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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.  
NOVEMBER 8th, 1944.

A dinner meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. was held on Wednesday evening, November 8th, 1944, at 6:30 P.M., at the Paramount Restaurant, New York City.

1. PRESENT:

Dr. Israel Goldstein, in the chair; Messrs. M. Baumgold, Herman W. Bernstein, Maurice Boukstein, Abraham H. Cohen, Jacob H. Cohen, Sol Cohen, Benjamin Doft, Arthur Ellis, Harry P. Fierst, Benjamin Flax, Hyman Fliegel, William Fondiller, Louis Frankel, Ernest Freudenheim, Leon Gellman, Joseph Goldberg, Mrs. B. J. Goldstein, William Greenfeld, S. S. Gross, M. Grushkin, Leo Guzik, James G. Heller, Laurence Horowitz, Samuel Inselbuch, Jacob Ish-Kishor, Max Kirshblum, Abraham Krumbein, Cyrus O. Levinson, Louis Levine, Seymour Levine, Jack Lukashok, Boris Margolin, Jacob Marrus, Irving Miller, Samuel Perry, Harry Pine, Mrs. David deSola Pool, Herman Z. Quittman, A. A. Redelheim, Hyman J. Reit, Sol M. Reiter, Louis P. Rucker, Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Morris Rothenberg, Leo Rubinstein, Irving Sabsevitz, Albert D. Schanzer, Lax Schoenholt, Dewey D. Stone, David Tannenbaum, Sigmund Thau, Isidore S. Turover, N. Ben Dov Waldman, Harold M. Weinberg, Morris Weinberg, David Wertheim, Herman L. Weisman. By invitation: Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Inasmuch as one of the items on the agenda was the election of officers and the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod for the ensuing year, the Chairman appointed a Nominations Committee, with the request that they withdraw immediately for the purpose of discussing and bringing in a report for the action of the Board.

The Nominations Committee appointed by the Chairman, consisting of Sol M. Reiter, Chairman; Leon Gellman, William Greenfeld, David Tannenbaum and David Wertheim, brought in its report.

a. It was decided to vote on each of the officers individually, and on the Administrative Committee in toto.

b. Mr. Reiter submitted in nomination the following candidates for election, each of which was elected by unanimous vote:

President: Bernard A. Rosenblatt  
Chairman, Board of Directors: Herman L. Weisman  
Honorary Chairmen: Wolf Gold  
Mrs. Edward Jacobs  
Louis Lipsky  
Henry Monsky  
David Pinsky  
Abba Hillel Silver  
Stephen S. Wise



Vice Chairmen:

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein  
Leon Gellman  
Israel Goldstein  
James G. Heller  
Morris Rothenberg  
David Wertheim

Treasurer:

Louis P. Rocker

Associate Treasurers:

Jacob H. Cohen  
Abraham Goodman  
Abraham L. Liebovitz

Secretary:

Seymour R. Levine

c. Discussion ensued as to the basis on which the Vice Chairmen were nominated. The Chairman stated that the principle was to name the head of each of the parties and funds represented in the Keren Hayesod. On that theory, Mr. Quittman claimed a place for the Bnai Zion, and offered the name of Harry A. Pine. Mr. Weisman explained that according to the by-laws of the Keren Hayesod, the Bnai Zion was an integral part of the Zionist Organization of America, and though it had been granted seven places on the Board, it was understood that the Bnai Zion representation was part of the ZOA. Following a discussion, in which various members of the Board participated, it was

MOVED, seconded and carried that this matter be discussed with the parties with a view to seeking clarification, and if agreeable to the parties the matter could then be disposed of at the first meeting of the Administrative Committee.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Mr. Reiter submitted the following list of members of the Administrative Committee, and moved its adoption:

Herman W. Bernstein  
Mrs. Arthur H. Ellis  
Daniel Frisch  
Emanuel Greenberg  
William Greenfeld  
Isaac Hanlin  
I. M. Kowalsky  
Abraham Krumbein  
Harris J. Levine  
Samuel Perry  
Sol M. Reiter  
Jacob Schaeffer  
Dewey Stone  
David Tannenbaum  
Sigmund Thau  
Abraham Uslander  
Morris Weinberg

b. Rabbi Miller noted the absence of the names of Messrs. Charles Ress and Emanuel Neumann, and asked why they had been eliminated. He called attention to



the fact that Mr. Neumann had been one of the founders of the Keren Hayesod and had rendered it great service. He also believed that as a past Chairman of the Keren Hayesod, Mr. Ress had devoted himself to it at a time when little attention had been given it by others. He protested against an attitude which was responsible for removing two such persons from the Keren Hayesod Administrative Committee.

c. Mr. Weinberg said he wished to withdraw his name from the list, in order to make room for Mr. Neumann who, he believed, would be in a position to render greater service to the Keren Hayesod and the movement. The Chairman ruled that Mr. Weinberg could not withdraw in favor of a person to be named by himself. Rabbi Miller asked for an explanation of that ruling, declaring that in a democratic organization it should be possible to hold open elections. Mr. Guzik suggested that nominations be permitted from the floor. Rabbi Miller moved the nomination of Mr. Neumann and Mr. Ress, whereupon Mr. Ress rose to state that he did not wish his name to be placed in nomination.

d. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Seymour Levine, that the list submitted by the Nominations Committee, be elected. The motion was carried, 27 voting in favor and 11 against the motion. The remainder refrained from voting.

e. Dr. Goldstein congratulated the newly elected officers and members of the Administrative Committee and expressed the hope that the Keren Hayesod would enjoy a year of great activity.

#### 4. ADDRESS BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN:

Dr. Goldmann dealt largely with the remarkable spirit which dominated the people in Palestine who were continuing unabated their vast program of activity in all fields. The strides which had been made in business enterprise and industrial development surpassed all imagination, and he believed that what has been created in Palestine during the past few years would stand as a permanent monument to the will of a people to live and to grow. What impressed him most in Palestine was the fact that there already existed a defacto Jewish Commonwealth, even though it did not as yet enjoy the status of a Commonwealth. The economic situation was sound, despite the fact that Great Britain had withdrawn its armies. The industry which had found its beginnings in the war situation, continued to thrive and to grow. Agricultural development was tremendous, and here, too, the removal of the armies from Palestine to other war theatres, merely had the result of making available its produce for the residents of Palestine.

He was very enthusiastic about the spirit of the Yishuv. Nothing was as important a force as the desire to keep building and expanding. With such a spirit, he felt that success must crown the work of the Yishuv.

#### 5. INSURANCE PLAN:

a. Dr. Goldstein asked Dr. Levine, with whom he had conferred regarding an insurance plan of interest to Keren Hayesod, to present the plan. Dr. Levine stated it consisted briefly of a plan whereby members of Zionist districts and others could be insured with the Keren Hayesod as beneficiary, but that details had not been perfected.

b. It was moved, seconded and carried that a sub-committee be appointed



to study the matter and bring back a report to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Seymour R. Levine

Secretary





MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1944.

A dinner meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. was held on Wednesday evening, November 29th, 1944 at 6:30 P.M., at the Paramount Restaurant, New York City.

PRESENT:

There were present: Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, in the Chair; Messrs. Herman W. Bernstein, Daniel Frisch, Mrs. Arthur Ellis, Israel Goldstein, Abraham Goodman, William Greenfeld, I. M. Kowalsky, Abraham Krumbein, Harris J. Levine, Louis P. Rocker, Sol M. Reiter, Jacob Schaeffer, David Tannenbaum, Abraham Uslander, Herman L. Weisman and David Wertheim.

Judge Rosenblatt welcomed the newly elected Administrative Committee to its first meeting. He explained that the Administrative Committee, which meets between meetings of the Board, has the powers of the Board, with full authority to act.

In that connection he stated that there was one piece of business which had remained unfinished at the last meeting of the Board, namely, the election of an additional Vice-Chairman to be recommended by the Bnai Zion.

It was thereupon moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Mr. Harry A. Pine be elected a Vice Chairman of the Keren Hayesod for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was submitted by the new treasurer, Mr. Louis P. Rocker, as per the attached copy.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL: X

It was reported that one of the items, although already included in the Financial Report, because the check had been drawn in anticipation of action of the meeting, had not yet been approved by the Administrative Committee, namely, the \$30,000 advance to the American Zionist Emergency Council. The Chairman explained that at a recent meeting of the Joint Keren Hayesod - Keren Kayemeth Committee it was decided to recommend to the respective boards of the two bodies the payment of \$30,000 by each of them to the American Zionist Emergency Council, as an advance on account of whatever allocation would be made to the Council for the year's activities, so that there would be no hampering of the work of the Council while these financial matters were being discussed.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Reiter, seconded and carried that a sum of \$30,000 be paid by the Keren Hayesod to the American Zionist Emergency Council as an advance against any future commitment to the Council.



JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE:

The Chairman reported that he had received a cable from Palestine, over the signatures of Eliezer Kaplan and Arthur Hantke, concurring in the payment of \$80,000 to the Jewish Agency office here. In explanation, so that the new members of the Administrative Committee might be informed, he stated that such concurrence really means authorization, in our practice in communications with the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem. He explained, further, that last year the Jewish Agency office received \$3,200 per month, ending November 15th, since which date no action was taken, because a new Board was to have been elected. In discussing the matter with Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Weisman, it had been generally agreed that the wisest procedure would be to appoint a committee to deal with Latin-American and Jewish Agency activities, which would discuss this matter as well. An active committee could render a valuable service in this regard. X

It was moved by Rabbi Greenfeld that such a committee be appointed.

Mr. Wertheim did not agree that an American committee could have any authority over the request of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He felt that a cable, such as the one received, was tantamount to an instruction, which could not be denied. In this, Mr. Frisch joined Mr. Wertheim.

Mr. Goodman expressed surprise at the attitude of Zionists who were trustees of funds raised in America and yet felt they were relieved of their responsibility to the contributors because they had received cabled instructions from Palestine. He recognized the place which the Jewish Agency occupied in Zionist authority, but felt that American Zionists had an obligation to the contributors to guard the funds, especially in view of the fact that distances and war-time circumstances made it impossible for the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod of Jerusalem to keep in close touch with the situation at this end.

Dr. Goldstein favored Mr. Reiter's suggestion that the matter be discussed with Dr. Bernard Joseph, Counsel to the Jewish Agency, who is in America now, and the Chairman agreed to do so.

Mr. Rocker pointed out that in the past the Keren Hayesod had acted on instructions from Palestine regarding the expenditure of funds, and believed that this procedure should be continued. He pointed out that if these were not war times, the Keren Hayesod would be remitting all of its income to Palestine, and the Jewish Agency would make all necessary expenditures. It was only because of war-time restrictions that the Keren Hayesod was called upon to make the expenditures.

Dr. Goldstein added that as disciplined Zionists the Keren Hayesod had no alternative but to honor the request of Jerusalem. He understood the attitude of Mr. Goodman and others that as trustees of funds they should be in a position to answer any questions regarding the disposition of funds in their trust, and with that in mind he felt it would be proper to appoint a committee to look into the matter. Once that was done, however, he saw no alternative but to honor the request of the Jewish Agency. In any event, Eliezer Kaplan was expected in the United States soon, and the matter could be taken up with him at that time.

Although he could see no justification for the existence of two bodies to deal with political activity, Rabbi Kowalsky agreed with Mr. Wertheim that it was in order for the Keren Hayesod to accept the cabled instructions from Palestine.



Following through on Dr. Goldstein's view that a committee be appointed, Judge Rosenblatt stated that he would like to have a report of such a committee before taking final action in the matter.

In Mr. Wertheim's view it was altogether out of order to ask a committee to study the matter. He believed that the cable from Palestine should be accepted as final. He did not wish to accept any responsibility for the activities of the office of the Jewish Agency in the United States, and he felt that by undertaking to make a study before acting on the cable, the Keren Hayesod was accepting such responsibility.

Mr. Weisman believed that a position consistent with the various suggestions would be to do what is done with is done with the Emergency Council, namely, to say that the budget would be at the rate of \$80,000 for the year, and we approve it, but that the amount that we pay monthly will be decided by the committee to be appointed, and that we will delegate to that committee, after we ascertain the facts, how much we shall pay month by month, and subject to final decision with Eliezer Kaplan. He therefore moved:

THAT the Keren Hayesod appropriate, on the request of Eliezer Kaplan and Arthur Hantke, the sum of \$80,000, for the year beginning October 15, 1944, and that the amount to be allocated per month shall be determined by the committee which shall meet with the representatives of the Jewish Agency in America. It is understood that when officers of the Jewish Agency will be in the United States, they will be asked for full details.

In addressing himself to Mr. Weisman's statement before the resolution, Mr. Reiter said that he would not agree to the use of the word "approve". He suggested the substitution of the word "accept". This suggestion was concurred in.

Dr. Tannenbaum stated that in his opinion the Keren Hayesod did have an obligation to the contributors and he believed that it did have an alternative to Mr. Wertheim's proposals. He believed the Keren Hayesod would be within its rights to take the position that it was desirous of following instructions; that it had gone over the budget and heard a report of the Jewish Agency; that it disapproved of what was being done, but that nevertheless it would pay, in accordance with instructions.

After further discussion, Mr. Weisman's motion was put to a vote and was carried, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Reiter dissenting.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

The Chairman stated that we had adopted the practice of reporting to the Administrative Committee on the appointment of sub-committees of the Keren Hayesod. He therefore wished to place on record the list of members of the Joint Keren Hayesod - Keren Kayemeth Committee to represent the Keren Hayesod, as follows:

#### KEREN HAYESOD MEMBERS OF THE KH-KK COMMITTEE

Daniel Frisch	Sol M. Reiter
Israel Goldstein	Louis P. Rocker
I. M. Kowalsky	Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Seymour Levine	David Wertheim
Herman L. Weisman	



He believed it necessary, at this time, to appoint several other committees, including the sub-committee on Latin-American and Jewish Agency Activities, at this time, and thereupon placed on record the appointment of the following:

LATIN-AMERICAN AND JEWISH AGENCY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Abraham Krumbein, Chairman	Sigmund Thau
Cyrus O. Levinson	Abraham Uslander
Mendel Jacobi	Bernard A. Rosenblatt, ex. off.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sol M. Reiter, Chairman	David Tannenbaum
Daniel Frisch	Sigmund Thau
Isaac Hamlin	Herman L. Weisman
I. M. Kowalsky	Louis P. Rocker
Abraham Krumbein	Bernard A. Rosenblatt, ex. off.

INSURANCE PLAN COMMITTEE

Abraham Cohen, Chairman	Herman Z. Quttiman
Louis Frankel	Louis P. Rocker
Harris J. Levine	Louis Segal

SUBCOMMITTEE ON UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AND  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 1945 CONTRACTS

Keren Hayesod Members

Seymour Levine	Herman L. Weisman
Max Kirshblum	David Wertheim
Bernard A. Rosenblatt, ex. off.	

SUBCOMMITTEE OF KH TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
BUDGET FOR 1945

Seymour Levine	Herman L. Weisman
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AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURES ON CHECKS:

It was pointed out that in the past the Keren Hayesod checks required the signature of the President or the Secretary, and the signature of one of the treasurers, with the understanding that the rule was that the President and the Treasurer sign all checks, but that in the absence of the President the Secretary signed, and in the absence of the Treasurer, one of the associate treasurers signed.

It was agreed that for the ensuing year the procedure be as follows: Bernard A. Rosenblatt, the President, and Herman L. Weisman, the Chairman of the Board, in the first category, and Messrs. Louis P. Rocker, Jacob H. Cohen, Abraham Goodman and Abraham L. Liebovitz, in the second category.



It was moved, seconded and carried that a resolution in these terms be sent to the National City Bank, for its files.

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL:

The Chairman called on Mr. Herman L. Weisman to report on his meeting with a sub-committee of the Jewish National Fund and a sub-committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council with respect to its budget. He explained that Mr. Seymour Levine, the other member of the Keren Hayesod sub-committee was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Weisman was doubtful about the propriety of reporting to the Keren Hayesod before reporting to the Joint Keren Hayesod-Keren Kayemeth Committee, on whose instance the sub-committee was appointed. Since he had been asked to do so, he would, however, report that a meeting had taken place, at which the following were in attendance:

Louis Lipsky	for the Emergency Council
I. M. Kowalsky	for the Emergency Council
Emanuel Neumann	for the Emergency Council
Abraham Cohen	for the Jewish National Fund
Abraham Uslander	for the Jewish National Fund
David Wertheim	for the Emergency Council
Harry Shapiro	for the Emergency Council
Herman L. Weisman	for the Keren Hayesod

Mr. Weisman thereupon read into the record the following memorandum of what transpired at the meeting, stating that this was a unanimous report of the persons present there:

" MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF  
KEREN HAYESOD AND KEREN KAYEMETH  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29, 1944

"PRESENT: Louis Lipsky, Acting Chairman, I. M. Kowalsky, Abraham H. Cohen, Abraham I. Uslander, Emanuel Neumann, Herman L. Weisman, David Wertheim and Harry L. Shapiro.

"Attention was called to the Minute of the Emergency Council meeting of the Executive Committee of September 25, 1944, on page 3:

'BUDGET - The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee presented the budget for the year October 1944 to October 1945, which his committee had approved. The budget calls for a total expenditure of \$514,854 - which is an increase of \$5,500 over the budget of last year. (Detailed budget on file.)

'A motion was made and adopted that the budget be approved for submission to the Funds with the understanding that the chairman of the committees be at liberty to submit revised recommendations for the allocations to their respective departments if, after further consideration, they feel that to be desirable.'

"At that meeting the audited report of Bernard Reis & Company, for the account



of the Emergency Council, as of October 14, 1944, was presented, together with copies of the budget referred to in the minutes of the Executive meeting for the year beginning October 15, 1944.

"After discussion the joint committee took a decision to recommend to both Funds action pursuant to the above quoted resolution leading to an appropriation for the coming year to the Emergency Council of \$514,854, with such adjustment as may be appropriate for the unexpended balance of the funds allocated for the previous year.

"In taking this decision the joint committee noted with satisfaction the establishment at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council on November 21, 1944, of a Finance Committee, the majority of whose members would be members of the Executive Committee of the Council, and that the chairmen of the various standing committees are to be consulted with reference to expenditures within their departments of work.

"It was pointed out that the total of the proposed budget contemplates an ability on the part of the Emergency Council to make such adjustments in the allocations originally made to the various departments as would enable it to pursue its work in order to meet changing conditions.

"It was also the consensus of opinion, and the matter was referred to the Emergency Council for its consideration, that a request be made by the Emergency Council of all agencies collecting funds in the United States for Palestine purposes to make a proportional contribution to the needs of the Emergency Council."

Mr. Weisman then added that Dr. Silver had left orders with Mr. Shapiro that no copy of the audited report of the Emergency Council must leave the office, which meant that the sub-committee had been invited to come to the office of the Emergency Council to study the report there. This was difficult for him and for other members of the committee. He did, however, spend about an hour prior to the meeting to go over the report. He regarded such a cursory study inadequate for an intelligent study of a complicated budget upon which one was expected to make a decision regarding the expenditure of \$500,000. However, even the superficial study indicated certain questions which should be answered before a budget is voted. There had been no disagreement about the fact that after a year's experience, there should be a very careful scrutiny of the kind of expenditures incurred, so as to avoid duplication in departments, etc. He believed, for one thing, that the payroll was all out of proportion with the budget as a whole, and said that there was general agreement that the Finance Committee of the Council would have to meet regularly and supervise the expenditures more carefully, in order to achieve maximum results with a minimum of outlay.

Dr. Tannenbaum asked whether it was the intention to have the Finance Committee of the Emergency Council pass on the activities of the Council. He was informed that that was how all bodies functioned and that it would be true of the Council as well. Mr. Weisman added that Mr. Lipsky took the position that none had the right to influence the activities of the Emergency Council.

Mr. Frisch said he was not as much interested in the small details of the budget as he was in the agreement to approve the budget for the entire year. If, for example, the resolution were adopted by Congress within the next few months, the whole situation might be changed. It would, of course, be advisable to continue some of the activities. But on the other hand it might be decided that inasmuch as the resolution had been passed there was no longer need for the



Emergency Council. In the light of such a situation, it would be out of keeping with the interests of the Zionist movement to decide on an expenditure of \$500,000, based on a 12 month budget. He recognized the difficulty of maintaining an organized staff on a month to month basis, but he felt that \$500,000 was a large sum of money, and that steps should be taken to adopt a budget for two or three months, rather than a year.

Mr. Goodman argued that no business could hope to function properly on such a basis. In the first place, there were difficulties enough in maintaining a proper staff in these times, without putting the staff on notice that they were working on a month to month basis. Secondly, no organization could be expected to work on a budget which divided the year's expenditures into twelve equal parts. Some months of the year were admittedly much heavier than others, and it would be putting obstacles in the way to break the budget into twelve equal parts. He added that the representatives of the ZOA on the Emergency Council would be sufficiently on the alert to see that the expenditures incurred are justified.

Dr. Goldstein felt that precisely because representatives of the ZOA and the other parties were at all times available to meet and pass upon any emergency needs, there was no necessity for adopting a budget for a full year. He proposed, therefore, that a six month budget be approved, and that about four months hence if the situation requires continued functioning of the Emergency Council, another six months' budget be approved. He added that if he felt that such action would hurt the Emergency Council, he would not propose it. But in view of the certain indications that the work of the Emergency Council might be curtailed, it would be irresponsible to vote a year's budget.

Mr. Wertheim believed that to pass a short term budget would have the effect of paralyzing the effectiveness of the Council.

Mr. Rucker asked whether the report presented by Mr. Weisman had been unanimously agreed upon by the sub-committee. Mr. Weisman replied that it had, but that in his opinion the report was not inconsistent with Dr. Goldstein's proposal.

Mr. Wertheim urged the passing of the year's budget, pointing out that the Emergency Council was made up of representatives of the parties whose interest it would be to achieve the most for Palestine, at the lowest possible cost in funds - and that those responsible persons could surely be counted upon to refrain from making any unnecessary expenditure of funds which might otherwise go to Palestine.

Mr. Rucker moved that the report of the sub-committee be accepted. Mr. Wertheim seconded the motion.

In the discussion which ensued, Mr. Levine amended the motion to read that "payments be made in the sum of \$20,000 per month, beginning with January 1st, until the \$257,000 for the year ending October 15, 1945 had been paid". When asked how that proposal differed from Mr. Goodman's, Dr. Levine stated that his amendment called for a monthly payment, which could be stopped at any time, if the situation required it.

Dr. Goldstein believed that the real issue was whether or not the passing of a six months' budget would inconvenience the Emergency Council. If it would not, he believed that a six months' budget should be considered. If he were



convinced that it would, he would then be in favor of a year's budget.

Mr. Weisman saw no inconsistency between receiving a budget of \$514,000 and authorizing payments at the rate of \$514,000 for the next six months. That would simply mean that after the Council becomes aware of the decision, its members will, on the basis of more information than has been made available heretofore present its claims for more. In his opinion, nobody supposed that the Council would be left without the funds necessary for its proper functioning.

Dr. Goldstein offered an amendment to the effect that we pass a six months' budget and appoint a sub-committee to discuss with Dr. Silver whether the voting of a six months' budget would injure the work of the Emergency Council. Mr. Rucker did not accept the amendment.

After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Weisman

THAT the Keren Hayesod allocate monthly payments at the annual rate of of \$514,854, up to one-half of that amount, for the coming year ending October 15, 1945.

Judge Rosenblatt interpreted the resolution as meaning that it was understood that at any time, because of changes in the situation, the Keren Hayesod might review the matter.

The motion was put to a vote and was carried, Messrs. Wertheim, Goodman and Kowalsky dissenting from the decision.

#### KEREN HAYESOD LOAN:

The Chairman reported that on the recommendation of Dr. Goldstein, he had discussed the matter of a projected loan of the Keren Hayesod with Dr. Bernard Joseph, and that the latter had urged that plans be made for the flotation of a loan within the next few months.

Mr. Frisch agreed that such a loan was important at this time, and urged immediate action.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Finance Committee be authorized to study and discuss the matter with a view to furthering plans for the flotation of a loan.

#### KEREN HAYESOD SHARE OF ZOA CONVENTION LUNCHEON:

The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Keren Hayesod prior to the Zionist Convention, it had been agreed that the Keren Hayesod should participate in plans for a luncheon at the convention, in which cost the Keren Hayesod would share. It was then estimated that the Keren Hayesod share would be about \$400. Since the ZOA submitted a bill for \$637, he felt it advisable to present the larger bill for approval.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Keren Hayesod pay its share of \$637 to the ZOA in connection with the luncheon.



COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSION ON PALESTINE SURVEYS:

The Chairman presented a communication from Dr. Emanuel Neumann for the Commission on Palestine Surveys in which he asked the Keren Hayesod for the \$5,000 still due on account of the \$25,000 allocation to the Commission, stating that there would be immediate expenses to be met. He also indicated that as a result of the delay in Mr. Savage's arrival in Palestine, the engineers now in Palestine for the Commission would be compelled to prolong their stay there, and that this would require further financing. He asked whether the Keren Hayesod would be prepared to meet these further expenditures, or whether it preferred to have the Commission raise additional funds elsewhere.

After discussion, it was moved

THAT a sum of \$5,000, to make up the balance due on account of the \$25,000 allocation, be made available to the Council, and

THAT no action be taken in the second matter contained in the letter, i.e. that of financing the Commission on Palestine Surveys beyond that payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT  
President



FINANCIAL REPORT  
PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.  
AS OF NOVEMBER 29th, 1944

Cash on hand (at banks) \$347,923.48

Disbursements

Headquarter expenses	\$ 99.20	
Latin-American activities	1,091.75	
Palcor News Agency	250.00	
Amer. Zion. Emergency Coun.	30,000.00	
Zionist Archives & Library	<u>243.08</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>31,684.03</u>

BANK BALANCES \$316,239.45





## **PRESS RELEASE from**

### **PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (Keren Hayesod)**

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND REMITS \$750,000. TO PALESTINE

New York, N. Y. - January 4th. Announcement was made today by Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, President of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) of the remittance of \$750,000 to its agency in Palestine, as the final payment for 1944, bringing its total remittance for the year to \$5,450,000.

The Palestine Foundation Fund is the fiscal arm of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is recognized as the legal and political instrument of Jewish Palestine vis-a-vis Great Britain and its Palestine Administration, under the Mandate of the League of Nations. In helping the Jewish Agency meet its current budget, the Palestine Foundation Fund has been largely responsible for the establishment of twenty-one new colonies during the past year. At a time when Palestine is striving to absorb as many Jewish refugees as possible from war-torn and ravaged Europe, the funds made available to the Jewish Agency from the United States have been of considerable value in settling large numbers of newcomers on the land, giving them all manner of help until they become self-sustaining. New industries have been developed in Palestine as a result of the early influx of refugees, which have so increased the absorptive capacity of Palestine as to make way for thousands and hundreds of thousands more. The Palestine Foundation Fund, through its financial assistance, has done much to help in the latter achievement.

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# PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND  
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Dear Friend:

Enclosed herewith you will find, for your information, a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod held on November 8th, 1944.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Seymour R. Levine*  
Seymour R. Levine  
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P.S. You will also find attached a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Administrative Committee held on November 29, 1944.

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January 16, 1945.

Dear Silver:

This is the 16th. Your letter was posted on the 9th, but the report to which it refers has not yet reached me. I do want to read it, and will read it carefully when it arrives. I hope it can be hurried.

Cordially yours,

*H. M. Kallen*

H. M. Kallen, Dean

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



HARRY A. KOSMACHER  
224 BEACH 142ND STREET  
NEPONSIT, LONG ISLAND

January 22, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I trust that you will not consider it an imposition on my part, a perfect stranger to you, in making the following request. Please be assured however, that before writing, I have made every attempt to obtain an unbiased opinion, but have found this impossible.

To be brief, the following is my problem:

At a recent meeting of our local branch of Z. O. A., it was decided by the Executive Committee to have as part of our educational program, a Symposium amongst lay members at which the topic to be discussed was the actions taken by the Executive Council of the Z. O. A., and which culminated in your resignation as Co-Chairman.

I have been asked to present your position on this question and having no way of obtaining this information, since the only Zionist literature that I read is Dos Yiddishe Folk and the New Palestine, it occurred to me that the best way of obtaining this is from the very source, namely yourself.

Since the discussion will be purely academic, there will be no resolutions of any kind passed at this meeting, and your reply will not be quoted either in whole or in part, should you so desire.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Harry Kosmacher*  
HARRY A. KOSMACHER

HAK:SJL



January 25, 1945

Mr. Harry A. Kosmacher  
224 Beach 142nd St.  
Neponsit, L.I.

My dear Mr. Kosmacher:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 22.  
I am enclosing herewith some material which I have  
here. You may be interested in obtaining the official  
releases from the offices of the Mizrachi and the  
Poale Zion in New York City on the controversy. There  
have been numerous articles in the Yiddish press — the  
Day, the Morning Journal and the Forward.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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January 24, 1945.

Dear Silver:

Under separate cover I am sending you "Jewish Right and Christian Power" to which I referred in our conversation.

If, when your group is formed, it would like to hear an outsider's statement regarding problems, policies and program, I would be ready to make one.

Cordially yours,

*H. M. Kallen*

H. M. Kallen, Dean

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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in enclosing copy of a letter which I recently have sent to one of the many general Zionists who manifested interest in our stand within the American Zionist Emergency Council.

I am similarly enclosing a copy of the cable which we have today received from Rabbi Berlin. It is additional testimony of the wisdom, impartiality and fairness of the legal advisor of the Jewish Agency. This is the second boner, to use a common expression, which Dr. Joseph tried to pull in regard to American Zionist affairs. The first one, as you probably know, is a cable which Dr. Joseph sent to the Agency that the J. N. F. in America is the stumbling block in the way of a renewed contract with the J. D. C. Judge Rothenberg was so infuriated upon learning of this fact that he was ready to throw up everything.

Today's Morning Journal carries an item on the Joseph proposal in regard to the American delegation but adds also the fact that it was the expressed opinion of the Zionist executive that rather than follow Dr. Joseph's advise they would send to this country, Dr. Weizmann, Ben-Gurion and Rabbi Fishman. This formula, incidentally, was suggested by us several weeks ago in a cable to Rabbi Fishman and the Jewish Agency.

With undiminished loyalty to your personage and with increased devotion to your outlook on Zionist affairs, I am

As ever yours,

Max Kirshblum

RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM  
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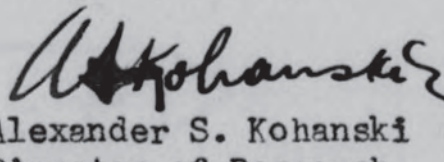
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road - E. 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am now preparing for publication the Proceedings of the Second Session of the American Jewish Conference. To make sure that I have the correct text of your address which you delivered at one of the plenary sessions, I am sending you a copy of the text as recorded in the stenotypist's report.

I shall appreciate it if you will go over this copy and return same to me with any comments you may wish to make, not later than February 12th, as I have to go to press around that time.

Sincerely yours,

  
Alexander S. Kohanski  
Director of Research

ASK:ve  
Enc.



February 13, 1945

Dr. Alexander S. Kohanski  
Director of Research  
American Jewish Conference  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kohansky:

I am returning to you the copy of the address which Dr. Silver delivered at one of the plenary sessions of the Second Session of the American Jewish Conference. Dr. asked me to make a corrected copy of this address which I did, and which I am also enclosing herewith.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc. - 2

Secretary to Dr. Silver.



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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter to Dr. Isaiah (Oscar) Wolfsberg arrived after he had departed for the Homeland. He received notification quite suddenly and actually had no opportunity to take leave of his many friends.

I truly regret that circumstances denied Dr. Wolfsberg the opportunity of meeting you. I know how desirous he was of talking things over in regard to the political activities in this country in behalf of Zion and knowing his influence in the Yishuv as one of its most cultured individuals I had urged him continually to acquaint himself with you in order to know what to say upon his return to Palestine.

I am conveying to Dr. Wolfsberg your letter and he will most likely write to you in due time.

Your statement in yesterday's Yiddish Press was surely a tonic to the soul of the wide Jewish masses who have been waiting for a word of protest and encouragement. Let us hope and trust that the picture is not as dark as it appears to be on the surface.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Max Kirshblum*

RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM

Executive Vice-President

MK:RS



May 3, 1945

Rabbi Julius Kerman  
Agudath B'nai Israel Congregation  
Ninth Street and Reid Avenue  
Lorain, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Kerman:

I received your kind letter of April 26  
which was forwarded to me from New York.

I want to thank you and the members of the  
Lorain-Elyria Zionist District for the sentiments  
contained in it. I, too, am earnestly hoping that  
unity may soon be re-established in the Zionist  
ranks. The initiative, unfortunately, cannot be  
taken by me for as you will recall I did not  
precipitate the crisis either by resigning or  
by asking anyone else to resign from the Zionist Emergency  
Council. My resignation was forced by a bloc largely  
composed of the representatives of the ZOA, whose policies  
and tactics have been sharply repudiated by the rank and  
file of American Zionists. This same bloc still controls  
the situation and has as yet not responded to the clearly  
expressed sentiments of American Zionists.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 4, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
55 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi:

I certainly regret having missed the opportunity of lunching with you when you were last in Jersey City. However, I am pleased to enclose herewith check in the amount of \$100. drawn to the order of your worthy cause.

With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

JKI:mea  
enc.



Joel Sordani  
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June 11, 1945

Mr. J. I. Kislak  
Kislak Building  
Journal Square  
Jersey City, N.J.

My dear Mr. Kislak:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 4 and for the check which you enclosed. I am very grateful to you for the interest and the support which you are giving to our cause. I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you some time soon and talking over with you our work.

With all good wishes and again thanking you for your splendid cooperation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK