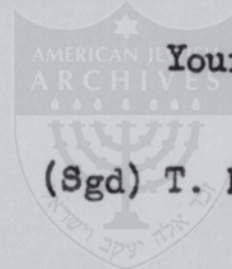
10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.

14th October, 1944.

Gentlemen,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Churchill to
acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of
October 1, which has been before him.

WRHS



Yours truly,

(Sgd) T. L. Rowan

The Co-Chairmen,
Zionist Emergency Council.

31 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn

October 18, 1944

My dear Rabbi Silver.

There is no doubt that Zionism secured
a great victory with the statements of both candidates for
the Presidency of the United States.

Knowing that this victory is due to your
untiring efforts, please accept my heartiest congratulations.
I pray that you may enjoy the results of your labors
and occupy leadership in the Jewish Commonwealth when
established.

Warmest regards.

With Zion's greetings and

Isaac Carmel

October 19, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

My traveling expenses in connection
with my visit to New York on October 13, and
to Atlantic City, were \$75.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 23, 1944

Mr. Isaac Carmel
31 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carmel:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and your words of congratulations. We have all had a share in bringing about the important advance in the progress of our Movement, and there is real satisfaction in it. Much more difficult work lies ahead.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 23, 1944.

My dear Abba:-

A group of friends met at Neumann's home yesterday. We have decided to proceed with a bi-weekly publication, so that leading Zionists will be kept informed. And this is what the gang fears most - light.

I do hope that this time we will not wait till a few weeks before the convention, but we will carry on a campaign of education thruout the year. And education and information is exactly - as I said above - what the gang fears most (Note Goldstein's attack on the Press for daring to express an opinion on the Convention program).

I would suggest that you write a note of appreciation to Margoshes, Fishman, D. L. Minkler, editor of the Jewish Morning Journal, and Morris Weinberg publisher of both "The Day" and "Jewish Morning Journal". They may be of great aid to us in the future, and a word from you will be greatly appreciated by them.

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

There may be other newspapermen who have been helpful, such as the editor of the "Boston Jewish Advocate". Neumann can supply you a full list.

Fishman had a very strong column yesterday about Goldstein's desire to muzzle the Press. I got Sunday's Morning Journal. Isreeli has written in "The Day" a series of articles about the convention and promises to write more. They are worth while reading.

Our Long Island Executive Director informed me that a meeting of the field ~~workers~~ ^{directors} and staff, right after the Convention, the line of action for the next year was laid down. First comes J. O. A., then, J. M. F. And then comes the Emergency work, but only if and when a real emergency will arise. I never thought that our leaders could step so low, even going to the length of departing the cause just because they can not be in control of the machinery and can not shine in the Press headlines.

As to yourself, I have already expressed my opinion to you. Whatever line of action we adopt, do not permit yourself to be entangled, unless they try to make things unbearable, and the cause may suffer thereby. It is important that you have a

talk with Rothenberg, and get him straightened out. Report must be kept on our side. As ever yours, S.C.

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October 25, 1944

Mr. Norman H. Davis
Chairman, Steering Committee
Studies of American Interests in the War and Peace
Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.
45 West 55th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Davis:

Very recently our attention was drawn to a memorandum dealing with the Palestine situation which was prepared about a year ago by Professor William L. Westermann for the Council on Foreign Relations. The memorandum is entitled "A New Zionism and a Policy for the United States", and presents the issues in a manner which we feel is open to a good deal of criticism.

Dr. I. B. Berkson, who heads the Research Department of the Zionist Emergency Council, has prepared a few notes on questions raised by the memorandum and I am venturing to submit for your information a copy of this comment. Dr. Berkson was for ten years Director of the Jewish School system in Palestine, and is author of "Education Faces the Future" recently published by Harper's.

We would express the hope that those who received the memorandum of Professor Westermann will be given an opportunity also to see the statement enclosed. If this meets with your approval, we shall be glad either to let you have additional copies of the statement for distribution by the Council on Foreign Relations, or else to send copies ourselves to those whose names you will let us have.

Sincerely yours

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October 29, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expense involved in Rabbi Silver's trip
to New York and Washington on October 24th and 25th
amounted to \$40.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

November 3, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for the following:

Long Distance and Telegrams	
Sept., Oct.	\$33.18
Expenses involved in trip to New York	
Oct. 30	\$35.00
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	\$68.18

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

P.S. Did I send you a bill for expenses incurred in connection with Rabbi Silver's trip to New York and Washington on Oct. 24 and 25? If not, his expenses amounted to \$40.

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

November 5, 1944

My dear Abba:-

I thought I would see you Monday when you were in New York, but could not reach you. We had a meeting of a few friends at Neumann's home and we learned of the "renewed cooperation" you were getting from the administration.

Some were bewildered that they could stoop to so low in order to embarrass you, even if it is to the great detriment of the cause. I have reference to the new budget for the Emergency Committee and to the opposition to the introduction of the resolution.

Dr. Goldstein phoned me a week ago Thursday offering me the National Chairmanship of the War Effort. I told him that I could not accept it. He told me that he would like me to have my counsel and presence (without a vote of course) on the Executive and would I consider a ^{national} co-chairmanship on the Jewish National Fund. I declined, for I felt if there is

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

any service I could render I
would rather do it on the
Emergency Council as you
had suggested, and where I
would feel more at home.
I ~~hope~~ He said he would
see what other chairmanships
he could give me that
would appeal to me.

Kindest regards from
house to house.

As ever yours,
Sol.

November 13, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expenses involved in Rabbi Silver's trip to Washington and New York on November 9 amounted to \$40.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

TELEGRAM TO COMMODORE HOTEL

11-24-44

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PLEASE RESERVE ROOM FOR ME. ARRIVING IN MORNING.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for
the following:

Telephone and Long Distance calls for
October and part of Nov. \$22.49

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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PRESIDENT

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Ship Radiogram

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**WEALTH PLANK IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. IT WILL GREATLY HEARTEN OUR PEOPLE
WHICH IS NOW PASSING THROUGH ONE OF THE DARKEST HOURS IN ITS HISTORY TO KNOW
THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WILL USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP THE JEWISH PEOPLE
RECONSTITUTE PALESTINE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH.**

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HON. TOM CONNALLY
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DECEMBER 5, 1944

AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF
THE PALESTINE ^{Commission} COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH ^{Conference} CONFERENCE MAY I EXPRESS TO YOU
THE EARNEST HOPE WHICH I BELIEVE IS SHARED BY MILLIONS OF OUR PEOPLE THAT THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY APPROVE THE PALESTINE RESOLUTION WHICH
BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES RECENTLY INCLUDED IN THEIR PLATFORM AND WHICH BOTH
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SO WARMLY ENDORSED WITHIN THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORMS.
I RECALL WITH GRATITUDE YOUR OWN SPLENDID HELP IN BEHALF OF THE JEWISH COMMON-

December 14, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The expenses involved in Rabbi Silver's trips to New York, Pittsburgh and Washington from November 25 through December 12 amounted to \$102. These expenses are exclusive of the hotel bills in Washington, which I understand have been paid by your office.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

\$ 14.08 - Petty Cash

Dear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

I put this article out of a Los Angeles
Paper Rabbi Stephen S. Wise
is not helping the Jewish problem
If it is too bad he is not far sighted
to realize our people are in danger
the Jewish can do more injury
to themselves than their worse
enemies
goyim
or so called
gentiles

I Remain yours
Very Truly

Wm. P. Eldridge

335- So CATALINA ST
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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Commodore Hotel

12-18-44

N. Y.

attention Mr. Salvin

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Please reserve suite for me beginning tomorrow morning and also room for my friend Leo Sack of Washington who will arrive tomorrow afternoon

Asba Hillel Silver

WANT A REPLY?

