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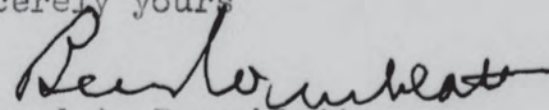
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request for an advance on account of the subvention to the American Zionist Emergency Council, from the Keren Hayesod, I took the matter up with our Finance Committee and, as you have already undoubtedly been informed, we have forwarded two months' payment to the Emergency Council, for July and August.

I have just talked with Arthur Lourie on the phone in connection with our Law Committee. As he has probably reported to you, we had a very nice meeting last week at Judge Rifkind's chambers. Unfortunately, two of our members went off on vacation, but there are at least three others who can carry on. I have arranged with Mr. Lourie to send the material in connection with the "Hebrew Nation Committee" to Abraham Tulin, and I hope to have a report for you by Monday.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours


Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CLEVELAND, OHIO

July 6-1944

My dear Mr. Pearson.

In your column, appearing in today's "Cleveland News" you state that I made "an impassioned plea" at the Republican Convention for the inclusion of a Palestinian Point in the party platform and that I said that it would be a great vote-getter for the minority ticket."

I made no plea, impassioned or otherwise, before any committee, the Committee on Foreign Affairs or the full platform committee. My only appearance was before the full convention on Tuesday evening when I delivered the invocation.

I am happy that a Palestinian resolution was included and because it will be a vote-getter for a candidate but because it is just and in keeping with the

traditional American policy preserving
a Jewish National Home.

Will you please make the above
corrections in your column?

With all good wishes, I remain,
Most cordially yours,
Abraham Lincoln



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July 6, 1944

My dear Mr. Pearson:

In your column, appearing in to-day's "Cleveland News" you state that I made "an impassioned plea" at the Republican Convention for the inclusion of a Palestine plank in the party platform, and that I said that it "would be a great vote-getter for the Dewey ticket."

I made no plea, impassioned or otherwise, before any committee of the conventions, foreign affairs or full platform committee. My one appearance was before the full convention on Tuesday evening where I delivered the Invocation.

I am happy that a Palestine resolution was included, not because it will be a vote-getter for a candidate, but because it is just and in keeping with the traditional American policy favoring a Jewish National Home.

Will you please make the above correction in your column?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

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July 19, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

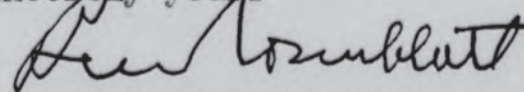
Laurence Steinhardt had lunch with the President last week. In the course of the conversation, Steinhardt made a definite appeal with respect to Palestine, telling the President that "Henry" (Morgenthau) and he were particularly interested that the position of the Jew should not be made still worse, for he had little confidence in the present policy of the British Government.

The President replied that at the proper time he would make representations to "Winston" and that he is confident that the results would be satisfactory.

Incidentally, at my suggestion, my brother Will, who is on intimate terms with Senator Wagner, made a personal appeal to the Senator, who is now in Chicago, to make sure that the proper plank should get into the Democratic platform. I think this appeal ought to help, because it was made not only on the basis of friendship, but with the political suggestion that since Senator Wagner is up for re-election in New York State, it is imperative that no loophole of criticism be left with respect to his failure to insert such a plank. Even before that, I had written to Ed Flynn, who owes me a consideration because of my work in the 1940 campaign, pointing out that from the Democratic point of view the pivotal states of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois may be endangered if a proper plank is not inserted. I hope that this will help the efforts of Dr. Wise.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



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Please copy + return original to me. A. H. S.

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August 16, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There was something in the proceedings of the Executive Committee meeting of the Emergency Council on Monday, besides the matter of the Jewish Agency in this country, that I felt impelled to discuss. But on second consideration, I thought it might be best to present it to you in the form of a letter.

I am somewhat disturbed over the emphasis upon the anti-partition memorandum and the form it may take, coming from the Emergency Council. Of course, I want the maximum of Palestine, and even Transjordan, for Jewish settlement and for the Jewish Commonwealth, and if it were put in that form so as to emphasize not only the historic connection but the pressing necessity for Jewish immigration, it is all to the good. I am somewhat apprehensive, however, that some of our friends in the British Colonial Office may jump to the conclusion that if we don't want partition, we might accept bi-nationalism - which to my mind is jumping from the frying pan into the fire. You must bear in mind the fact that Sumner Welles⁺ referred to some plan like that of Dr. Magnes⁺ as a way out of the present difficulty.

It is clear that public opinion generally will want to know what we are going to do about the million Arabs within the borders of the Jewish Commonwealth, and it is for that reason that I have urged, ever since 1936, that it might be advisable to exclude the "Nablus Triangle" with its 300,000 Arabs, and covering an area of only 1/6 of Palestine, which, together with Transjordan, might form a sister state somewhat analagous to the Province of Quebec in the Dominion of Canada. I have deliberately refrained from putting this forward publicly during the past few years, because I feel that we Zionists must have a united front on our maximum demands, although Dr. Goldmann came back from London in the Spring and talked about the "Nablus Triangle" (as if it were a brand new idea) being excluded from Jewish Palestine.

What I am trying to convey to you, perhaps inadequately in this letter, is that we ought to emphasize our opposition to bi-nationalism, just as much as to partition, especially so, since, while the latter is a dead issue, bi-nationalism is an issue still very much alive, if you are to judge by the results of the Palestine elections.

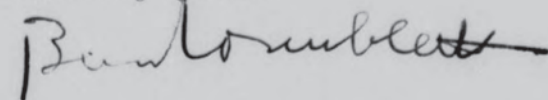
If we emphasize the imperative need for a large area for Jewish immigration, as the crux of our opposition to partition, the time may come when we might, perhaps, work out a plan to receive Hauran (more than twice the size of the Nablus Triangle) in some future deal with Syria, which is very sparsely settled (less than 100,000) giving us a total area even larger than Palestine west of the Jordan.

I want to make it clear I am not arguing the point right now, which may be the subject for possible negotiations when the Jewish Commonwealth is established, but rather to emphasize the importance of heading off the bi-nationalist philosophy which, to my mind, is even more dangerous than partition. The bi-nationalist solution fits in with the moves for British control in India, on a large scale, and in Cyprus, on a smaller scale. It is the typical historic process of divide and conquer, which was sought to be implemented in the MacDonald White Paper. I would not be surprised if part of the tactics emanating from the Colonial Office would be to emphasize partition now as a possible solution, calling forth such opposition from the Jewish public opinion that they would be able to successfully put over the bi-national solution.

I think it is worthwhile giving this careful thought at an early meeting of the Emergency Council.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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August 17, 1944

Mr. Max Rhoades
1623 Juniper Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rhoades:

Thank you so much for your kind letters of August 14th and August 15th. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am writing to our headquarters in New York to arrange for an immediate contact with Mr. Fletcher. I will keep you informed of the results.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR

August 17, 1944

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Judge Rosenblatt:

Thank you for your letter of August 16th, which I read with the greatest of interest. I think there is great merit to your suggestion and the matter should be discussed fully at the next meeting of the Emergency Council. I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Lourie with the request that he put the subject on the agenda.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:DR

Big-Power Aims Major Nations to Chart New Formula for Peace

By the Associated Press.

These are the main points in plans for establishment of a world security organization on which the United States, Britain and Russia appear to agree as they prepare to go into the conference at Dumbarton Oaks tomorrow:

1. An executive council, including the big four—Russia, Britain, China and the United States.
2. A United Nations Assembly.
3. A world court.
4. Machinery for mediation and conciliation of disputes not subject to legal decisions.
5. Provision for maintenance of adequate force to restrain aggression and speedy use of force when such a decision is taken.
6. A measure of regional responsibility for keeping peace under the world organization.
7. Separation of war-end problems, such as definition of boundaries, from the establishment of the peace agency.
8. Primary responsibility for enforcing peace to rest upon the large powers which have the force available. Britain and the United States also are anxious that the small powers play an appropriate role and have their say. Russia's view on this point is not yet clear.

Security

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objects to talking directly with China about military security measures in the Pacific.

The British delegation, headed by Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent Undersecretary of State, has been here for a week and already has expressed approval in principal of the American plan.

The Russian group, of which Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko is chief, is expected in Washington momentarily. The Russians are bringing a plan of their own which is understood to differ from the British and American plans only in that it lays more stress on the responsibility of the great powers in determining when and where force shall be used to stem aggression.

Red Plan No Big Obstacle.

Both the British and American delegations have had access to the Russian plan and are understood to feel that it offers no insurmountable obstacle to full agreement.

The present talks had their origin in the Moscow conference last October of the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and Russia and China's Ambassador to Russia. Together they signed what is known as the "four-power declaration" in which they recognized the necessity of setting up a general international organization "for the maintenance of international peace and security."

After returning here from Moscow, Secretary Hull held a series of conferences with a bipartisan group of eight Senators to obtain concurrence of the legislative branch of the Government in his plan, and on May 29 invited the other three governments to send

delegates here to discuss a concrete project for a security organization.

Seek General Agreement.

The task of the conferees at Dumbarton Oaks will be to draw up a plan upon which all the participants can agree, and then refer it back to their respective governments for approval. That, at least, is the theory. As a matter of fact, the delegates undoubtedly will be in constant touch by cable with their home capitals, receiving reaction and advice on the various points that arise.

Hence it can be expected that when and if an agreement is reached here, it already will have the approval of at least the executive branches of the powers concerned.

In view of the full United Nations conference planned later in the year, President Roosevelt is not expected to submit the work of the current conference to the Senate for ratification. It would represent merely a plan upon which the world's four leading powers have agreed and would not have the binding force of a treaty. However, a formal agreement, subject to ratification, is expected from the larger meeting if it is successful.

Similar to Old League.

So far as the American plan, to which the British and Russian projects are said to be similar, can be taken as a guide, the postwar security organization now planned would be similar in outward design to the old League of Nations. It would differ, however, in providing more definite and far-reaching agreements for the use of force to put down aggression. It seems generally agreed among officials of the four powers that without such provisions the organization would degenerate into a mere debating society.

President Roosevelt is expected to take advantage of the tactical mistakes of Woodrow Wilson—so far as his influence may determine the question—by keeping the postwar security organization clearly divorced from the postwar territorial settlements. Indeed, it is possible that the new "league" may be functioning shortly after the defeat of Germany and probably before the downfall of Japan. Territorial and political questions, so full of the dynamite of public opinion, would be settled at a peace conference entirely separate from the negotiations on security.

If known ideas of Secretary Hull furnish an adequate guide, he may be expected to tell the Dumbarton Oaks conferees that the future fate of civilization depends on their success in building an effective organization to keep the peace through frank consultation and, if necessary, joint military action.

Military Aspect Underscored.

The military aspect of the conference is underscored by the presence on each of the delegations of a number of high-ranking generals.

It is obvious from the nature of preparations made for the conference that the Wilsonian theory of "open covenants openly arrived at" has become a dead issue.

Not only will newspapermen be barred from the conference after the opening day and the barrier made effective by armed guards, but members of the American delegation have been instructed not to

discuss the proceedings with the press at any place or time.

A British spokesman said that while their delegates had felt it wise not to talk until "things got under way," no blanket prohibition had been laid down on discussions between their officials and the press. The Russians were not available for comment.

At the International Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va., last year the press, during the early stages of the meeting, was barred completely from the Homestead Hotel where the delegates stayed. Some 200 armed and helmeted military police formed a cordon around the place and the conferees were effectively "sealed off" except for occasions when they made appointments to meet newspapermen outside the hotel grounds.

Strong Outcry Raised.

Such an outcry against these methods of militarily-supported secrecy was raised editorially and in Congress that the restrictions eventually were relaxed.

At the recent Bretton Woods monetary conference, close working arrangements were established between the delegations and the press, and correspondents who attended it reported that a full account of the proceedings was given the public.

So far as secrecy is concerned, the present meeting seems to fall in a category somewhere between Hot Springs and Bretton Woods. The delegates will not live at Dumbarton Oaks, so there will be no military barrier between them and the press after their working hours. However, as pointed out, the American delegates have been instructed not to talk to newspapermen under any circumstances.

The defense made by American officials of this policy is that the task of the conferees is to seek agreement and dissipate divergent views rather than to emphasize them, and that if all 18 members of the delegation were free to express their own viewpoints harmful confusion would result.

Completeness of the reports which newspapers will be able to give the public seem to depend—so far as official co-operation is concerned—on the detail to be supplied in the communiques to be issued by the press officers of the three delegations.

WASH. D.C.

Three Great Powers to Initiate Security Talks Here Tomorrow

Greatest Secrecy to Surround Conference After Opening Keynote Speeches

By JOSEPH H. BAIRD.

Delegates of the world's three greatest military powers—the United States, Great Britain and Russia—will gather around a huge table at Dumbarton Oaks tomorrow morning and begin work on a master plan to keep the peace, by force if need be, in the postwar world.

Secretary of State Hull and the chief British and Russian representatives will open the conference with keynote speeches which will be made public. Thereafter the conferees will step behind a veil of secrecy which will be lifted only to the extent of periodic communiques from the press relations officers of the participating powers.

The atmosphere of secrecy will be thickened by the presence of Military Police who will patrol the grounds of the old Georgetown estate, granting entry only to officials and clerks who bear credentials.

Coming, as it does, at a time when Germany appears to many observers to be on the verge of defeat, the preliminary conference here may well open a constant train of negotiations among the United Nations which will continue until shattered Europe has been reorganized on a normal, healthy basis.

Secretary Hull already has revealed that the big-power meeting beginning tomorrow probably will be followed by a conference this fall of all the United Nations, large and small, to consider the plans for a postwar security organization which are to be drafted now.

The three-power talks are expected to continue for about three weeks, to be followed immediately by conversations on the same subject among the United States, Great Britain and China. Division of the conversations into two phases result from the fact that Russia, which is not at war with Japan,

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WASHINGTON

August 20, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

PERSONAL.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was pleased to learn from your letter of August 17th that you are taking steps to meet Henry P. Fletcher. Thanks for indicating that you will inform me of the results. I shall be very happy to know the outcome.

I enclose a very interesting article by J. H. Baird from today's Washington "Star" regarding the post-war security conference opening here tomorrow--to which I referred in my previous letters. Although the Conference is restricted to the problem of creating a machinery to enforce security, and therefore excludes political and territorial questions, it may be assumed that the presence of such important men will not pass without at least private and informal discussions of such questions--and who knows--perhaps even more.

Anyhow, it's quite an opportunity for the Zionists to bring to bear the impact of some of the leading Zionist personalities upon the leading representatives. Doubtless Weizmann has encouraged this being done, and furnished you with the necessary "Who's who" information regarding the British delegation--which may, of course, include Middle East people. Cadigan, head of the delegation, is permanent Undersecretary of the Foreign Office (succeeded Vansitaart, as I recall). Sometimes the man in that post "runs the show" more than the Foreign Secretary himself. If Brandeis were alive, quite a close contact might be established. As I don't know what place Frankfurter has in the picture these days--even assuming you could get him to Washington, if he's away, I am unaware whether he'd be the one to invite say Cadigan, to his home, where you could speak to him intimately.

The question of course also arises whether the Arabs, with the help of some of their friends (G. Howland Shaw, Assistant Secretary of State, was once very close to Crane) and the American Council for Judaism, will do some scouting around among the delegations. If they're on the alert, they will. I have no doubt your intelligence channels are in good functioning order, and that all these things are "under control."

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Max Rhoades

MR:vl

MAX RHOADE

1623 Juniper St. N.W.
Washington, Aug. 29, 1944.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

My attention has been called to an error ("Cadigan") in the spelling of the name of the head of the British delegation, in my earlier letter of today. It should be "Cadogan."

His full name, of course, as given in the "Star" article, is Sir Alexander Cadogan.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland.

Max Rhoads

"THE COMMUNIST INTRIGUES IN PALESTINE"

by
HILLEL ROGOFF

I doubt very much whether the rank and file of local Zionists are aware of the Communist scandals which now take place in Palestine. I cannot imagine that the vast membership of the Zionist movement would have permitted their leaders to be so friendly with local Communists, if they had known what the "comrades" of the American Communists are doing in Palestine.

Let us therefore give them first of all the facts.

1. The Communist movement in Palestine is again united. Up to a short time ago the Jews were actually excluded from the movement which had been purely Arabic. At present the Jews are back. The movement consists now of both Arabs and Jews.

However, the program of the Communist movement in Palestine is one hundred percent nationalist-Arab. In the literature of the Communist movement and in its propaganda, the Communists demand that the White Paper be rigidly lived up to, that Jewish immigration to Palestine be entirely stopped. What is very peculiar is the fact that in the propaganda literature being disseminated by the Community Party, wherein Zionism is being condemned as British Imperialism, quotations are cited from Stalin's writings.

2. The Jewish Communists appealed to the leaders of the Histadruth asking to be permitted to participate in the elections of the Histadruth and also of the Asefath Haniivcharim (Jewish Assembly of Palestine). The Histadruth replied that before the Communists can receive such permission they must make public a statement to the effect that they are against the White Paper. The Communists refused to comply.

3. In the election campaign, however, some Left groups, close to the Communists, did participate, the Hashomer Hatsair and the Left Poale Zion. Through these groups the Communists tried to exercise their influence on the elections, and to their aid came the Jewish Communists from Soviet Russia.

4. What have the Jewish Communists in the Soviet Union done to help the Left pro-Communist groups in Palestine? Let us relate what the "Davar", the newspaper of the Histadruth, tells about it:

"In the very midst of the election campaign of the Histadruth and the Asefath Haniivcharim there suddenly arrived a "Warning from Moscow", "Mishmar", published by the Hashomer Hatsair. The telegram read as follows: 'We request you to take into consideration that we have stopped the articles and the news to "Davar" owing to its two-faced attitude towards Russia'".

The Left pro-Communist block then hung out posters throughout the whole of Tel-Aviv which read as follows: "In the Soviet Union the

election campaign in Palestine is being followed with interest and they know there how to differentiate between friends and enemies of the Soviet Socialist accomplishments". In the posters it is further said that the Mapai (The Palestine Labor Party) is not fit to bring about a fraternal feeling between the Zionist work and the Soviet Union and Soviet Jewry. Such feeling can be created only by the Left leadership of Palestine labor.

5. Mapai met these posters with posters of its own in the streets of Tel-Aviv which read as follows: "Who blackens the Histadruth in the eyes of Russia? "Mishmar" published a warning from Moscow, a telegram from the Soviet Jewish News Agency which severed connections with "Davar". The "Davar" was the first newspaper in Palestine to make contact with the Soviet News Agency and constantly to print its news in dispatches from Russia. The telegrams and news which "Davar" sent to Russia were also published there in the newspapers. The dispatches of "Davar" were the only source for the Jews and the government of Russia to learn truthful information about Palestine and Zionism. Not once did "Davar" receive from Moscow a complaint about the contents of the news, and even now "Davar" has not yet received information about the severance of connections. We therefore ask: how did it happen that the Soviet News Agency knew to send its "warning from Moscow" just about the time of the Histadruth elections; and what had the Hashomer Hatsair promised the Soviet News Agency for severing connections with the Histadruth? And the poster closes with the following words: "We warn the workers of Palestine against the attempt by Hashomer Hatsair to invite foreign groups to solve differences of opinion in Palestine".

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The episode with the "warning from Moscow" must be considered in connection with all the other events which I reported at the beginning of this article. The following picture emerges.

The Jewish Communists in Palestine who have always bitterly fought the Histadruth and tried to annihilate it, have now decided to join the organization and to take part in its activities. The Histadruth was ready to accept the offer on one condition that the Jewish Communists declare themselves against the White Paper and for open doors in Palestine to Jewish immigration. This the Communists refused to accede to, because the Jewish Communists in Palestine are a part of the local general Communist movement which is fighting the Jewish Yishuv in Palestine today, just as in 1929 when it helped incite the Arab pogroms. The request of the Jewish Communists was refused by the Histadruth.

This became known in the Jewish Communist organization of Moscow which goes under the name of "Jewish Anti-Fascist League". The Anti-Fascist League was at all times in friendly relations with the Histadruth and even had an agreement to send news from Russia to the newspaper of the Histadruth, "Davar", and it also published news from Palestine which "Davar" transmitted to it. The friendship, however, came to an end as soon as Jewish Communists in Moscow became aware of the fact that the Histadruth refused to accept their comrades,

and the Jewish Communists of Russia then connected themselves with the Left pre-Communist groups in the Histadruth in order to help them to capture the Histadruth.

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What would have become of the Histadruth, what would have become of the entire Jewish Yishuv in Palestine, had the conspiracy between the Jewish Communists of Palestine and of Moscow succeeded? What would have happened if the Jewish Labor organization had fallen into the hands of the Jewish Communists?

It would have meant that the fate of the Histadruth would have been in the hands of the Arab Communists, for the Jewish Communists in Palestine are a part of the Arab Communist movement and act according to all decisions of the movement.

The Jewish Communists of Soviet Russia took part in the conspiracy which aimed at handing over the Jewish Yishuv to the Arab Communists, the bitter enemies of the Jewish community, whose attitude toward the Yishuv is today the same as in the years of the pogroms and who are still spreading propaganda in the name of Stalin, saying that Zionism is British Imperialism which must be annihilated.

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The conspiracy of the Communists in Palestine fell through with a bang. The labor movement of Palestine understood the danger, and many of those who used to vote in former years for the Left groups, this time voted against them. The Left block this year drew 6 percent less votes than in former years.

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The Zionist leaders in America who are playing up to the Communists are pursuing a dangerous game. American Communists pretend to be friendly to Zionism just as they pretend to be friendly to other organizations and institutions which they have calumniated and bespattered for decades. This is a fake, a trick to sneak into Jewish life and exercise there their influence. If one wants to know the truth about the attitude of the Communists to a Jewish Palestine and to Palestine in general, one has to observe their dealings in Palestine. There they act as traitors not only to Zionism but to the entire Jewish people. The Palestine Communists are the only Jews in the entire world who support the White Paper, the only Jews in the entire world who help the Arab nationalists to close the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

In former years it would naturally have been impossible for the Communists in America to mask themselves as friends of Zionism at a time when their comrades in Palestine fight Zionism. In 1929 American Communists were compelled to applaud the pogroms in Palestine though they had suffered by it a great deal and though many of them were not willing to do so. They were compelled because the Communist movement then still had principles, evil principles, but principles. When the Third International adopted a certain line in relation to a question, Communists in all other lands had to follow this line, they had to swallow it. Now it is not so any more. Today the Communist movement has become "practical", it leads "Real-Politik". The

Third International had been allegedly dissolved which means that the Communist organizations in the various countries are not tied up any longer by discipline and principles. Each one can act as is best for its practical interests. In America the practical interests demand to be Zionists -- therefore the Communists are rabid Zionists; in Palestine the practical interests demand to be enemies of Zionism -- therefore the Communists there are enemies of Zionism.

And the Jewish Communists of Moscow play this practical game in their own way. When their delegation was in America, it supported the pro-Zionist policies of the American Communists, and when Palestine has to be attended to, they help the anti-Zionist policies of the Palestine Communists.



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KEMP HOTEL

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Sept. 24, 1944



Dear Mr. Silver,

Our spending a week in Texas visiting my son, who is in the Air Corps, and have agreed to address Zionist meetings in Houston & New Orleans on my return trip (as I did in St. Louis on my way over), so shall unfortunately miss the Executive Committee meeting tomorrow. But now that the situation has happily cleared for the work of the Emergency Committee to continue, may I offer one suggestion, particularly because with the adjournment of Congress, nothing of consequence will happen in our country until after the election.

I consider it of prime importance that whatever commitment can be secured from Churchill should be secured before Nov. 7 — as, after that there may be inevitable delay and perhaps no further action by

Congress for too long a time to
affect the situation. Every possibil-
ity must be utilized promptly
to get the ear of Churchill, per-
haps by those who are friendly
to President Roosevelt's reelection.
At the same time, I want to
make the radical suggestion
that you might also use your
connections and standing to
get a personal interview with
Churchill, and even travel to
England, if necessary, in
order to secure some state-
ment of policy now, before
our plans become congealed
with the election. Your presence
in London would serve to
stiffen the back of our leader-
ship there. A statement of policy
now by Churchill, even should
it mean the "sacrifice" of the "habitus
triangle" would be infinitely
preferable to a waiting game, in
which we must be the inevitable
losers. And I am sure that we can
rely on you to get the maximum!
With kindest regards,
Sincerely, Ben Rosenblatt

Dr. A.H.S.

This is just for your information. I do not know how I was picked out for such a letter but the absurd and impudent observation about fifty years invites a blast of fact and satire that would demolish the whole Chuzpah Incorporated .

I felt very glad about the party platforms, though the simcha was for a moment marred by the needless attack on a couple of lines in one platform.

With regards

B.B.R.

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The American Council for Judaism, Inc.
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Lessing J. Rosenwald
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Mr. Bernard^G Richards
103 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Richards:

The enclosed pamphlet tells a story!

The story has a definite relationship to the pattern which Jewish life will take in the post-war world. That story has a definite relationship to you.

The history of Jewish nationalism reveals that in the fifty years of its existence it has increasingly compressed the lives of all Jews into the pattern best designed to serve its single aim of creating a Jewish nation and a Jewish National State.

For these fifty years this movement has had no sustained organized opposition to set forth, in a consistent program, the philosophy of emancipation and integration.

It is the purpose of the American Council for Judaism to supply that need.

I hope you will therefore read this little leaflet carefully and if you believe that the way for Jews to achieve a position of normality is by their integration into the societies in which they live, I hope that you will enroll as a member of the Council by returning to us the enclosed membership card.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I am,

Very sincerely

Rabbi Elmer Berger

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MORRIS ROTHENBERG
PRESIDENT

October 1, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are convoking a meeting of the National Advisory Council of the Jewish National Fund to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Thursday, October 12th at the St. Charles Hotel, at 2 P.M., in advance of the Zionist Convention.

We are asking key people throughout the country to meet with us so that we may have mutual consultation on matters affecting the future of the Jewish National Fund.

I take pleasure in extending to you, as one of the Honorary Chairmen of the Jewish National Fund, a cordial invitation to attend this meeting. I trust that it will be possible for you to be with us at this meeting and also at the dinner which is being given in honor of the members of the Council at the conclusion of the session.

With cordial greetings and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
President

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Judge Morris Rothenberg, President
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

In reply to your letter of October 1st, I shall attend the first meeting of the National Advisory Council of the Jewish National Fund that you have called for Thursday, October 12th, at 2 P.M. at the St. Charles Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey and the dinner which will follow.

Name.....

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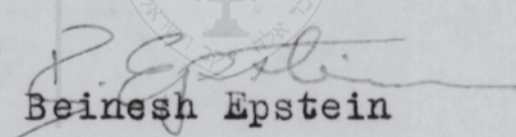
October 5, 1944

Dr. A. H. Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find an interview with Attorney General Goldstein, giving the history of the adoption of the Palestine plank in the Republican platform. I am sure you will be interested to read it.

Sincerely yours,


Beinesh Epstein

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Los Angeles Calif
Oct 12th 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver

In an article appearing in the Los Angeles News by Drew Pearson at the time of the Republican National Convention, it stated that you had agreed to place your support behind the G O P if they in turn would guarantee Palestine as a Jewish state.

Now I am fully in sympathy with the Zionist movement, but the trend of the Republican campaign has been so saturated with the Nazi-fascist technique, of raising bogeys, breeding hatred and distrust, confusing by barrages of lies and half truths, that the majority of us Jews have now come to the conclusion that a republican presidential victory in this campaign would be a distinct peril to not only us Jews in America, but to the democratic way of life.

I beg of you to consider these similarities between Mr Dewey's present campaign and that of Hitler's in 1933.

(1) The raising of the bogey of communism (2) Anti-semitism Veiled to be sure, and therefore all the more insidious, as exemplified by the attack on Sidney Hillman (3) the fascist - nazi technique of confusing and disruption - a consistent and veritable barrage of lies, and still more lies, quotations by isolating clauses and phrases and therefore giving a false connotation by separation from the main context (4) the support of the vicious and re-actionary press, the professional haters, the denizens of the political underworld, and the labor baiters.

I therefore most earnestly and respectfully request that you use your influence and eloquence to unite the voters of your city and state squarely behind Franklin D Roosevelt, that the democratic way of life may still be preserved in our beloved country.

It is to leaders of your ability and eloquence that we must turn in this critical hour of peril. I hope we may count on you.

With depest appreciation for your many services to the causes of democracy and the Jewish people, I remain

Sincerely Yours

Harold Orthwin

Harold Orthwin
1121 S Highland Ave
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DEAR BOB: YOU MAY ADD THE FOLLOWING TO MY TELEGRAM TO YOU
OF YESTERDAY QUOTE I KNOW HOW LONG AND ARDENTLY THE JEWISH
PEOPLE HAVE WORKED AND PRAYED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
PALESTINE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH. I
AM CONVINCED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GIVE THEIR SUPPORT
TO THIS AIM AND IF REELECTED I SHALL HELP TO BRING ABOUT
ITS REALIZATION UNQUOTE

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT.

October 20, 1944
October 20, 1944

Judge Morris Rothenberg
Hotel Esplanade
308 W. End Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rothenberg:

I shall be in New York Tuesday for the meeting of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference. I assume that the meetings will be over by evening. In that case would you have dinner with me so that we could talk over some of the things we discussed in a rather cursory manner in Atlantic City?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

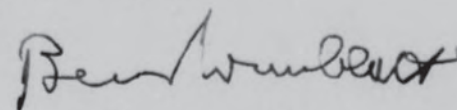
I hope you will make it possible, at the meeting on Monday, to discuss the threat of "bi-nationalism" for Palestine, as per my previous correspondence with you.

Frankly, I don't know whether it is better to take it up with the Executive Committee or at the general meeting, but I suppose that is a matter for your determination. I am particularly anxious that we have an early discussion to clarify our own views on this, lest we be presented with a fait accompli.

Arthur Lourie spoke to me about a possible trip to Washington in connection with the Jewish Brigade. I am looking into the matter now, because even outside of the legal proposition, there are certain angles that may affect our work. I am discussing it once more with Lourie before taking it up actively in Washington.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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October 23, 1944

Mr. Harold Orthwin
1121 S. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Orthwin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 12. Drew Pearson's account which appeared in the Los Angeles News, in which it was suggested, to quote your words, "that you had agreed to place your support behind the G O P if they in turn would guarantee Palestine as a Jewish state," is entirely false. There were no such agreements or commitments made. I so wrote Mr. Drew Pearson at the time, and asked for a retraction. The Zionist Movement is non-partisan in character. It takes no sides in American politics. It has its friends both among Republicans and Democrats. The Palestine Resolution which was introduced in Congress earlier this year had the support of both political parties. Both political parties included a pro-Palestine plank in their platforms, and both presidential candidates have warmly endorsed a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Draft.

October 24, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The liberation of France and Belgium has laid bare many tragic human problems created by the Nazis. Of these none is more poignant than that of the thousands of Jewish children whose parents, in a last agony of despair, handed them over to whosoever would receive them. For the most part the parents are now either deported or dead. The children are scattered throughout the land in farms, in private homes, and in monasteries where they have been given temporary shelter. There are some 8,000 of them in France and 3,000 in Belgium; in addition, there are 2,000 of these children in Switzerland of whom 600 were admitted subsequent to January 1, 1944 upon the express promise of the Governments of the United States and of Great Britain that they would be removed at the first possible opportunity. Most of the children had come from Central and Eastern Europe and are not French or Belgian nationals.

The children, torn from their parents and kept hidden from the Nazis, have been living for prolonged periods under abnormal conditions and their psychological and physical needs are very great. The British Government, recognizing the special and tragic circumstances, has agreed to the entry of 3,200 of them into Palestine. There they will be received with care and loving-kindness by people of their own race whose most ardent wish it will be to restore to them a sense of security and the opportunity for a useful and happy life.

Transportation alone is required in order to carry out this great act of mercy. In spite of military requirements ships are at present being made available for the bringing to France and Belgium of food, clothing and other necessities, in order to relieve urgent civilian needs there. Not least of these needs is that of the children. The allocation of one or two ships for the relatively brief journey through the Mediterranean to Palestine would constitute a significant contribution towards the amelioration of the refugee situation in general; above all, it would represent a noble, compassionate and constructive step toward the physical, mental and social rehabilitation of these young people.

We accordingly appeal to you, Mr. President, to use your good offices to this end. We should be grateful for the opportunity to discuss and present to you any further details in person.

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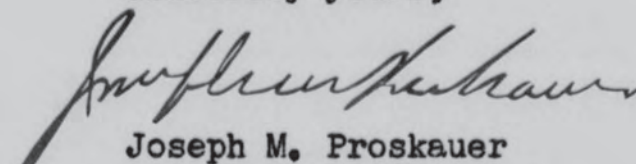
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Believing that the sanctity of the individual is a principle basic to future world order and peace, the American Jewish Committee plans to issue a Declaration of Human Rights, two copies of which are enclosed. We feel sure that the sentiments expressed are not only those of the Committee, but those held by thousands of distinguished and thoughtful Americans of all faiths. We, therefore, urge that you join with us in signing this Declaration.

On the eve of Liberation, we feel a particular urgency for all men of peace and good will to emphasize and reaffirm the godly concept of the dignity of the individual man.

We trust that you will join with us in presenting the Declaration of Human Rights to the American public. To this end, will you please sign and return one copy in the enclosed self-addressed envelope; the other copy we believe you will want to keep for your own records.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph M. Proskauer
President

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Enclosures

November, 1944

PUBLICATIONS
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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PAMPHLETS

- Ephraim Broido.....JEW, ARAB AND THE MIDDLE EAST (1944)
An expert's analysis of Zionist policy towards the Arabs and of the changing relationships between the two peoples in Palestine. (24 pp.)
- Arthur Lourie.....THE FACTS ABOUT PALESTINE (1944)
In four sections, "America and the Palestine Mandate," "The Palestine White Paper," "Jewish Post-War Immigration to Palestine," and "The Arab Question," this pamphlet gives the main facts prerequisite to an understanding of the Palestine problem. (17 pp.)
- Emanuel Neumann.....ZIONISM AND THE ARAB WORLD (with map) (1944)
Testimony before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives. An analysis of Arab claims. (14 pp.)
- Abba Hillel Silver.....ZIONISM: WHAT IT IS -- WHAT IT IS NOT (1944)
Two addresses delivered at The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio. (32 pp.)
- Abba Hillel Silver.....A YEAR'S ADVANCE (1944)
A political report submitted to the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Atlantic City, October 15, 1944, by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council. (13 pp.)
- *AFTER THE VICTORY --- A Blueprint for the Rehabilitation of European Jewry (1943).
A comprehensive exposition of the Jewish question, the development of Zionism and the role it must play in the reconstruction of European Jewry. Contains the Palestine Resolution of the American Jewish Conference. (20 pp.)
- *AMERICA SPEAKS ON PALESTINE (1944)
A collection of editorials published in daily newspapers in all parts of the United States during the early part of 1944. (54 pp.)
- THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CIVILIZED MANKIND --- A Traditional American Policy Re-affirmed (1942). A statement by 264 members of the 77th Congress, affiliated with the American Palestine Committee. (8 pp.)
- A DECLARATION BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH TRADE UNION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE (1944)
A statement by organized Jewish labor in behalf of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. (4 pp.)
- THE LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE - ANOTHER CONFUSIONIST FRONT (1944)
Official statement of the Zionist movement of America against the League for a Free Palestine. (4 pp.)

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*PALESTINE (1943-1944)

A monthly publication for the general public. Vol. I, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. (12 pp. each)

PALESTINE AND THE ARAB WORLD (1944)

Facts and figures on the areas involved, with map. A leaflet analyzing Arab and Jewish possessions, claims and rights in the Near East. Suitable for mass distribution. (4 pp.)

A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES - Respectfully Submitted by Members of the Faculties of American Schools of Higher Learning. (1944)

Text of a petition against the White Paper of 1939, with the names of 1700 signers from the faculties of 250 American universities, with prefaces by Mary E. Woolley, Richard J. Purcell, and Albert Einstein. (16 pp.)

*PRESS BOOK #1 (1943)

Educational and publicity material on the British White Paper of 1939. (59 pp.)

*PRESS BOOK #2 (1944)

Educational and publicity material on Palestine Jewry's contribution to the War against the Axis. (39 pp.)

REVISIONISM - A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE (1940)

An analysis of the nature and history of the Revisionist movement, particularly timely today as a description of the roots of the National Committee of Hebrew Liberation and its affiliated groups. (36 pp.)

SHALL THE DOOR BE SHUT? (1943)

A brief pamphlet on the White Paper of May 1939. Contains its chief provisions and those of the Mandate for Palestine, as well as the text of Winston Churchill's 1939 address against the White Paper policy. (15 pp.)

*THE VOICE OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA - Proceedings of the National Conference on Palestine, Washington, D. C. (1944)

Speeches delivered by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Hon. Norman M. Littell, Hon. George E. Outland, Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, William B. Ziff, Prof. S. Ralph Harlow, Prof. William F. Albright, Dr. Carl J. Friedrich, Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Hon. Robert A. Taft, Hon. Paul V. McNutt, Rev. Richard Evans, Hon. Henry A. Wallace, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, with photographs. (48 pp.)

ZIONISM - AN AFFIRMATION OF JUDAISM (1942)

A reply by 757 Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis of America to a statement issued by ninety members of the Reform Rabbinate charging that Zionism is incompatible with the teachings of Judaism. (7 pp.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION

*MANDATE FOR PALESTINE (1931)

Compilation of various documents pertaining to the Palestine Mandate and the British-American Palestine Treaty of 1924. (Published by the Division of Near Eastern Affairs of the State Department). (115 pp.)

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BOOKS

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Louis D. Brandeis	<u>BRANDEIS ON ZIONISM</u> (1942) <u>\$1.25</u> Speeches and essays on Zionism by the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. (156 pp.)
Leon I. Feuer	<u>WHY A JEWISH STATE</u> (1944) <u>\$.35</u> A presentation of the Zionist program in a popular, unabridged edition. (94 pp.)
Ernst Frankenstein	<u>JUSTICE FOR MY PEOPLE</u> (Dial Press, 1944) <u>\$1.85</u> (Further reduction on bulk orders) A German authority on international law, now resident in England, discusses the Jewish legal and moral claim to Palestine in the light of Jewish and world history. The book's publication will be announced early in January. (208 pp.)
Carl J. Friedrich	<u>AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD PALESTINE</u> (Public Affairs Press, 1944) <u>\$.75</u> One of America's foremost political scientists, professor of government at Harvard University, surveys America's official relation to Zionism from the issuance of the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to the present, and recommends a bold, new policy. (106 pp.)
Theodor Herzl	<u>THE JEWISH STATE</u> (Scopus, 1943) <u>\$1.00</u> The classic of political Zionism, perhaps even more timely today than when it was written in 1896. (111 pp.)
Walter Clay Lowdermilk	<u>PALESTINE, LAND OF PROMISE</u> (1944) <u>\$1.85</u> (Further reduction on bulk orders) The book by the Assistant Chief of the United States Soil Conservation Service which, perhaps more than any other publication, has impressed American public opinion with the economic potentialities of Palestine and the high standards of Jewish achievements there. (236 pp.)
Norman Maclean	<u>HIS TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD</u> (1944) <u>\$.25</u> A vigorous discussion of Palestine and the errors of recent British policy, by the former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. (126 pp.)
*L. B. Namier	<u>CONFLICTS -- STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY</u> (1943) <u>\$1.50</u> In a number of the articles here included, Dr. Namier, professor of modern history at the University of Manchester, deals with the Jewish question. (222 pp.)
*Maurice Samuel	<u>HARVEST IN THE DESERT</u> (1944) <u>\$1.50</u> (Further reduction on bulk orders) A history of Zionism and Jewish resettlement in Palestine presented from the viewpoint of their sociological significance. (316 pp.)

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BOOKS (Cont'd)

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Pierre van Paassen	<u>THE FORGOTTEN ALLY</u> (1943) \$2.00 A description of the great, but unrecognized contribution Palestine Jewry has been making to the United Nations war effort. (343 pp.)
Meyer W. Weisgal (Editor)	<u>CHAIM WEIZMANN</u> (Dial, 1944) \$2.50 (Further reduction on bulk orders) Thirty essays by distinguished writers, statesmen, and men of affairs, on Chaim Weizmann and his role in contemporary Jewish and world history. (340 pp.)

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REPRINTS

FROM PERIODICALS

Frank Gervasi	<u>THE JEW AS A SOLDIER</u> (Collier's, April, 1944) A description of the role of Jewish servicemen in the forces of the United Nations and particularly of the contribution Jewish Palestine has been making to the United Nations war effort. (8 pp.)
*Robert Gordis	<u>THE JEW - A PROBLEM THAT CANNOT WAIT</u> (The American Scholar, Autumn, 1944) An analysis of the Jewish position today and the role to be played by Palestine, reprinted from the quarterly issued by Phi Beta Kappa. (16 pp.)
*Emanuel Neumann	<u>ECONOMIC REGIONALISM IN THE NEAR EAST</u> (The Jewish Frontier, March, 1943) An address delivered at a Conference on the Economic Problems of the Near East, under the auspices of the Institute of World Economics, January 30, 1943. (15 pp.)
Meir Grossman	<u>SELF-APPOINTED LIBERATORS</u> (Congress Weekly, May 26, 1944) An examination of the personnel and program of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation. (2 pp.)
*Emanuel Neumann	<u>LETTERS TO AN ENGLISH FRIEND</u> (The Jewish Frontier, December, 1943). An American Zionist leader discusses British imperialism and the Palestine question. (15 pp.)

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- *Reinhold Niebuhr JEWS AFTER THE WAR (The Nation, February 21 and 28, 1942)
An analysis of the Jewish question by one of America's outstanding religious philosophers and liberal leaders. (16 pp.)
- I. F. Stone PALESTINE RUN-AROUND (The Nation, March, 1944)
An analysis of the forces behind the fate of the Palestine Resolution in March, 1944. (4 pp.)
- Pierre van Paassen A CRUEL HOAX ON THE AMERICAN PUBLIC (The Protestant, April, 1944)
A letter exposing the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, the American League for a Free Palestine, and related organizations. (4 pp.)
- *ANOTHER REPORT ON PALESTINE (Reader's Scope, December 1944)
A pro-Zionist analysis of the Palestine situation by Johannes Steel, Dr. Daniel Marsh, Senator Robert F. Wagner, and Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk.

FROM NEWSPAPERS

- EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER ON WORLD AFFAIRS.....New York Post, January 13, 1944
- A WRONG THAT SHOULD BE RIGHTED.....Philadelphia Inquirer, January 27, 1944
- STEEL FILINGS.....New York Post, February 15, 1944
- PALESTINE.....Atlanta Journal, February 17, 1944
- GERVASI DEBUNKS "READER'S DIGEST" ON PALESTINE....PM, May 14, 1944
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November 4, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver,-

A reliable person who just arrived from London and has there close government connections told me confidentially that the reports on the forthcoming declaration concerning Palestine's partition are true. According to his information based on the words of a high officer who participated in talks with Churchill in Cairo Jerusalem, Haifa will be outside of the Jewish part, and the Negev will become a British military reservation. He says that British Government circles were given to understand by prominent Jewish personalities that Jewish opposition to partition will be only perfunctory, and after a due quota of protests the Zionists will cooperate.

I believe that the situation calls for an immediate and unconditional declaration of the American Jewry that should make clear that the Jewish opposition to partition is more than a formality. Should this position be supported by prominent American personalities there may still be a chance to prevent it. But the action must take place immediately because the British declaration is scheduled for some time after the American election, probably for the second half of November.

It is quite probable that You have the same information from other sources. I still consider my duty to write You about that

Yours respectfully

Abraham Revinsky

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84 Sanford St.

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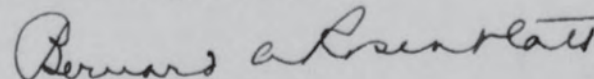
Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. held on Wednesday evening, November 8th, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Chairman of the Keren Hayesod for the ensuing year.

May I express the hope that with your continued cooperation we will succeed in stimulating interest in the work which the Keren Hayesod is doing for the rebuilding of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

With warm greetings, I am

Sincerely yours



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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November 10, 1944

Mr. Abraham Revusky
84 Sanford Street
Yonkers, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Revusky:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 4.
We are watching the situation very closely.

As you probably know, we presented a memorandum some time ago to our Government against partition and we again made representations on the subject personally at the State Department this week. The Jewish Agency in a formal memorandum presented to H.M. Government on October 17 announced itself categorically against partition. Our best information is that there will be no announcement on the subject of Palestine in the near future. We may, however, be wrong.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 13, 1944

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Judge Morris Rothenberg
Joint Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth Committee
Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

We very much regret that circumstances prevent either of us from attending the meeting of the Joint Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth Committee at which the budget of the Zionist Emergency Council is to be discussed and we should be grateful if you would submit this letter for the information of the Committee.

It is evident that the coming year is likely to be one of supreme importance for the future of our Movement. As the end of the war draws nearer crucial decisions affecting the destiny of man everywhere are already in the making. There can be no doubt that the fate also of the National Home is now under consideration. In the course of the past year the Zionist Movement in this country has achieved a number of important political gains -- gains which are directly attributable to the intensive campaign undertaken by the Council with the support of the constituent organizations. For the first time since the last war the overwhelmingly pre-Zionist sentiment of American Jewry as a whole has been made indubitably clear. It is to this fact that declarations by both political parties and by the President of the United States in favor of a Jewish Commonwealth are primarily due. Obviously this is no time for relaxing our efforts. On the contrary in the months ahead there must be, if anything, an intensification of our work. It is with this general observation in mind that we draw the attention of the Committee to the following points relative to our political activities for the coming year.

1. The Palestine White Paper is still in force. It is true that the political atmosphere has changed and that its survival no longer appears possible, but until a final decision has been reached very much may happen and, as Dr. Bernard Joseph emphasized on behalf of the Executive at the last meeting of the Council, it is essential that we continue to wage a vigorous fight against the White Paper and in favor of the Jewish Commonwealth.

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Judge Morris Rothenberg
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November 13, 1944

2. Favorable action on the Palestine Resolutions in Congress has not yet been taken. If we obtain clearance from the State Department, the passage of the Resolutions will call for intensive activity on the part of the Emergency Council during the months of November and December. If we do not proceed now and decide to reintroduce the Resolutions in the next Congress, there will be need for such an activity early next year. It would be a serious political defeat for us if, after focusing public opinion on these Resolutions both here and abroad, Congress fails to take action on them.

3. Organized opposition to our movement is growing in the United States in spite of the remarkable success which we have had in political circles. Arab propaganda is becoming increasingly active here. An Arab drive against Zionism will be launched on November 28th at a conference which is to be held in New York to which Arabs from the United States and Canada have been invited. An Arab Information Bureau is being set up. Hitti, Malouf, Rihbany and al-Kahtib are members of an Actions Committee which, aided by the Ministries and Delegations in Washington of the Arab States, is becoming extremely active, working indirectly through numerous American groups and institutions not friendly to us.

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4. ~~The~~ British are carrying on a very active and skillful propaganda against us in the United States. Unfavorable articles such as those which appeared recently in the "Reader's Digest", "Pertinax" in the New York Times, articles in the Christian Science Monitor, radio broadcasts from Cairo, etc. etc., when traced down, all seem to have but one origin. The widely circulated "50 Facts About the Middle East" put out by the British Information Services is another case in point.

5. A very disconcerting factor in the situation is the increasingly negative and even hostile attitude of powerful Protestant Christian Church circles to our movement. The leaders behind this opposition are graduates of the Beirut University which is source at origin of much of the bitter anti-Zionism in the Middle East. The recent Bulletin published by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, sent to tens of thousands of Christian clergymen in the United States, is distinctly harmful to our cause and would have been altogether vicious had not careful memoranda been presented to and conferences taken place by us with the representatives of the Federal Council prior to the publication of this Bulletin. As you know, the "Christian Century" has been sniping at us quite regularly. The only way to counter this propaganda is to intensify our activities through our Committee on Christian Clergymen and the American Palestine Committee. We have only scratched the surface here. But the work of both of these bodies is becoming increasingly significant and must be supplemented by making available to Christian groups lectures and other forms of propaganda. The Council now has a functioning machinery to this end. We have concentrated during the year on political circles because this was an election year and it offered us a rare opportunity.

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But the election is over and if we are to win over and hold American public opinion during the coming critical months, we must do far more than we have done, and that immediately, among church groups, large organized Christian bodies, college and educational circles, etc. etc.

As one example: the two meetings held under the auspices of the American Palestine Committee and the Committee on Christian Clergymen in Philadelphia and in Washington during the past year did more for our movement than a dozen Zionist meetings under Jewish auspices. During the coming year we should hold eight or ten such regional meetings. Four have already been scheduled. Inevitably, however, these meetings involve substantial expenditures.

6. Another area which must be more intensively cultivated is the field of American magazines and periodicals where unfortunately we have made very little headway in all these years. A pro-Zionist article rarely makes its appearance in an important magazine of the type of the Atlantic Monthly. Hostile articles do, however, appear quite frequently. Neither in the popular magazines nor in the "intellectual" magazines has our case been adequately presented.

7. The scope of our Publications Department should be expanded. In addition to numerous tracts, pamphlets and brochures, we have been responsible during the year for the publication of Lowdermilk's "Land of Promise" which is playing a cardinal role in refutation of the argument that "Palestine is too small"; the highly important volume "Palestine and the United States"; Frankenstein's "Justice to my People" which is to be issued in the next week or two; and other publications such as Maurice Samuel's admirable "Harvest in the Desert" and Van Paaseen's "Forgotten Ally".

8. We have built up, during the past year, a series of important departments which are just getting into their stride. Any curtailment in the budget will mean the dismissal of some of our most valuable personnel and the crippling of our activities. We refer to such indispensable departments as our Research Department, headed by Dr. Berkson, which is rendering invaluable service by way of preparation of the numerous vital memoranda which we are constantly called upon to submit to government and other circles, and which provide all of our departments with the factual and scientific data upon which to build our educational campaign and to fight our opposition.

9. This is not the year in which to force a curtailment of our political activities by a reduction in the budget. We do not know of a single important Zionist body or Jewish organization generally that is curtailing its activities or its budget. Certainly our political work which should be geared to its maximum power and effectiveness during the twelve months ahead should not be harmfully dismantled by false economy. In passing, it might be mentioned that the Bergson group, by its own admission, collected and spent during the past two years, nearly a million dollars -- a sum far larger than was spent by the Emergency Council, representing all the political activities

4-Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Judge Morris Rothenberg
Joint Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemith Committee
November 13, 1944

of all the organized Zionist bodies in America, during the past two years. Bearing in mind the very great increase in the income of the Funds for this year, the budget of the Emergency Council which remains virtually unaltered represents in fact a sharply reduced percentage allocation from the Funds.

In conclusion we would point out that the budget was submitted by the Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Emergency Council at its meeting on September 34th and was unanimously approved. The budget follows closely the actual expenditures of the Emergency Council and is a minimum budget for the vital task that confronts the Movement. We request its acceptance for the entire year. The Emergency Council cannot operate effectively on a hand-to-mouth basis. It must plan its activities far ahead and the principal men on its personnel cannot be employed as from month to month. The work of the Council is being economically conducted with a full realization of its responsibilities toward the expenditure of public funds, which we all indeed have a hand in raising.

Approval of the budget is already long over-due and is a matter of immediate urgency as the fiscal year of the Emergency Council begins on October 15th. We strongly urge immediate and favorable action on the budget so as to enable our Movement to carry on on the political scene with maximum efficiency, and we hope success, in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Stephen S. Wise

SSW/AHS:LCK

Abba Hillel Silver

November 13, 1944

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, President
Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rosenblatt:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 9 and for the announcement that the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund has elected me an Honorary Chairman. Please convey to them my deep appreciation and my good wishes for continued prosperity of this great instrument in the upbuilding of our national home.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 17, 1944

Mr. Milton Resner
The New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Resner:

I enclose:

1. A copy of the statement issued by the American Zionist Emergency Council with reference to the assassination of Lord Moyne.

2. A statement issued in connection with a press interview, dated November 10th, with Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advisor to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who has just reached this country. The concluding paragraph deals with the terrorism.

3. A joint statement issued in Palestine by the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi (National Council of the Jews of Palestine) following the assassination of Lord Moyne.

The American Zionist Emergency Council represents the organized Zionist movement in this country and includes among its constituent organizations the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Poale-Zion (the Labor Zionist Organization), Mizrachi Organization (the orthodox religious Zionists). The joint chairmen are Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Sincerely yours

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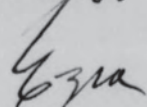
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road at E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have your letter relative to Professor Leon Roth's
visit to Cleveland.

Professor Roth's visit could be best utilized for
Federation purposes through a luncheon to be called either through
the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee of which Rabbi Brickner is Chair-
man, or the Central Budget Committee of which Sidney Weitz is
Chairman. May I suggest that it would be easiest if you ask
Sidney to call this luncheon. I am sure he will be delighted
to carry out your suggestion.

Cordially,



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November 29,
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Mr. Harry L. Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

In accordance with the decision made by our Board of Directors, we are enclosing herewith our check in the sum of \$30,000.00.

This is an advance being made to you on whatever appropriation will be decided upon, and is being paid without prejudice as to any future decision we may make in this matter.

It is also understood that the Keren Hayesod is to pay you an equal amount, so as to give the American Zionist Emergency Council \$60,000.00, the necessary working funds to carry on its work.

It would be appreciated very much if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg,
President.

MR:dl

American Zionist Emergency Council

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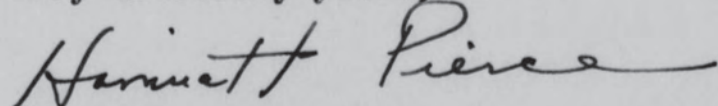
Attention: Miss Bessie Klein

Dear Miss Klein:

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me as soon as possible, several agents' clergy coupons which are needed for Dr. Silver's transportation.

Thanking you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Harriett Pierce

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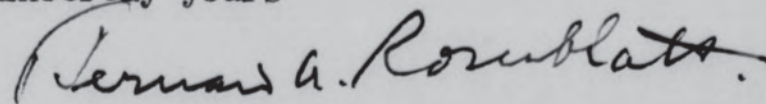
Dear Dr. Silver:

The speech that I heard you deliver in Pittsburgh on Sunday night was truly the greatest I ever listened to, with the exception of one (and I have heard speeches from William Jennings Bryan to Schmarya Levin), and the one I refer to as the greatest is the one delivered by you at the American Jewish Conference in September 1943, assuring the adoption of the resolution for the "Jewish Commonwealth".

All I can say is may God bless you and keep you "to finish the work we are in."

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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December 6, 1944

Miss Harriett Pierce
American Zionist Emergency Council
1720 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Pierce:

I am enclosing herewith four
clergy certificates -- all I have signed at
the moment. When Dr. Silver returns to Cleveland
I'll be glad to send you some others if you need
them. They are good until the first of the year
only when new certificates will be issued.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

December 10, 1944

Miss Harriett Pierce
American Zionist Emergency Council
1720 - 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Pierce:

Dr. Silver's residence address is
19810 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio. He
has been receiving mail addressed to 246 E. 105th
Street where he has not lived for over a year. Will
you kindly make this correction in your files?

Thanks kindly.

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



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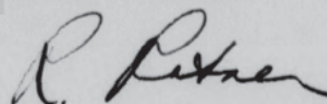
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Hotel Commodore
Lexington Avenue & 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of the full
text of the statement which the New Zionist Organ-
ization issued to the J.T.A. and which this news
agency published only in part.

Yours truly,



Rose Ratner
Secretary

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My dear Friends:

May I extend to you my heartiest
felicitations on the occasion of your
marriage, in which Mrs. Silver joins me most
warmly. I hope that I will have the pleasure
of seeing you in the near future, and of
extending to you my congratulations in person.
I hope that the future will hold in store for
you all that your hearts desire.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 26, 1944

Miss Rose Ratner, Secretary
The New Zionist Organization of America
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Ratner:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending
me a copy of the statement which the New Zionist
Organization issued on December 15.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Aba Silver,

Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As our journal will reach you by ordinary mail only after many weeks, I am sending you a page from the current issue dealing with the demographic position in Palestine, because of what I believe to be its special interest.

Yours truly

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Recognizing that the historic conditions of our times have made the need for a large chalutz movement in America more urgent than ever, the Hechalutz Organization of America has called a national conference of its membership in New York City during the New Year's weekend. Chalutzim from the United States and Canada, convening in this first war-time conference, will plan for the immediate expansion of Hechalutz work in this country.

We are pleased to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend our conference. We feel certain that you recognize the vital role of Hechalutz in the Zionist endeavor, and we look forward to your interest and participation in this important chalutz gathering.

The conference will open on Saturday evening, December 30, 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway. Scheduled as speakers for this evening are representatives of the Yishuv in Palestine, and members of Hechalutz. The business session will begin Sunday morning, and will extend through Monday afternoon, January 1.

We sincerely hope that all friends and supporters of Hechalutz will find it possible to attend our conference and hope that you will be among them.

With Zion's greetings,

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לפני המחנה

December 28, 1944

Rabbi Herman H. Rubenovitz
137 Ruthven Avenue
Boston, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Rubenovitz:

I greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness in wiring to me your endorsement of the position which I have taken. It was good to hear from so many friends in all parts of the country. I have been particularly gratified with the reaction of the Yiddish press. While my decision to resign from the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the Zionist Emergency Council remains irrevocable, I shall of course continue to give as freely of my time and energies to our great cause in the future as I have tried to do in the past.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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January 3, 1945

Miss Naomi Robins
Hechalutz Organization of America
1140 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Robins:

I am sorry that I delayed replying to your kind letter. It was forwarded to me from New York on December 27 and I have not had time during these busy days to reply to it and to many other letters.

I hope that your Conference on December 30 was very successful. I should have been most happy to send greetings to the meeting. Please be assured of my deep interest in your work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please return

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RABBI
SAMUEL ROSINGER

Jan 4, 44

Dear Colleague:

I do not know the nature of the
power politics which moved you to
resign from the co-chairmanship
of the G. E. C. I want you to know,
however, that words fail me in
which to frame my profound
appreciation for the distinguished
service you have rendered
Zion's cause by your bold,
aggressive and constructive
statesmanship.

Unfortunately, we have an
administration that licks the
British butt and considers
pledges scraps of paper.

I still hope and pray
that you be the Joshua to
lead Israel out of the
wilderness into the Promised
land. With kindest per-
sonal regards and fraternal
Greetings
Sincerely
Samuel Rosinger



WRHS



Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Bldg.
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

_____1945

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I shall be glad to join with you as a
member of the national council of the American Zionist
Policy Committee.

WRHS
Name _____

Street _____

City _____



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

MEMORANDUM

To Miss. B. Klein, Secretary to
Dr. A. H³/₄ Silver

Date January 8th 1944

From Adam Rosen

At the request of Mr. Harry L. Shapiro I arranged a Pullman reservation for the Doctor from Cleveland to St Louis. I did not obtain the rail ticket because I did not have the Clergy Certificates. Please look after it. If for any reason Dr. Silver is not going to St Louis please be good enough to cancel the Pullman reservation. With best wishes and kind regards to Dr. Silver.

AR/r

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mrs. Ruskin

DATE: January 5, 1944

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

The following is text of a telegram that arrived here today for you from Louis Weber, 618 Euclid Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida:

THERE ARE THOSE USING HYPNOTISM TRYING TO DIVIDE YOU. NOW IS THE TIME TO DEMAND A FREE PALESTINE. OBJECT LESSON GREECE AND ITALY HOW LONG SHALL THE JEW BE OPPRESSED AND IN SLAVERY. PUT YOURSELVES IN THEIR PLACE. UNITED WE STAND

For your information, an identical message was addressed to Dr. Wise.

DAVID PINSKI
229 WEST 78th ST.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Jan. 9, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your kind letter.

The telegram will be the theme of one of my next articles. I am going to analyze it and show how they lied in each and every paragraph.

Meanwhile don't miss to read my article in the coming Sunday's "Morning Journal". I know you will enjoy it. It is again about you and your antagonists.

Very cordially
yours

David Pinski,

Please Return

JACOB RABINOVITZ

January 9, 1945

Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my admiration for the stand you have taken on the Emergency Committee. I am sure you have many friends throughout the Committee that feel as I do, namely, that your stand was a just one.

I know that you will continue working for the cause whenever any situations arise that require your efforts. I trust that the Zionist organization will eventually see the wrong that has been done.

With Zionist greetings, I am,

Most sincerely,

Jacob Rabinovitz
Jacob Rabinovitz

JR:CR

January 9, 1945

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
1036 Beechwood Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Charles:

I am very anxious to see you to talk over with you some of the recent and dramatic events which have taken place in the Emergency Council -- my resignation, plans for the future, etc. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know when you plan to be in Pittsburgh. I would come down from Cleveland and spend a few hours with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

1-9-45

Please Return

My dear Rabbi Silver -

As an afterthought
I decided to send you this
copy, (attached herein)
verbatim, of the letter I
am now mailing to the
Jewish Frontier.

It seems unbelievable
what Roosevelt has done
to our people! in violation
not only of International Law
but also of the American
people as represented by Congress!
May God give you continued strength
and health to fight on! Sincerely,
Ben Rose

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rosenbloom
will be at home
after the fifteenth of January
1036 Beechwood Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ben Rose
611 S. Clinton St.,
Syracuse 2, N. Y.

Please
Return

1-9-45

Jewish Frontier
45 East 17th St.,
New York 3, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed check of \$3 for a year's subscription to the JEWISH FRONTIER, to begin with the first issue in January, 1945 (send me therefore the back numbers). I also want you to send me the address of the Mizrachi party as I wish to subscribe their periodical also, inasmuch as Dr. Silver in his statement published in THE NEW PALESTINE said: "I am deeply grateful for the consistent and loyal support which I have had from the Poale Zion and Mizrachi parties...."

I am a member of the ZOA and will continue to be, but I do wish to be in contact with those organizations which more truly express Dr. Silver's more immediate objectives which are incidentally more in harmony with mine.

My own viewpoint is that F. D. Roosevelt is a war criminal equally guilty with the Effendis, the British Tories, and the "Monster Race." I base this guilt on his share of the violation of International Law, i.e., American-British Convention of 1924. We should have let the whole country know all about it, as the Irish, Polish, Greek groups never fail to do when they are attacked by the powers of imperialism. This country is undoubtedly on the way to becoming the greatest voice in the councils of the world, therefore we are duty-bound to inform the people of America that we do not have a president representing the will of the people of America.

I voted for F. D. R., in 1932, 1936, 1940 after which I woke up to the fact that he, F. D. R., had it in his power (as he showed it when he made the British Tories even swallow Churchill instead of DeGaulle) to save our 5,000,000 brethren who were first tortured and then butchered and finally burned to ashes to fertilize the "Holy Soil Of The Master Race", if he as a partner of the Anglo-American Treaty of 1924 insisted as he was committed to do: on the opening the gates of Palestine in the name of International Law and Humanity!

Sincerely and with best wishes,

Ben. Rose

P.S. If you have the space to spare
you may publish this letter if you
can use it.

January 10, 1945

Mr. Adam Rosen
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Thank you for your note of January 8 and for the Pullman reservation for Dr. Silver from Cleveland to St. Louis which you arranged for. I shall use it and I have arranged for the rest of the trip, rail and Pullman, back to Cleveland.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver.

January 10, 1945

Mr. Ben Rose
611 S. Clinton St.
Syracuse 2, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rose:

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 10, 1945

Rabbi Samuel Rosinger
Congregation Temple Emanuel
Broadway and Forrest Street
Beaumont, Texas

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393 D Street
Boston 10, Mass.

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Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
UNION TRUST BUILDING
PITTSBURGH, PA.

January 12, 1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

As you can well imagine, I, along with so many others have been greatly distressed by what has taken place in the Emergency Council to put you into the position into which I am sure you were forced not only by circumstances but also by the machinations of various individuals.

My plans for the immediate future are a little indefinite as I am trying to get railroad space to Florida towards the end of this month. I shall, of course, have to take what I get when I can get it. For the present I expect, of course, to be here in the city and so, would be glad to see you any time you find it possible to be here.

May I add to this letter my thanks and appreciation for your very warm letter of congratulations upon my marriage. I know that Lucile joins me in sending you these thanks and kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Charles

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Street
Cleveland, Ohio

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle

A Weekly Paper for the Jewish Home

240 N. MILWAUKEE STREET... PHONE MARQUETTE 2992

MILWAUKEE 2, WIS.

January 15, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105th & Ansel Streets
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed is an issue of the Chronicle of January 12.

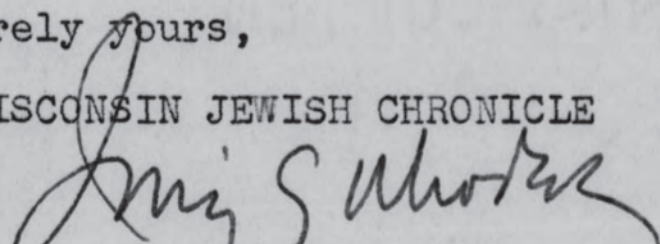
May we call your attention to the resolution adopted by the local committee on Page 1. and the leading editorial on Page 10.

We should appreciate hearing from you at the earliest possible time in order that your comments may appear in the current issue of the Chronicle.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

THE WISCONSIN JEWISH CHRONICLE


Irving G. Rhodes

IGR:EZ
Enc.

January 16, 1945

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
Union Trust Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter.
I am leaving to-day for the East and will be
gone over the 23rd or 24th of month. When I
return I shall run down to Pittsburgh to spend
a few hours with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 17, 1945

Mr. Irving G. Rhodes
The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle
240 N. Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Rhodes:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in bringing to my attention the January 12 issue of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle which published the resolution adopted by the Milwaukee Zionist Emergency Council in defense of my position, and an editorial likewise endorsing it.

I am grateful for the many complimentary things which you say about me and my work. I have been heartened by the reaction of the rank and file of American Zionists which has reached me from all parts of the country in a veritable deluge of letters, telegrams and resolutions. I have been especially gratified by the reaction in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press which has properly grasped and appraised the issues involved. Clearly the Zionists of America have not been taken in by the clever conspiracy of a handful of Zionist politicians in the bureaucracy of the ZOA, headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, who power-bent have ever since my assumption of the political direction of the movement more than a year and a half ago, sought to discredit and undermine my work. The official statement recently issued by the Mizrachi and the Poale Zion bear ample testimony to this sniping and sabotage on the part of these ZOA representatives on the Council. This group had hoped to bring about my elimination from the political leadership in a very quiet, and to them, painless manner, but the conspiracy exploded in their faces, and they are now quite desperate. At the moment they are exerting themselves to the utmost to hush up the controversy and to persuade the Zionists of America to forget all about it.

I do not believe that they will succeed. With many thanks, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DAVID PINSKI
229 WEST 78th ST.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Jan. 24, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver,

I want to thank you again
for sending me the Arab-Telegram. I
am sure I made good use of it.

Read the Morgen Journal of evening
Sunday, Jan. 28.

Cordially yours

David Pinski.

Do you expect to be in N.Y.
these days? I would like to see you.

February 1, 1945

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom
Union Trust Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Charles:

I have accepted the invitation of the Miami community to speak at their campaign meeting on Sunday February 18. That will give me, I hope, the pleasure of seeing you there, and of spending a little time together. I plan to arrive Thursday or Friday, and stay over through Monday. I have never been in Florida before and this will give me my first taste of the earthly paradise of which I have heard so much.

Our work is moving along splendidly. You may be interested in the enclosed confidential letter which I received from Pierre Van Paassen. You may also be interested to know that Staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council inscribed my name in the Golden Book.... I have had a hard time persuading them to stay on their jobs. They all wanted to resign in protest.

With all good wishes, and looking forward eagerly to seeing you in Florida, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I believe that our office would appreciate receiving the helpful contribution which you generously offered.

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
521 UNION TRUST BUILDING
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

February 5, 1945

We have all been shocked and bewildered by the events of the past weeks. Suddenly and without warning we learned that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has been eliminated from the political leadership after a year of prodigious activity and unprecedented political achievement.

This blow to our movement was dealt by the ZOA administration without troubling to ascertain the views and wishes of its constituents. No attempt was made to compose differences among the leaders and preserve Zionist unity. All proposals for a cooling off period, all counsels of moderation were rejected. The Emergency Council was hastily "reorganized" with a slate of officers which added no new talent, but excluded the strongest figure in American Jewish life and the most dynamic and resourceful leader in American Zionism. Thus, at a most critical time, we have been confronted with a fait accompli, an open breach and a bitter controversy.

That such incredible things could happen in the way they did, points to serious internal conditions which must be corrected if we are to avoid major setbacks. The leadership of the ZOA has revealed an appalling ineptitude and an incapacity to deal in a statesmanlike manner with such crises as are bound to arise. It has acted precipitately and arbitrarily. It has either mistaken the sentiments of the great body of American Zionists, or deliberately ignored them.

This is but the climax of a general trend which has long disturbed many thoughtful Zionists. Side by side with the gratifying numerical growth of our organization, there has been going on a moral deterioration at its center and a steady weakening of its democratic fiber. Lay leaders in all communities have been receiving orders and assignments which they have cheerfully carried out, but they have not been encouraged to express themselves or to participate effectively in the shaping of Zionist policy.

Vitally important posts and committees in the national setup have been increasingly filled by mere satellites or by persons who are considered "safe." Criticism is frowned upon and the critics eliminated. Esteemed and seasoned Zionist leaders, such as Emanuel Neumann, Elihu D. Stone and others have been replaced by yes-men lacking their standing, experience or qualifications. Even our National Convention - the ultimate source of democratic authority - has all but lost its original character of a deliberative assembly and has become a sounding board for a small group of leaders who occupy its platform year in, year out.

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policy abandoned. There is danger that when the powerful momentum he has imparted is spent, our movement will relapse into the state of auto-paralysis and political impotence in which it was bogged down before Dr. Silver took over the responsibility from the very hands which are now lifted against him.

The time has come for those of us who are leaders and workers in our respective communities, and are deeply concerned about the future of our movement to act and make our influence felt. To this end a number of us have decided to associate ourselves nationally under the name of the American Zionist Policy Committee. Its purposes may be briefly stated as follows:

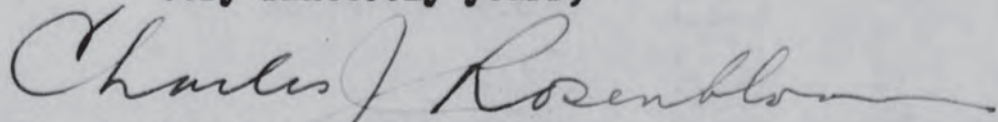
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Very sincerely yours,

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

CORNER SOUTH CROUSE AVENUE AND HARRISON STREET

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK



February 6, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was very happy to hear that, although you had resigned from the chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council, you were remaining in the Council to take part in its deliberations and thereby affect its future plans and actions. I now hear that you are not carrying through your promise, in as much as you are not taking any active part in the Council.

Those of us who are strong admirers of you deserve some word of explanation. We should like to retain our friendship for you.

With Zion's greetings,

David H. Panitz

David H. Panitz,
Rabbi

DHP:es

February 9, 1945

Mr. Adam Rosen
210 West 101st St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosen:

Since I last saw you in the Pennsylvania Station in New York, I did not have a chance to thank you for the courtesy which you showed me then and on similar occasions in making sure that I get to where I was bound for. You have been more than kind and thoughtful and I am very grateful to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Philadelphia

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Zionist Emergency Committee held on the 13th day of February, 1945, in Room 1900 North American Building, Philadelphia, and attended by duly elected representatives of the Zionist Organization of Philadelphia, Hadassah, Poale Zion and Mizrachi, the following resolution was submitted and after full discussion unanimously adopted:

Whereas, there has recently developed a bitter controversy on the Zionist scene in this country brought about by the resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as Co-Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and as Chairman of the Executive Committee of said Council;

And whereas, the American Zionist Emergency Council has recently been reconstituted by the election of Dr. Stephen S. Wise as its sole Chairman and of Mr. Chaim Greenberg as Chairman of its Executive Committee, and by the formation of an Administrative Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Herman Shulman;

And whereas, there has been considerable objectionable agitation in the public press relative to this controversy and concerning the re-constitution of the Emergency Council,

Be it Resolved that we, the members of the Zionist Emergency Council of Philadelphia, desire to be recorded as supporting wholeheartedly and loyally the American Zionist Emergency Council as now reconstituted;

And further we feel that continued public agitation such as has unfortunately been carried on is bound to prove harmful to the sacred cause to which we are dedicated.

We appeal for an immediate cessation of this public agitation and for a dedication of the maximum energies of all Zionists along constructive rather than divisive lines to the end that we may speed the day of the realization of our aim to re-establish Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth.

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February 21, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at East 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It affords me much pleasure to advise you that at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund, you were unanimously re-elected as Honorary Chairman for the ensuing year.

I feel confident that we shall have the benefit of your invaluable aid in the greater tasks which face us in the work for Geulah Ha'aretz in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
President

MR:SS

MAR 7 1945

DAVID PINSKI
229 WEST 78th ST.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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March 6, 1945

Mr. Emanuel Neuman
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Testimonial Dinner
55 W. 42 St.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Neuman,

Herewith my "message". I hope
you will find it appropriate.

I am sure you expected me
to write my message in Yiddish and
you will have it translated. May I
ask you to let me see the translation
before it will go to press?

Sincerely yours

David Pinski.

JOINT COMMITTEE
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41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

March 20, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

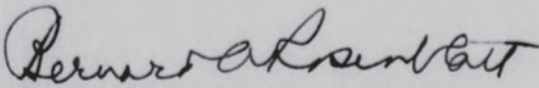
We take pleasure in informing you, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, of your re-election as a co-Chairman and as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, for the ensuing year.

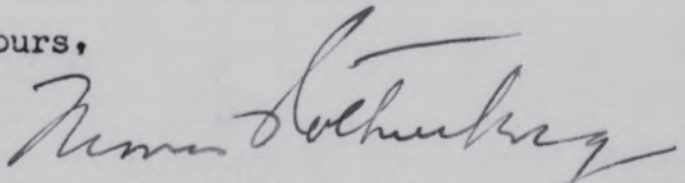
The Joint Committee representing both organizations is empowered to select the 1945 Administration constituting the United Palestine Appeal.

We look forward to the fullest measure of your support and cooperation in the conduct of the Campaign which has already been inaugurated. We anticipate an expansion of the activities of the United Palestine Appeal in the current year and your counsel, we are sure, would be of utmost value in meeting the increased responsibilities of American Jewry in the raising of larger funds for colonization and land purchase in Eretz Israel.

You will be advised shortly of the first meeting of the newly constituted Board of Directors, and we shall look forward to seeing you on that occasion, we remain

Sincerely yours,


Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President, Keren Hayesod


Morris Rothenberg
President, Jewish National Fund

UNRRA GOODS SPED TO NEEDY PEOPLES

Head of Committee on Supplies
Reveals April Loadings Will
Raise Total to 90,000 Tons

YEAR'S GOAL IS 480,000

Pearson, Canadian Envoy, Says
Many Countries Are Lagging
in Appropriations Promised

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, March 30—Supply operations of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration are now really getting under way, according to the Canadian Ambassador, L. B. Pearson, who is chairman of the committee on supplies.

Mr. Pearson said today that 30,000 tons of goods had already been shipped or loaded, and that 60,000 tons would be loaded in April. Reports from the Supply Bureau in London today, he added, brought word that relief under the limited emergency program to special distressed areas in western Europe was started with deliveries from England.

If the program goes forward on the scale proposed, Mr. Pearson said, at least 480,000 tons would be sent to Europe by the end of June. He warned, however, that ability to carry through the program depended on full support of the supplying countries and on improvement in the tight shipping situation.

Some countries are behind both in the appropriations promised and in their allotment of goods, the Ambassador indicated. He cited the fact that of the \$1,200,000,000 appropriation authorized by Congress, only \$450,000,000 had been made available, plus \$350,000,000 to be transferred from lend-lease, which has not been carried out. Other countries, he said, had made only partial appropriations of the 1 per cent of their annual budgets, which was the agreed contribution to UNRRA.

Promised Meats Not Available

With regard to supply allotments, Mr. Pearson stressed the situation on meat, saying that of 400,000,000 pounds estimated for the six-month program for deliveries to countries requiring UNRRA relief, only 33,000,000 were available. This was contributed by Canada alone. Her orig-

inal allotment of 50,000,000 pounds, he said, had been reduced by having 17,000,000 pounds re-allocated to military needs. The greater part of the United States contribution, Mr. Pearson added, had now been canceled.

Deploring the many questions which the mention of the meat situation occasioned at the news conference, Mr. Pearson reminded correspondents that the conference was on UNRRA, not on meat. He said, however, that Canada was sending abroad much meat, and added that Canadians during the past year had a lower per capita consumption of meat than Americans.

Mr. Pearson revealed that France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Norway had applied for the emergency relief for special distressed areas authorized by UNRRA's central committee. He said shipments to France from England under this program included food, clothing and shoes, some of which went by air.

Another disclosure was that UNRRA has completed agreements with the Governments of Czechoslovakia, Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy concerning the basis of its relief operations in those countries, and that "the stage has been set" for discussions with the Albanian authorities, headed by Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha. Mr. Pearson said negotiations with Albania were to be opened on the basis of the fact that he was in de facto control of the area.

Hopes for Polish Situation

First shipments of supplies to Poland and Czechoslovakia, it was stated, included peas, seeds, canned meat from Canada and blankets, fatbacks, shoes, dried milk and medical supplies from the United States. Mr. Pearson said it was understood that these supplies could be distributed in Poland even though the mission just appointed to negotiate an agreement with Poland had not ended its mission when the goods arrived.

Mr. Pearson indicated if the program of relief continued at the expected rate, it was probable that funds appropriated for the work would be exhausted by the end of this year. He said that Canada's supply contribution had now been almost used up, and that by October or November the situation would be serious for procurement. Though all supplies to be ordered under the first financing might not have been delivered, it was expected that all orders would have been placed up to the limit of funds allotted.

UNRRA-financed supplies are destined mainly for Greece, Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Italy and the refugee camps in the Middle East. The supplies will come from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, Iceland, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa and other countries.

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
POST OFFICE BOX 548389
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

April 2nd

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was so glad to receive your letter and to hear from you about what must have been a magnificent affair. Certainly the tribute was reserved and all the more so because of what you are and stand for.

I received a copy of your address and found it intensely interesting and stimulating. The only fault I could find - and for this I and not you are to blame - is that I missed the warmth of your personality in its delivery.

May I have the opportunity of appealing to your profound Zionist feelings and your love for Palestine to urge your participation

in the nation wide campaigns of the U. P. A. Believes your sense of fair play and justice shone and does transcend the bitterness of the political arena, the pettiness of some of our leaders and the name calling that has been indulged in.

There is no question in my mind that the U. P. A. needs you and needs you badly, probably even more now that the decision of the Cleveland Welfare Fund has been reached and made known. It will be trumpeted about by the J. D. C. as a sign of the weakness of the cause of Palestine that in the home town of one of the great leaders of Zionism the cause of Palestine fared so badly.

Believe me I can understand your unwillingness to work with some of these men and I sympathize with the hurt they have inflicted upon you. But after all they will

not be the ones to feel the effects of a smaller
division of the funds raised; those who will
suffer are the ones for whom you are battling
so vigorously.

I am very much afraid that Cleveland
will be the example now for the other cities.
I know it will be for Pittsburgh as I had a
telegram from Dr. Taylor which rather
jubilantly told me of the 60/40 decision.
But to paraphrase the Yiddish saying
prayer, the evil judgment can be averted
by forthright action and leadership on
your part.

Furthermore I am concerned about
your position in this, too, because I
believe it to be unwise, politically, for
you to refrain from taking part in the

U. P. A. Campaign to the utmost measure
of your energy, talent and time. Great
Capital has and, probably will, be made
not only of what has taken place in Cleveland
but also of your apparent refusal to be of
assistance, not to the present leadership, but
to Palestine.

For these reasons, and believe they are
 cogent and compelling, I appeal to you as a
great rabbi and outstanding leader. You are
looked up to by thousands as being far above
men of little minds and small spirit.

I am writing this letter in a desire to be of
service to our cause, the nobility and grandeur
of which make our personal differences seem
trivial.

With warm regards to you in which Lucile
joins me, I am
as ever
Charles.

DR. NATHAN V. PLAFKER
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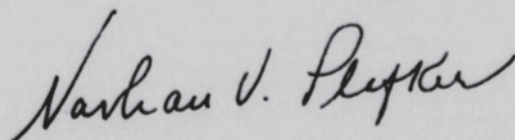
April 5, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Now that some of the furore seems to have died down, I want to earnestly assure you that there are many, many of us who sincerely love the Jewish people and strive for its welfare; that we heartily agree with your stand and urge you to continue in the same position. We who are the rank and file in Zionist life believe that you are right. I believe that, had a vote been taken within the general membership of the Jewish people of America, that your policies would have been backed by a large majority. I, and many others, would like to know whether there is anything that you can suggest for us to do, to bring about a healthful change in such an ugly situation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nathan V. Plafker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nathan" being the most prominent.

Dr. Nathan V. Plafker

April 7, 1945

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
Post Office Box 389
Hollywood, Florida

My dear Charles:

I just returned from New York and I read your very kind letter.

There must be some propaganda afoot again with reference to my non-participation in the UPA campaign. I am leaving tomorrow night to open the UPA campaign in Montreal. On Tuesday I am opening the UPA campaign in Toronto. I am scheduled to open the UPA campaign in New Haven on April 26. Just where the rumors originated that I am staying out of the UPA effort this year is of course not difficult to trace.

As far as the Cleveland situation is concerned, the enclosed letter which I sent to Mr. Emanuel Neumann is self-explanatory.

The situation in Cleveland is by no means closed. At my suggestion Mr. Weitz, who is chairman of the Cleveland campaign and also President of my Temple, sent a communication to the Federation stating that unless the allocations are revised, he will not be able to continue as chairman of the campaign. At my suggestion, too, a meeting of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council has been called for Monday night at which the community will register its vigorous disapproval of the allocation.

The ZOA Executive Committee finally voted to appoint a committee to explore the possibilities of peace. The intention of the committee, I believe, was an honest one. Goldstein, however, in giving the news to the press, coupled it with an attack upon the Policy Committee and upon me, insinuating that I had demanded the resignation of Dr. Wise, which made us very suspicious of the entire move. We waited for the appointment of the committee which was announced on Thursday. It is headed off by Judge Levinthal who has been one of our most vindictive opponents. Not a single one of our people was put on the committee of five. The only neutral person there is Louis Lipsky. The other three members are Ezra Shapiro, Dewey Stone and Daniel Frisch.

The American Zionist Policy Committee has announced that it has

Mr. Rosenbloom

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no confidence in this committee. I was in New York yesterday and told the press people who called me about the matter, that if a truly neutral committee were appointed, there should be no difficulty in arriving at an understanding.

I trust that you are well and I send you and Lucile my warmest good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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P.S. You will remember of course that I also visited Miami in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I am no longer chairman of the UPA and cannot assume any major responsibility for its work, nor was the UPA very anxious to have me very active in the UPA until the break occurred. When the split between the JDC and the UPA was announced, Rabbi Heller, who was chairman of the UPA, instead of staying home and attending to the knitting, went out to the Pacific coast to stomp the pro-Silver movement there....

April 12, 1945

Dr. Nathan V. Plafker
919 Edgmont Avenue
Chester, Pa.

My dear Dr. Plafker:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 5 which I appreciated very much. I have been greatly heartened by the endorsement which I have received from all parts of the country. Certain moves looking towards the real establishment of unity within the Zionist ranks have taken place. I do not know, at the moment, to what they will lead ultimately. I am hoping that a speedy solution may be forthcoming very soon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

PROGRAM FOR LEWISOHN STADIUM RALLY, SUNDAY, APRIL 29, AT 2 P.M.

TIME

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:00 - 2:10	Band leading in Jewish War Veterans
2:10 - 2:20	March of Youth
2:20 - 2:25	Color Guard: Drum & Bugle Corp; presentation of colors
2:25 - 2:30	Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah
2:30 - 2:33	HON. M. MALDWIN FERTIG introduces Dr. Stephen S. Wise
2:33 - 2:35	DR. WISE opens meeting and calls on audience to rise in tribute to memory of President Roosevelt
2:35 - 2:36	DR. WISE calls on Rabbi Joseph Lookstein
2:36 - 2:41	RABBI JOSEPH LOOKSTEIN memorializes martyred Jews of Europe
2:41 - 2:44	RABBI HARRY HALPERN leads prayer
2:44 - 2:48	CANTOR DAVID FUTTERMAN chants El Mole Rachamin
2:48 - 2:51	DR. JACOB HOFFMAN recites Kaddish
2:51 - 2:53	Taps
2:53 - 3:13	DR. STEPHEN S. WISE address
3:13 - 3:19	Reading of telegrams and message by BENJAMIN FIELDING, Sec'y American Labor Party
3:19 - 3:39	MAYOR FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA address
3:39 - 3:49	LOUIS LIPSKY address
3:49 - 4:04	SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER address
4:04 - 4:29	DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER address
4:29 - 4:34	Presentation of resolution by JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT
4:34 - 4:44	Music
4:44 - 4:46	Singing of <u>America</u>

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You are cordially invited to attend a dinner meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. to be held on Tuesday evening, May 22nd, 1945, at 6:00 P.M. at the Astor Hotel, 44th Street and Broadway, New York.

Among the items on the agenda will be:

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1. A report on the work of the Commission on Palestine Surveys (the Jordan Valley Authority project) by Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Mr. James B. Hays, Chief Engineer of the Commission;
2. A report of the sub-committee appointed by the decision of the recent meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod, to study the relationship of the Keren Hayesod with certain economic planning bodies on behalf of Palestine, to be conducted in the United States;
3. A report on the progress of the independent United Palestine Appeal campaign.

Please take special note that a print of the new technicolor film recently taken in Palestine has been made available for showing to the members of the Board by the United Palestine Appeal. It is planned to show this promptly at 6:00 o'clock, so that the dinner may begin at 6:45. Will you therefore please be on time, so that you may see the film.

May I ask you to be good enough to indicate on the enclosed card whether we may count on your presence? It is to be a Kosher meal, especially catered.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Herman L. Weisman

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May 11, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Judge Nathan R. Margold of the District of Columbia, who is a good friend of my brother William, was appointed by President Roosevelt some time ago as U. S. District Judge --subject to the approval of the U. S. Senate. The matter has been pending in the Judiciary Committee, and Senator Chandler, who is a champion for the confirmation, has suggested that the cooperation of Senator Robert Taft, who is a member of the Committee, might be of great value.

I wonder whether I might ask you to indorse his name for Senator Taft, since Judge Margold is a man of fine character and excellent reputation?

Thanking you beforehand, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard A. Rosenblatt

BAR:RK

May 20, 1945

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
80 Broad Street
New York 4, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 11.
I should very much like to be of service to you, but
I have made it a practise all through my career not
to recommend any man for appointment to any public
office or intercede with friends in his behalf. I
found that this practise does not tie my hands generally
and does not embarrass my Zionist activities particularly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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policy abandoned. There is danger that when the powerful momentum he has imparted is spent, our movement will relapse into the state of auto-paralysis and political impotence in which it was bogged down before Dr. Silver took over the responsibility from the very hands which are now lifted against him.

The time has come for those of us who are leaders and workers in our respective communities, and are deeply concerned about the future of our movement to act and make our influence felt. To this end a number of us have decided to associate ourselves nationally under the name of the American Zionist Policy Committee. Its purposes may be briefly stated as follows:

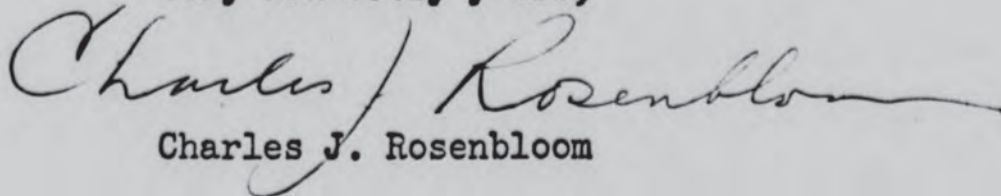
- (1) To deepen Zionist thought and the understanding of Zionist problems on the part of our lay leaders and the rank and file.
- (2) To advocate and press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
- (3) To strengthen the Zionist Organization of America from within by developing a vigorous and informed public opinion among its membership and an intelligent interest in national affairs.
- (4) To revitalize the democratic principle basic to our movement, so that the composition and policies of the national administration shall reflect the will and temper of the great body of American Zionists.

Our activity will in no wise interfere with the political work of the Zionist Emergency Council. As Dr. Silver has repeatedly urged, all constructive Zionist efforts must be carried on with undiminished vigor. Our Committee will function both nationally and locally within the framework of the ZOA. It will carry on a campaign of education. It will also lay plans for carrying out necessary reforms in our organization.

We have taken this initiative upon mature deliberation and after consultation with Dr. Silver, who, we hope, will head our committee in an active or honorary capacity.

On behalf of my associates and myself, I invite you to indicate your adherence to our views and your willingness to serve on the national council of the American Zionist Policy Committee now in formation.

Very sincerely yours,


Charles J. Rosenbloom

May 15, 1945

Miss Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, Editor
The Jewish Spectator
110 West 40th St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I read your splendid article in the April issue of the Jewish Spectator, "Needed: A New Zionist Policy." I also note that in your May issue, you reprinted the address which I delivered in New York City on March 21. I want to thank you for the editorial which reveals a thorough understanding of the Zionist situation and of the issues involved in the controversy. Needless to say, I appreciate your kind words of tribute which I am afraid are more than I deserve.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before very long. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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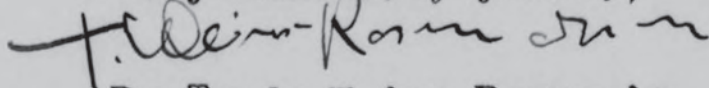
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your cordial note. I am happy to do my bit in helping bring nearer the day when the Augean stable of the present wielders of power in the ZOA will be cleansed... I know that this is a harsh judgment, but it is vindicated by the sordid facts.

Reciprocating your good wishes,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin
Editor

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May 29, 1945

Mr. Charles Ress
531 E. Lincoln Avenue
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

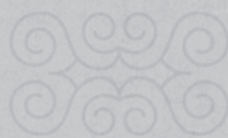
My dear Mr. Ress:

From my friend, Mr. Harry Shapiro, I received a report of the regional meeting which took place on Sunday. He informed me of the magnificent stand which you took and the manner in which you urged the adoption of the two resolutions. May I tell you how deeply grateful I am for your action. The little clique of politicians who have maneuvered themselves into positions of power in our movement are decisively beaten every time the issue is debated in public and Zionists have an opportunity to express themselves.

With all good wishes for the early consummation of our Zionist ideal, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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DEAR BOB:

KNOWING THAT YOUR ARE TO ATTEND THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, I ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED MY CORDIAL GREETINGS.

PLEASE EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION THAT, IN ACCORD WITH THE TRADITIONAL AMERICAN POLICY AND IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUR FREEDOMS, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AT ITS JULY CONVENTION THIS YEAR INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING PLANK IN ITS PLATFORM:

"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."

EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO FIND APPROPRIATE WAYS AND MEANS OF EFFECTUATING THIS POLICY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

I KNOW HOW LONG AND ARDENTLY THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE WORKED AND PRAYED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THIS AIM AND IF REELECTED I SHALL HELP TO BRING ABOUT ITS REALIZATION.

WITH CORDIAL REGARDS AND BEST WISHES-
FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT.

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