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12.21. 1924

M. Zionist E. Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

Telegrams from	10/26-44 to 11/25-44	46.02
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December 22, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send Rabbi Silver a check for the following:

Telegrams - Oct. 26 to Nov. 25)	
Telephone - Long Distance - Nov. 15)	
to December 15		\$84.73
Residence phone - Long Distance and		
telegrams -- October		<u>16.52</u>
		\$101.25

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

December 31, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection with his
trip to New York on December 19 and 20 amounted to \$55.00

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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Rabbi Hillel Silver

Dear loyal Zionist.

I recall the wire from Charlie Rosenbloom of his effort to elect you as president of the 30A. I offered my cooperation because I felt that it would be a blessing for the organization to have a man with your ability and untiring energy to head us.

Well - a deal was made, thousands were heartsick about it.

An emergency Council existed for years all it was accomplished until 1944 is, that Dr. Weiss was successful in getting of our great N.S.A President a greeting to the Commission

In my judgement, that was the only practical accomplishment achieved by Dr. Weiss and the com. That is all that the political work done, by the men who suited so often the White House.

Since you, dear Silver headed the council what a wonderful job you did, to enlighten the statesmen of our great country, the religious groups of Am. the educators, and above all our own Jews.

It is you who has raised to the highest plane to Conference in N.Y. You made it possible for the resolution 98% to pass. Last month in Lgh you took the conference by storm.

January 2, 1945

Mr. Arthur Lourie
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lourie:

I am enclosing herewith the last bill
for expenses of Dr. Silver covering the amount
\$54.06 for telegrams and long distance calls
during November and part of December.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

The press reports of the controversy in the Zionist Emergency Council in which you figured disturbed me greatly. As you know, I am not active in the movement exactly for reasons that the press reports record. As I read behind the lines, what was involved in the controversy seems to me much more momentous than the reports indicate. I infer that there is a fundamental issue of policy in the Zionist organization. People who have spoken to me have of course presented only their side of the controversy, which is not yours, urging me to take a hand in the work.

I am extremely reluctant to do so, and before I come to any decision I should like to have from you personally your account of the causes of the conflict. One thing is clear to me -- an enormous potentiality of influence in Congress has been alienated without any compensating gain.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. M. Kallen, Dean

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January 6, 1945.

Rev. Dr. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Dear Dr. Silver:-

This is not a letter of sympathy. You do not need my sympathy. You do not ask for sympathy. I write only to re-affirm my high regard for you and to assure you that, despite the conflicts reported in the press, my esteem for you remains unimpaired.

Possibly, were I in your place, I might have spared Dr. Stephen S. Wise because of his years. But you and not I possess the full information regarding your problems.

Your amazing abilities and your sacrificial devotion to your cause--even though I am not one of your followers in that cause--will never cease to captivate me.

Borrowing language from Scriptures, I would say: "O mighty one...in thy majesty prosper, ride on.....And let thy right hand teach thee tremendous things.....thy God hath annointed thee."

Apprise your beloved wife of my abiding devotion and of my fervent supplications that the Divine blessing may ever attend you and all whom you hold dear.

Staunchly Yours,

Abraham Cronbach

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IT IS HEARTENING TO KNOW OF YOUR MEETING IN CINCINNATI AND THAT THROUGH YOUR GATHERING THE DEEP INTEREST OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA IN OPENING THE DOORS OF PALESTINE FOR FREE IMMIGRATION AND ITS RECONSTITUTION AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IS AGAIN BEING MADE MANIFEST. WE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR SUCH EVIDENCE OF GOOD WILL AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

January 9, 1945

Dr. Abraham Cronbach
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Dr. Cronbach:

I need not tell you how deeply I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. It was both moving and heartening. I have been greatly up-lifted in recent weeks by the manifestations of confidence and loyalty which have come to me from so many parts of the country. The Jewish press particularly has been so very understanding of the issues involved.

Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our warmest greetings. I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future.

Most cordially yours,

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Uniontown, Penna.
January 10, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As chairman of the Uniontown Zionist Emergency Committee I wish to take this humble means of presenting our views regarding the appalling actions that led to the present grave crisis in American Zionism.

This letter is based on a fairly comprehensive knowledge of actions and events that have taken place during the past year. Before proceeding I want to assure you that the Uniontown Zionist Emergency Committee is composed entirely of good Zionists who have worked hard toward the fulfillment of every Zionist ideal.

The conflict that has arisen in the Zionist Emergency Council is regrettable for several reasons.

Firstly, the Emergency Council is the only organization in which all the various Zionist groups are united for one common cause.....the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Secondly, the Emergency Council represents the best leaders in America and the Emergency Committees throughout the nation, for the most part, are headed by the most conscientious and competent leaders of American Jewry.

Thirdly, during the past year great progress has been made in educating American Jews and non-Jews alike in the fundamental purposes and ideals of the Zionist movement. It cannot be denied that a favorable public opinion has been aroused.

If there is no harmony within the groups that comprise the Zionist Organization of America.....if the best minds and most important leaders cannot agree on a program of united action,.....if all the constructive work done the past twelve months is to be wasted we are faced with a great Jewish tragedy.

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Our sacred and important work calls for "straight from the shoulder" talk and action during periods of misunderstanding such as we are not experiencing. There is no place for conflict over strategy.....no room for petty politicsno time for personal jealousies and private enterprise. Regardless of who is to blame for the unfortunate conflict within the ranks THERE IS NO EXCUSE for the matter becoming public property. There is no reason why the present crisis should reach the public press and provide ammunition for the poisonous guns of the anti-Zionists. It is inexcusable to dampen the spirit of thousands of loyal Zionists throughout the country.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE for great leaders like Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and other members of the Zionist Emergency Council to resign their posts in the face of troubled waters. This is not the way BIG men act! This is not the way Jewry has survived persecutions down through the ages! This is not the way to achieve the Zionist goal!

The moment that a clash of policy occurred within the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America and the Zionist Emergency Council an Emergency should have been declared in the form of an Emergency meeting to which should have been called all officers of both organizations and all Emergency Committee chairmen in the United States. The great importance of the Zionist ideal and the urgent interests of Palestine warranted such action. There was too much at stake to chance an internal breakdown of policies and personalities.

These are critical times. Jews are suffering and dying and the need for a Jewish homeland in Palestine is greater now than ever before. The American public has been geared up to a favorable pitch and government officials know that the majority of American Jews are justified in their demands. America's leadership in the war places her in a position to demand justice for the Jewish peoplethe people who comprise the most persecuted minority in the world. We Jews know how we have been appeased time and time again by Great Britain. We are well aware of the past history of events in our fight for a Jewish Homeland in Palestine. We know that the President of the United States has made it clear in an official statement relayed by Senator Wagner at the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City last October that he favored a Jewish Commonwealth and if elected would help in its adoption. This conglomeration of facts leads me to believe that only an aggressive, dynamic policy can lead to total success...

We must not falter for a moment! We must not decrease the tempo of our progress! We must continue to build favorable public opinion! We must further increase the membership of the Zionist Organization of America! We must support the ZOA Expansion Fund and the National Fund Drive! We must prevail upon all Emergency Committee Chairmen in the nation to remain at their posts continuing the same kind of leadership and activity which has achieved such marked success during the past year!

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The challenger is before us! The challenge is before you, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mr. Shulman, Mr. Harry L. Shapiro, Mr. Harold P. Manson, Mrs. Judith Epstein, Dr. Wolf Gold, Dr. Chaim Greenberg, all other officers of the agencies comprising the Zionist Organization of America, all Emergency Committee Chairmen, member of their committees and every Zionist in the United States!

The responsibility of establishing a Jewish Homeland in Palestine is too great for any one Jewish leader or small group of leaders.....it necessitates the unified cooperation, untiring effort and personal sacrifice of every good Jew. Outside influence, political misunderstanding and personal jealousy must be set aside AT ONCE. The entire future and best interests of Palestine and the Jewish people are at stake!

Therefore; Dr. Goldstein, in the same friendly spirit in which this letter is written, I urge you to call an Emergency meeting of all officers of the ZOA and the Emergency Council, past and present, and all Emergency Committee Chairmen. Let the leaders in question stand on their own two feet, face to face, and settle all differences once and for all. Let all delegates to the Emergency meeting join the discussion in the true spirit of Judaism and Zionism and come from the meeting with a thorough and complete understandingwith an aggressive, dynamic, unified political policy.....with a sincere feeling of friendship.....with a sense of responsibility and duty.....and a strong determination to WIN the fight for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Cordially yours,

Lester Cohen

Lester Cohen, Chairman
Uniontown Zionist Emergency
Committee

January 15, 1945

Mr. Lester Cohen, Chairman
Uniontown Zionist Emergency Committee
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 10 which I read with great interest. I need not tell you that I share with you your distress at what has transpired in the ranks of the Zionist Emergency Council and the Zionists of America. A small cabal of irresponsible Zionist politicians has brought about this sorry state of affairs. The same group was responsible for sabotaging our efforts to have the Congress of the United States approve the Palestine Resolution, which all the Zionists of America have been pressing for more than ten months.

Nothing would please me more than to have a convention of the Zionist Organization of America convoked at the earliest possible time to resolve this controversy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 15, 1945

Mr. H. M. Caplan
Caplan's
10 Freeport Street
Etna, Pa.

My dear Mr. Caplan:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me, and I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed in your letter. It has been very heartening to me to receive so many expressions, from Zionists all over the country, of confidence and approval. The Jewish press particularly has been fine and understanding.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for communicating with me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Chaim Weitzman Chapter of Masada

Miriam Crespi
770 Crown Street
Brooklyn, New York

January 19, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Sir:

As youth Zionists we are stunned by you and Dr. Wise permitting the Zionist cause to be smeared across the American press in this inter-circle squabbling. Certainly, the American Zionists have every right to expect their leaders at this stage to bend every effort toward presenting a united policy in saving the remnant of Israel in Europe.

The Chaim Weitzman Chapter of Masada instructed me by a unanimous vote to voice our protest to you and Dr. Wise. We are not concerned with the issues of this argument.

we want to save Jewish lives.

With Zion's greetings,
Miriam Crespi
Political Chairman

Richmond Hill Zionist District

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Richmond Hill Zionist District on January 24, 1945 at a district meeting called for the purpose of considering your resignation from the American Zionist Emergency Council. Copies of this resolution were sent to the Z.O.A. office, the Long Island Zionist Region and New Palestine. I earnestly hope that the action taken by my District will help to right a wrong and heal an injury.

" We view with deep regret and concern the retirement of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the position he has occupied in the American Zionist Emergency Council and the breach in the leadership of American Zionism. At this critical time the Zionist movement can neither dispense with the services of a man of his abilities nor permit the dangerous breach to widen.

We convey to Dr. Silver our sincere affection and admiration for his work in the Zionist cause and affirm our confidence in the policy he has advocated.

With the best interests of the Zionist movement in mind, we call upon the national administration of the Zionist Organization of America to take immediate steps for the prompt recall of Dr. Silver to active political leadership and the early restoration of unity in the Zionist movement. "

Sincerely yours for Zion,

Jacob H. Day
President

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
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January 29, 1945

My dear Abba:-

I am enclosing an article by L. Spizman, also an article by Rivizon on "Nahum Goldmann's World Jewish Congress, which may be of interest to you.

At a meeting of the Richmond Hill Zionist District held Wednesday January 24, 1945, and called for the purpose of discussing your resignation, the enclosed resolution was unanimously accepted. A copy has been forwarded to Dr. Goldstein, the Y. O. A., the Long Island Zionist Region, the New Palestine, and to Harry Shapiro for publication in the Jewish Press.

Let me know when you expect to be in New York.
Kindest regards to Virginia
in which Anna joins me
As ever yours, Sol.

February 1, 1945

Dr. Jacob H. Day, President
Richmond Hill Zionist District
Long Island, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Day:

May I thank you for your kind letter of January 26 and for the resolution which you enclosed which was adopted by the Richmond Hill Zionist District on my resignation from the American Zionist Emergency Council. I am profoundly grateful for your vote of confidence. From my long association with Zionist work in this country, I know of the splendid record of service which the Richmond Hill Zionist District has to its credit. Knowing it and knowing also that they are well informed and conscientious Zionists, it is particularly heartening for me to receive such a warm message of affection and endorsement.

I have been highly gratified by the reaction of the rank and file Zionists throughout the country and by the almost unanimous approval of the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press. Clearly the Zionists of American and the American Jewish public have not been taken in by the little conspiracy of a handful of power-hungry individuals, and have clearly grasped and appraised the issues involved.

Please convey my thanks and best wishes to all the members of the Richmond Hill Zionist District. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

TELEGRAM SENT ON FEBRUARY 13, 1945

Professor Albert Einstein
112 Mercer Street
Princeton, N.J.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT YOU HAD HONORED ME BY ACCEPTING CO-CHAIRMANSHIP MY TESTIMONIAL DINNER ARRANGED BY FRIENDS IN RECOGNITION OF MY YEARS OF SERVICE TO PALESTINE. I HAVE SINCE LEARNED OF YOUR CONCERN LEST YOUR SPONSORSHIP BE INTERPRETED AS INVOLVING YOU IN A PARTISAN CONTROVERSY. PERMIT ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER IS INTENDED AS A PERSONAL TRIBUTE ONLY AND THAT AMONG THE CO-CHAIRMEN ARE MEN REPRESENTING ALL ZIONIST GROUPS ALL SHADES OF OPINION AS WELL AS NON-ZIONISTS AND NON-JEWS. THE LIST OF THE TWELVE CO-CHAIRMEN WHICH ALONG WITH YOUR NAME INCLUDES PROFESSOR KALLEN PROFESSOR KAPLAN VAN PAASSEN PROFESSOR ALBRIGHT SUPREME COURT JUSTICE STEINBRINK AND OTHERS HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN THE PRESS. WITHDRAWAL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING AND WOULD CAST A SHADOW OVER TESTIMONIAL WHICH I AM SURE IS FURTHEREST FROM YOUR MIND. I RECALL WITH PRIDE THE GREAT TESTIMONIAL WHICH WAS TENDERED TO YOU IN NEW JERSEY IN WHICH I WAS PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE. YOUR SPONSORING OF MY TESTIMONIAL WOULD MAKE THE OCCASION DOUBLY HAPPY AND SIGNIFICANT FOR ME. WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU BY WIRE. KINDEST REGARDS.

Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple

2-13-45

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^{regards.}
Ruth Hilda Silver

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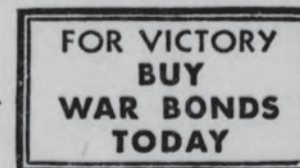
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February 26, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

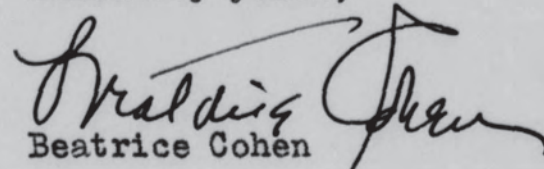
Mr. Arthur Lourie asked me to inform you of the following facts in connection with the cable from Dr. Weizmann:

The original cable was sent to you on Friday afternoon, February 23, in an envelope addressed "Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio" and was sent via air mail.

I do hope that by this time the cable is in your hands.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen

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Uniontown, Penna.
March 8, 1945.

Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have just mailed a strong letter to the presently constituted executive of the Zionist Emergency Council in New York urging that something be done immediately for the salvation of the Zionist cause that seems to be getting a general "kicking around" at the hands of the United States and British governments.

This recent "jolt" calls for a revival of Emergency Committee policy as set forth by yourself last year. It also calls for the immediate reorganization of the Emergency Council. The rank and file of the Zionist movement throughout the United States must surely have been heard by this time. The movement depends upon the support of the rank and file, financially and otherwise.

The New York crowd had better come to their senses before it is too late. The wee voices of the rank and file are growing louder as the hand-writing on the wall becomes more distinct.

Dr. Silver, it looks like the Policy Committee should strive to induce Russia to become our big brother. I honestly feel that Russia will take its place beside United States as the leading force in world affairs for the next 50 years. Russia appears to be kindly and understanding toward the Jewish people and perhaps they will be able to force the issue, along with the United States.

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I am also wondering if the Church here in America isn't powerful enough to help persuade our Government to help solve the Jewish problem. As I view the situation the Jewish problem in reality is a Christian problem and perhaps we can win the support of the leading Church people in America to bring pressure to bear on Washington.

Just this afternoon I received a long telegram from the Policy Committee, signed by Charles Rosenbloom. Just want you to know that the request was fulfilled.

Of course I am representing a comparatively small section of American Zionists; however, if my small contribution is one among many I feel that much can be accomplished.

With fond hopes that prompt action will be forthcoming to heal the breach and restore you to your rightful place as head of the Emergency Council, I remain

Cordially yours,

Lester Cohen
Lester Cohen

CANADIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

2 Bloor Street East
Toronto 5, Canada

9th March, 1945.

The Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, P.C., C.M.G., M.P.,
C/o The Embassy of the Dominion of Canada,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Right Honourable and Dear Sir:

The liberty is being taken of communicating with you in Washington to bring to your attention two items which are of profound interest and significance to yourself and are bound to be of special interest in discussions between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada.

Non-Jewish public opinion in Canada is overwhelmingly in favor of the Jewish National Home and Commonwealth for the Jewish people in Palestine. The more enlightened and better informed the Canadian public, the more evidence is there of sympathy and support for the just aspirations of the Jewish people. This is apparent when one studies the representative membership of the Canadian Palestine Committee.

For the mass of the Canadian public the general feeling on the Palestine issue might well be expressed in the words of a Mexican delegate to the World Trade Union Conference recently in session in London: "Since Jews have no land but Palestine whereas the Arabs have many countries, the Zionist cause deserves labour support". In reporting the sessions of this conference a magazine of international importance mentioned that "strong support for the pro-Zionist resolution was offered by the Canadian delegation".

At San Francisco several Arab states will be represented. Leaders at this conference have been silent on the subject of direct representations from the World Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency in Palestine. It is one of the anomalies of World War II at this time that Arab nationals whose countries have come in "under the wire" of March 1st for representation at San Francisco as combatants should achieve direct representation at the San Francisco conference table when Jews remain disregarded.

It is needless to remind you in detail of the magnificent services of Jewish people in all parts of the world in the fight for freedom. They have suffered exceedingly heavy casualties in killed in all theatres of war where armed combat has decided the issue of the day. In addition, they have been the helpless victims of our enemies in countries under their control with loss of life possibly greater than any single one of the three principal powers of the United Nations and greater than the loss of lives sustained in combat by the two English-speaking powers, The British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States of America.

The conviction exists in Canada that as the Prime Minister of the Dominion and traditionally in a unique measure 'persona grata' at Washington with the President of the United States you are today facing a unique opportunity of serving the cause of an unfortunate people barred from direct representation at this conference of the world's nations. The fate of hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees in

Europe facing economic disaster and starvation or emigration to Palestine may depend on your good offices. The exercise of your initiative from your singularly strategic position is being watched hopefully and confidently throughout Canada by the entire Jewish public and the non-Jewish public sympathetic to their cause represented by the Canadian Palestine Committee.

It is devoutly hoped that an enlistment of the support of the President of the United States to the granting of direct representations from the Jewish people at the San Francisco Conference will be the consummation of efforts you have the opportunity to make in these preliminary conversations. Certainly such action on your part will harmonize with the sympathetic interest and support which have in the past characterized your attitude on the National Home and Commonwealth for the Jewish people.

On your initiative the Jewish National Home in Palestine was discussed at the conference of British Commonwealth prime ministers in 1944. It will mean much for all of us to be able to remark next year that as a result of the strong intervention by the Prime Minister of Canada at Washington the Jewish people of the world made representations at the San Francisco Conference in 1945.

We have the privilege to remain,

Right Honourable Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CANADIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

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RABBI HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 106 ST CLEVELAND

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OPPORTUNITY IS PRESENTED TO YOU AT MY INVITATION TO
PRESENT YOUR VIEWS ON WAR CRIMINALS AND PUNISHMENT BEFORE
THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY MARCH
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ME IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO TESTIFY=
CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CELLER.

HRES 93 22 1030 AM.

3-15-45

Deeply regret unable accept your kind invitation
must be in N.Y. on that day. kindest regards

(2) La 0150 a.H.S.

March 14, 1945

Mr. Lester Cohen
Cohen's Furniture, Clothing, Jewelry
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 8 which I read with great interest and pleasure. There is considerable pressure being brought from all parts of the country to bring about a re-organization of the Emergency Council. I am watching developments with interest.

I am leaving in a few days for New York where a Testimonial Dinner in my honor is being given at the Commodore Hotel on March 21. Many of our friends will be there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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You probably don't remember me but I have spoken with you and to some of your friends at the convention in Atlantic City. At that time, I have informed you that my views toward our Zionist situation were in line with yours and that I felt that I would like to be one of your followers.

Of course since that time many things have happened and I have been receiving your letters and communications. Among them was one asking me to be one of the backers of the new Zionist Organization. My only reason for not accepting this honor is that I felt that as long as I was president of the Indianapolis District that I would put my close to 1000 members in an embarrassing position if their president were to align himself with a group and it was not the consensus of the membership that this was the practical thing to do. Furthermore, I do believe in discipline to a certain extent and I feel it would be out of line for me as president to go on record as not having views in line with our National Organization until our district as a whole take this action. However, I have made my views known to our local organization and also to our Emergency Council, of which I am a member, and our boards have decided to hold this matter in obedience.

At this time I wish to call to your attention that this is the home of Daniel Frisch and while I admire him as a Zionist and also his Jewish point of view, my views on many subjects are not compatible nor parallel with his.

Yesterday our Regional executive met in Columbus and I have spoken in your favor and have let our Indianapolis delegation know my sympathies and my vote went on record as favoring Silver



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver--2

again coming to the head of our Emergency Council. I wish you to know that I was firm enough in my views that I was the only man out of an Indianapolis delegation of about ten who went on record in this manner. Naturally, it goes without saying that this was not a very wise move politically as far as our local situation is concerned, but at this time I am not interested as to my political welfare. I can assure you when the proper time comes there will be many in my community who will share my views as to what your position should be in our Zionist Organization.

My purpose in writing you this letter is to inform you that the smaller delegates who do come to a convention and who may not be looked at as carrying any weight do come back to their community and work to what they think is a right cause. You know that we won in Columbus by a vote of 23 to 12 on the Silver motion.

I sincerely hope that your views will carry weight with the majority of good Zionist in our city and that we can again have the militant program that we have had under your co-leadership.

I will ask you to please keep this letter for your files and for the present not use it for any political purpose. My reason for asking this is that at our next election I intend to make this an issue and I hope to be able to have a board elected whose views will coincide with mine.

With kindest personal regards and hoping that God gives you the wisdom and strength to help carry us through to our ultimate goal, I am

Sincerely yours,

Shoolem Ettinger

Shoolem Ettinger, President
Indianapolis Zionist District

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

March 26, 1945

My dear Abba:-

I would suggest that a few days before you expect to be in New York you write me the exact day of your arrival and that you would like to meet with two or three keymen from Long Island. I shall then be able to make the necessary arrangements.

As to your resuming the work - if it is offered - I feel very strongly that unless there is a complete capitulation and the little foxes and the "big" ones too are completely eliminated, you will soon find yourself out again, and ~~this time~~ ^{completely discredited} with no chance for a comeback. Once and for all the gang must be cleaned out. Otherwise you will be much better off - for your own sake - to remain in the same position you are in now.

March 28, 1945

Mr. Shoolen Ettinger, President
Indianapolis Zionist District
235 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 19 which I read with great interest. I was glad to hear of what transpired at the Regional meeting in Columbus. I have since heard from other sources and I was very pleased with the action which was taken. I am grateful to you for your own personal support which I value very much.

There has been a remarkable outpouring of sentiment throughout the country which has been very heartening to me. I wish you could have been present at the Testimonial Dinner last Wednesday evening in New York City in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. You may have read about it. It was a truly memorable occasion.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 12, 1945

My dear Abba:-

I do hope that if the Emergency Council is reorganized you will see to it that you have full authority and are surrounded with a majority of your men, and with the Bokstein's out. Or they will continue to make life miserable for you, as in the past.

As it is, you will not have a rosy path in the political work, you should at least know that the rats are out, and are not snuffing at you at suggestion. I would think twice ~~if~~ before assuming leadership, if Wise is to continue as co-chairman. And that is what the gang will try to do. So they want him there in order to use him. Without him they are helpless. And if he remains, - as try and insist he

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will - then you will have a
repetition of the sabotage.

I would rather wait a "little
while longer" until they are
driven out of Zionist leadership
and are totally discredited.

One thing I do hope you will
do if you return. Take care
of Morris Weisberg. He has been
a tower of strength to you this entire
mess. You owe a lot to him.
His ambition is to get on the
Emergency Council. He is as
good as Boockstein or the others ^{anytime}.
And he will be a pillar of
strength to you in any future
combats with that clique.

Should you feel that I can be
of service you will no doubt call
on me.

I do hope you have ~~not~~ complied
with the request of the Krummholz Hill
Congregation.

kindest regards to Virginia Anna
wishes to be remembered. As ever yours, Sol.

Let me know when you expect to
be in N.Y. so I can
appear in front of you. Mr. Boockstein.

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June 14, 1945.

My dear Abba:-

I just returned from a meeting of the Finance Committee of the J. O. A. and I learned plenty.

The jumping on the bandwagon is commencing.

Mendel Fisher was there and he told me - as he did at the J. O. A. convention - that he was shocked that I was purged from the Executive, that he advised against it and that ~~later~~ he opposed the purging of Neumann and Miller, and that later when the gang determined to shove you he warned Goldstein that he would pay dearly for it. But that Goldstein wouldn't listen.

Daw Frisch was sitting near me and he too told me how shocked he was when he entered the Nominating Committee meeting and learned that I was purged, after he assured me that he fought hard for me. He said that Jimmie Heller was the one who insisted that I be purged. I suppose Heller felt that was a good way of taking a stab at you, Frisch said that

Goldstein insists that he knew nothing about my purging. I told Frisch that Goldstein was in on it, for the next day Goldstein met me on the boardwalk and, having a guilty conscience, apologized that they had to make room for another man. Even that too extended "condolences" to me, ^{said that} I was a nice fellow, and that he was sorry I had to get off.

Dan Frisch addressed the Finance Committee meeting and, though unrelated to the subject under discussion stated that some of his friends accuse him that he is taking a certain stand and assuming a certain attitude because he wants to hold on to his present office. But he doesn't care. He will do what he thinks is right. Goldstein was present when Frisch spoke.

This is important. On my way home from the meeting, Krumbein (who asked that he be not quoted) told me that Frisch, Berson and he were appointed by Goldstein to prevail upon the O.D.T. (not) to permit the holding of a J. O. A. convention. The three met and tried to sound out one another, Frisch stated

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that the temper of the country is overwhelmingly for Silver and that Wise may have to be shelved. 'Person demurred. Under no condition, said he. Krumbein told me - and again he does not want to be quoted - that Frisch is ready to throw Wise overboard, and will even go as far as breaking with Goldstein. I am not so sure about the latter. And I am also not sure whether it ~~will~~ ^{is} wise to throw Wise out completely. It may ~~have~~ react against us. You are in a better position to judge.

Krumbein told me that he told Goldstein that the fact that ODD refuses permission to hold a convention gives him a chance to save his face by remaining for another year. But here is a good opportunity for him to take advantage of the situation and repent. But Goldstein, he said, is adamant. Whether he is just putting up a bold front, or he is so stupid as not to sense the resentment and sentiments of Jews throughout the country I do not know.

I understand that they are ready to sacrifice that rat and arch conspirator - Gold's stooge - Bookstein. But that will not solve the problem. None of them could be trusted. Unless the entire gang

④ is thrown out and there is a thorough housecleaning, they will connive through all kinds of devious ways and foul devices to make life miserable for you, even if, by compulsion, they do agree now to give you the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council.

The Backsteins and the others of their ilk do not know what decency is. You can not trust them. Therefore I say that under no condition should a deal be made with them as far as the future administration of the J. O. A. is concerned, no matter even if they should agree to add a few of our men ~~put~~ on the J. O. A. Executive. You will just be playing into their hands. That is just what they want - to continue in power thru some ruse like that. This is not only my own opinion but the opinion of every Zionist I came in contact with.

The Zionists of the country are aroused and want a complete housecleaning. They have utmost confidence in your leadership and in your integrity. They have stood by you. Do not disappoint your many friends and don't let them down. Any deal with that gang will dishearten

(5) and disappoint all decent Zionists. By this time you should know that that gang cannot be trusted. They have no honor, no shame, no scruples, no decency.

Should a deal be made as far as the J. D. A. administration is concerned it will be against the considered judgment of your friends, and you will find yourself in an even more embarrassing situation a few months from to-day. These connivers and character assassins, if they have the least power, will stop at nothing to embarrass and discredit you.

Some 'modus operandi' could be found as far as the Emergency Council is concerned, with you as one of the three co-chairman (Wise and Greenberg as the other two, or with Wise being kicked upstairs as honorary chairman) and with you as chairman of the Executive. Shulman should be kicked downstairs, with no portfolio (and no chairman of an Administrative Committee) and Maxime Goldman - well Eliezer Kaplan should be told to send him back, as he did with Kurt Blumenfeld and Rosenblatt.

⑥ You must of course be assured of a working majority in the Emergency Council not to be tied by a unit vote upon instructions from the J. O. A. executive. You can't of course have full protection because they will find other crooked devices to paralyze your efforts. But under no condition - for your own good - should any deal whatever be made with that gang as far as the J. O. A. administration is concerned.

All who backed you did it because they had faith in you that once and for all that gang will be cleaned out. They look to you to save the J. O. A. by putting decency back into our movement.

My personal feeling is that the longer you wait the stronger will become your position, and their position will deteriorate. Your path will not be one of roses. Zionists are first beginning to become thoroughly aroused and resentful of the pygmies who have led us almost to ruin. Don't plunge into it. DON'T 15th

As ever yours

P.S. It is rumored that one Sal. the J. O. A. representative on the Emergency Council, a recent recruit, having heard of Herzl, asked the J. O. A. to send him to his District as a replacement.

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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

June 17, 1945.

My dear Abba:-

At a special meeting of our Richmond Hill District the enclosed resolution on the New Palestine, in addition to two resolutions similar to the ones passed by the Westchester, Bronx, and Manhattan Regions. We will present the three resolutions at the L. S. Zionist Region Conference, Sunday, June 24th. I have no doubt of its passage by an overwhelming majority.

If you intend to be in New York this week, let me know at once so I can arrange for a meeting with Mr. Doft.

7-days editorials in the Morning Journal and the Day are excellent. Nathan Goldwan is being put in his place.
As ever yours, Sol.

June 19, 1945

Mr. Solomon Cohen
11 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sol:

Thank you for your long and newsy letter. I should like to assure you and your friends that no "deal" has been made or is being contemplated. If any suggestions come to us about any re-organization of the ZOA they will be submitted to a committee of the American Zionist Policy Committee which was appointed, you will recall, some time ago. No action will be taken without the approval of the American Zionist Policy Committee. It is not our intention to repeat the mistake of two years ago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

~~Stephen Early.~~

Oct. 10

Gen Edwin M Watson

Early

The White House. ~~Office~~

Stephen Early - Secy to Pres -
Washington DC.

Referring to mine & Dr W's letter to
President Sept 26 would deeply app
early reply & appt -

kindest regards -

Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Clev. Ohio

I wish to emphasize that I had always real appreciation for work and personality of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and would have been glad to serve as one of the sponsors of the testimonial dinner. I have withdrawn from the Committee of Sponsors for one reason exclusively: To avoid the impression that through such participation I was taking a position in present controversial matters within American Zionism.

(signed) A. Einstein

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you, dear rabbi, shall continue to tell
all people of our just claim.
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and your beautiful reading of the Psalms
last Sunday were, as I said to you
afterward, unforgettable. Let me thank
you again, profoundly. I envy those
who can often draw inspiration from
your genius, and wish you many
more years of fruitful service.

Sincerely yours

J. Tupperman Day

[undated]

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The longer you wait the more untenable will become their position. The ~~office~~ ought to come running after you.

With Wise, Silver is now an obsession, as one of his closest coworkers ^(Miller) stated to me. He will hold on tenaciously to the office — come what may — for otherwise he is thru as a leader and entirely discredited.

Neither would I put too much trust in Lipsky — he is just looking out for himself, although he hated the Szoldos.

As ever yours,

Sal.
P. S. Even before you come back, the plot will commence to get you out again and for good. For with some of them the hate for Silver is greater than the love for Zion. How pogroms detest giants!

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New York and Washington Feb. 21-25

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Date 3/22/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 4835

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses incurred in visit to Washington
and New York March 6 through March 12

110 00

WRHS



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Date 11/28/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6718

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses trip to N.Y. Nov. 20

35 00

WRHS



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Date 10/11/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6411

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Replenishing Petty Cash Fund

50 00

WRHS



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Date Oct. 24, 1944

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6512

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with visit to N.Y.
& Atlantic City, Oct. 13

75 00

WRHS



Date **10/18/43**

AMERICAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE for ZIONIST AFFAIRS

No.

3719

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Fare to Washington, D.C.	9/17-18	45	37		
" " New York City	9/19-21	57	12	102	49

WRHS



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Date

12/20/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

6895

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses for trips to New York, Pittsburgh and
Washington from November 25 to December 12

102 00

WRHS



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Date 12/6/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6781

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Telephone and Long Distance calls for October &
part of Nov.

22 49

WRHS



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Date

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 7069

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

For Telegrams and Long Distance Calls
November and part of December

54. 06



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Date 12/26/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6967

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Telegrams and telephone calls,
Oct 26 to Dec. 15th.

101 25



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Date 9/12/45

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

8871

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Petty Cash fund

25 00

WRHS



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Date

9/5/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

6180

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

For telegrams and long distance calls
for July and August.

46 94

WRHS



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Date

1/24/45

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

7165

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses for Dr. Silver's trip to St. Louis Jan
11.

35.25

WRHS



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Date 1/2/45

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 7015

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to New York, Dec. 19 and 20	55	00
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WRHS



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Date Nov. 7, 1944

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6625

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Long Distance & Telegrams Sept., Oct.
Expenses for trip to N.Y. Oct. 30

33 18

35 00

68 18

WRHS



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Date 9/20/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6305

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
New York, Sept. 13th
Round trip transportation to New York
used by Dr. Feuer, Aug. 28th

40 00

40 00

80 00

WRHS



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Date 9/28/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6354

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
New York Sept. 25th.

50 00

WRHS



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Date 1/11/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 4247

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
New York Dec. 27th.

54 73

Expenses in connection with trip to
New York, Jan 3 and 4th.

58

112 73



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Date 11/29/43

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 3905

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

11/8 Trip to Washington
11/15-23 Trip to New York.

40 00
150 00

190 00



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Date 11/9/43

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 3819

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

10/10-29 expenses in connection with visits
to Washington and New York

196

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WRHS



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Date 12/7/43

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 3952

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls in
connection with Council
Expenses in connection with visit to
New York and Washington, 11/29-30 and
12/1.

25 39

56 00

81

39

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Date

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 4110

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses incurred in connection with New York
visit December 13, 14, and 15.

78 00

WRHS



CLEVELAND, OHIO

Nov. 3 1944

M Zionist E. Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

Sept - Long distance calls
" Telegrams

14.62

3.63

18.25

SK 3740

14.93

33.18

PD

" - 18 - 44

CLEVELAND, OHIO 2-29 1944

M. Z.E.C.

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road

Telegrams & Long Distance
from Jan 17-1944 to Feb
14th 1944

43.38

Pd

3-14-44

CLEVELAND, OHIO

3-30 1944

M Zionist Emergency Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road

Telegrams & Long distance
calls for month of Feby 1944

48.25

Pd
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43.80

42

43.38

18

66
04

62

Telegram

2/28



CLEVELAND, OHIO

2-11-44

M. Z. E. C

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

Jan 2 -	Telegram	nyc	.48
5 -	(3) "	"	2.78
6	"	"	.76
7	"	Buffalo	.84
11	"	nyc	.66
17	"	St. Louis	.52
19	"	nyc	1.22
	"	Pelham	1.25
20	(2) "	nyc	1.07
21	(2) "	"	.96
27	(2) "	"	1.63
28	"	"	.83
30	(3) "	"	3.23
		"Tax	16.23
			2.43
			18.66
			16.23

3-14-44

CLEVELAND, OHIO

1-18 1944

Emergency Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road

Telegrams

Dec 2 - Cincinnati - .75	Dec 26 - nyc. 9.03
" 3 nyc. 1.18	" 26 " .48
" 6 nyc. .87	" 26 cleve .61
" 9 nyc. .48	" 26 " .70
" 9 nyc. .62	" 29 wash 1.29
" 12 nyc. .48	" 30 " .96
" 16 wash. 1.29	" 30 " .62
" 16 " 1.29	" 31 nyc .48
" 21 nyc. 1.29	Tax 15.56
" 26 Boston .78	17.87
9.03	2.33
	17.89

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

1-21-1944

M. Z. E. C.

Rd

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

24.68
13.83

38.51
4.74
43.25

dec 16	L. D.	nyc
" 17	"	Pitts
" 21	"	wash dc
" 23	"	nyc
" 24	"	nyc
" 25	"	nyc
" 29	"	nyc
" 30	"	wash dc
jan 5	"	nyc
10	"	nyc
nov 6	"	nyc.

1.80
.60
1.85
2.20
1.60
2.80
1.60
2.60
2.20
1.90
.62

19.77

Tax 19.77
4.91
24.68

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Date 4/11/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5046

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with visits to
New York 3/27-28, 4/3-4 (and Washington)

65 00

Long distance calls for March.

26 08

91 08



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Date 4/4/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

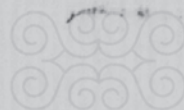
No. 4958

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Telegrams and Long Distance calls
February and March, 1944.

48 25

WRHS



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Date

2/23/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

4594

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
Washington from Feb. 14-18

75 00

WRHS



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Date

4/25/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No.

5153

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trips to
New York, April 10, 17 and 18.

85 00

WRHS



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Date 5/2/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5209

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
Washington, April 25th

25 00

WRHS



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Date 5/8/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5268

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
Washington, May 2, 3, 4 and to New York
May 1.
Long Distance calls and telegrams for
March and April

65 00

51 67

116 67



CLEVELAND, OHIO

575 1944

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East 105th St. at Ansel Road

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

mkh..	Telegraph-	ny. & newark	5.65
apr.	"	ny. Phila & cable	17.61

Long sist - apr.	ny. & wash	23.26
		28.41

51.67

5-12-44

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check

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Date 5/23/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5432

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to
New York, May 15 and 16th.

65 00

WRHS



CLEVELAND, OHIO

6-8-1944

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East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

WRHS



Telegrams for May
Lang Dist " "

5.49

2.90

8.39

SK. 3740

14.50

22.89

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Date 6/1/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5487

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in Washington 5/23-25

55 00

WRHS



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Date 6/9/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5612

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Traveling expenses in connection with visit to
New York for week of June 7th

60 00

WRHS



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Date 7/19/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5864

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses in connection with trip to New York June 19 and 20	40	00		
Expenses in New York July 10 and 11th	60	00	100	00

WRHS



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Date 6/6/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5517

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Expenses incurred on visit to New York June 1

50 00

WRHS



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Date 6/21/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 5659

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Long Distance calls and telegrams for
May and April
Petty Cash fund

22 89
25 00

47 89



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Date 10/4/44

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

No. 6402

NOTE: Acceptance and endorsement of attached check shall be conclusive evidence of full payment of the following items:

Long distance calls and telegrams
for August and September

104 60

WRHS



CLEVELAND, OHIO

7-5-1948

M. J. E. C.

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

Long dist.	nyc.	may 19	2.00
"	nyc.	june 7-8-9-14	17.40
Telegrams.	albany nyc.		7.80
	for june		27.20
House			8.19
			35.39

CLEVELAND, OHIO

8 - 29 1944

M. Zionist E. Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

Long list calls for July

13 18

House - 33.76

46.94

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sept 26 1944

M Zionist Emergency Council

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

Long dist calls 8/18 to 9/12.
Telegrams for August

60.69

9.71

70.40

Home phone

34.20

104.60

Dallas, Texas

see

Zabkowsky, Rabbi M.



CLEVELAND, OHIO

8-4 1944

M

The Temple

(Congregation Tifereth Israel)

East 105th St. at Ansel Road.

Long list of Telegrams
for July

20.54

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Bill sent

Columbus Zionist District

see

Fred Yankin

3-6-45



Not to be released until

Thursday, October 12th.

NEW BOOK SHOWS CONGRESS IS OVERWHELMINGLY FOR ZIONIST PROGRAM.

DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF U. S. FRIENDSHIP FOR JEWISH PALESTINE ISSUED TODAY.

Washington - - A volume containing endorsements of Jewish aspirations in Palestine by more than 400 members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives -- 77% of Congress -- was issued for the first time at a press conference here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Executive Committee Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Entitled "America and Palestine," the book is being published and distributed by the Council, which represents all major Zionist organizations in the United States and which is leading the drive to bring about the repeal of the British White Paper policy for Palestine and the establishment of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

"America and Palestine" is a documented history of the American Government's traditional policy of friendship for the Zionist Program from the first World War up to the present time. Beginning with President Wilson's Declaration in 1919 "That the Allied nations, with the fullest concurrence of our Government and people, are agreed that in Palestine shall be laid the foundations of a Jewish Commonwealth," the book includes all official pronouncements on the Palestine question by the Executive and Legislative branches of the American Government up to and including the present administration.

"This volume has great political and historical significance," Dr. Silver declared. "It will serve as a permanent record of the Seventy-Eighth Congress' whole-hearted endorsement of Zionist aims. Readers of this book -- Government officials and the general public alike -- cannot fail to be impressed by the vigorous tone of these statements by our elected representatives and by the fact

that there is here complete unanimity among American leaders representing different parties and conflicting political beliefs," he said.

The following statements are typical of the hundreds of declarations which members of Congress authorized the American Zionist Emergency Council to publish in this volume:

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) -- "I wish to express my interest in the Movement to establish Palestine as a permanent homeland for the Jews. In these years of unprecedented tragedy, the untold hardship and suffering of European Jewry, it is fitting, I think, that Jewish immigration be allowed to continue into Palestine, where the Jews may live as free men, with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am heartily in favor of this movement and shall support all proper measures toward the development of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland."

Senator ~~Ralph~~ Owen Brewster (R., Me.) -- "... The complete unanimity of support for the Coolidge Convention of 1924 between the United States and Great Britain, covering the guarantees made by Great Britain to the United States concerning a Jewish National Home in Palestine indicates general recognition of the soundness of the Zionist program. ... Two powerful and impelling motives combine to encourage American support for a Jewish National Home in Palestine -- first, as a haven for persecuted Jews from other parts of the world, and second, as a valuable asset in the development of American foreign policy."

Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) -- "We are learning through hard and bitter experience that peace is indivisible. We are learning another lesson as well, that so long as freedom is imperiled in any one part of the globe, it is threatened everywhere. To this we must now add the proposition that national security, which is the logical outgrowth and blessing of peace and freedom is indivisible as well. So long as any group anywhere in the world suffers from

the inability to fulfill its destiny in nationhood, so long shall peaceful and free nationhood be threatened everywhere. The Jewish people have earned the right to peaceful and free nationhood. They cannot be stopped from attaining it."

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) -- "There can be no doubt in anybody's mind regarding my attitude toward the Jewish National Home in Palestine. I have long been associated with the organizations supporting this great objective. I continue to believe that the Jewish National Home represents one of the greatest of all major ideals in international justice and humanity. Regardless of race, religion or creed it cannot fail to claim the fidelity of those who love their fellow men and who pray for peace with justice in this war-torn world."

Representative John W. McCormack (House Majority Leader) -- "Indeed, if ever there was a need for a National Home for the Jewish people, it is now when tens of thousands of helpless men, women and children are trying to escape with their lives from the diabolical massacre at Hitler's foul hands. Their entire hope is centered on Palestine -- the land pledged to them as their National Home. I should like to reiterate the convictions which I have entertained for a long time that the problem of Jewish homelessness can never be solved right unless a place of equality and dignity is granted to the Jewish people through the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. ... "

Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (House Minority Leader) -- "Plain justice should prompt us to keep faith with the Jewish people and permit the building of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Following the war the Jewish people must find a haven where they can have happiness and security. Unquestionably Palestine will be the one place capable of absorbing large numbers. Palestine through years of preparation has been made ready for the

emergency which now exists. It would be unfortunate if the great humanitarian movement which prompted its birth should be interrupted. We must not allow it to happen."

Representative George E. Outland (D., Calif.) -- "It is peculiarly fitting that Palestine Jewry should today be in a position to offer safety to persecuted Jews in Europe. It was in order to solve the millennial problems of Jewish homelessness that the nations of the world determined to re-establish a National Home for the Jews in their ancient country, Palestine. The purpose of the Palestine Mandate is still far from achieved. In the over-all aggregate of Jews admitted from Hitler-dominated Europe, little Palestine still stands ahead of our own country. ... One cannot but feel its relation to that other great historic task which we once before undertook, and which we must at this moment reaffirm -- that of enabling the Jewish people to resume a normal process of living in a land of its own."

Representative Claire Boothe Luce (R., Conn.) -- " ... There is a land which historically belongs to the Jews, but was lost to the military power of more aggressive nations. Now the Jews are scattered all over the world, their families broken by the war, their spirits crushed by Nazi brutality. Alone they do not have the strength to regain what is rightfully theirs. They must have the active help of those who, even though they have never experienced homelessness, can at least understand, from the lesson of their forefathers, the commendable desire for independence and freedom under a national flag. It is hoped that this year, which begins so darkly for the Jews, will end with the first tangible hope that these unfortunate people have known for centuries. It is to be hoped that the splendid example of fortitude which the Jews have set in this last decade of incredible suffering will win them not just sympathizers -- but supporters -- men who will stand at their side in the

struggle to attain that one thing so cherished by all mankind -- a home."

Recalling that in 1922 the Sixty-Seventh Congress of the United States, by unanimous action passed a joint Resolution which declared that "The United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, Dr. Silver asserted that in January and February of this year Congress moved to reaffirm this traditional policy when Senators Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.) and Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) and Representatives James A. Wright (D., Pa.,) and Ranulf Compton (R., Conn.) introduced Resolutions urging "That the United States shall use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization, so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

"While action on the Palestine Resolutions was deferred at the request of the military, there can be no doubt that they will pass overwhelmingly when the War Department feels that the military situation will not be affected by such action," Dr. Silver declared. "Certainly the hundreds of strong declarations contained in this book, which denounced the restrictive policy of the British White Paper of 1939, which demand unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine and the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, -- these magnificent utterances by America's statesmen are eloquent proof of Congress' desire to act as speedily as possible on this pressing question which affects the future of an entire people".

"America and Palestine" includes, in addition to the statements by members of Congress, President Roosevelt's declaration of March 9th that "The American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939 ... and that when future decisions are reached, full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish National Home."

Also highlighted in the book are the pro-Palestine planks included in the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic Parties. The plank adopted on June 27, 1944 by the Republican National Convention reads as follows:

"In order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jewish men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to their unrestricted immigration and land ownership, so that in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Resolution of a Republican Congress in 1922, Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic Commonwealth ..."

The Democratic National Convention included the following declaration in its platform three weeks later on July 20th:

"We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

The book also contains the texts of Resolutions condemning the White Paper policy and urging support for a Jewish Palestine, which have been passed by the legislatures of twenty states, comprising more than 60% of the country's population.

A complete list of members of Congress who contributed statements to "America and Palestine follows: