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MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Local Emergency Committees Date August 2, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

C O N F I D E N T I A L

The need for enlisting the sympathy and support of Christian America behind our Movement is greater today than ever before. Recognizing this fact, this country's leading non-Jewish pro-Palestine groups -- the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine -- have launched an extremely important project, and they look to us for assistance in making it a success.

The American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine have instituted a service which will supply speakers for non-Jewish groups throughout the country. They have set up a Speakers Bureau, which is known as CLUB PROGRAM SERVICE, with offices at 41 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. Mrs. Blanche Shepard is in charge of the Bureau.

Through Club Program Service, non-Jewish men's and women's clubs throughout the country are receiving letters such as the attached, offering them speakers on the subject of "Palestine, the Middle East and the Minorities." Responses are beginning to come in, and a number of our Emergency Committee chairmen already have been consulted regarding clubs in their own communities which have written Club Program Service indicating their desire to devote a program to Palestine.

Whenever a club in your city responds, Mrs. Shepard will call upon you for advice and guidance as to the group's importance and as to the type of speaker to be provided. You can be very helpful in several ways:

1. By responding promptly to requests for reports on these groups, which should be obtained through confidential sources. May I point out how important it is that you do not contact any of these club correspondents directly. We must not nullify the value of this purely non-Jewish project, carried on by the American Palestine Committee and Christian Council on Palestine on the one hand, and non-Jewish clubs on the other;
2. By compiling the names and addresses of Program Chairmen or Presidents of all important men's and women's non-Jewish groups in your community whom Club Program Service may contact directly;
3. By sending Mrs. Shepard the names and addresses of prominent non-Jews in your city who are equipped to address such clubs, and whom Club Program Service could use as guest speakers in your region. You might find the enclosed SPEAKERS BLANK helpful in the preparation of your list.

Please be assured of our appreciation for your cooperation.

HLS:BI
Encs.

August 15, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please be sure to follow through with the Memorial meeting of the staffs of the various Zionist groups in honor of Beryl Katzenelson. You might invite Mr. Chaim Greenberg or Mr. Wertheim to pay the memorial tribute.

Make sure that there is a reply to the Harold-Tribune letter. This should not be delayed.

I am waiting to hear from Elihu Stone about his meeting with the editor of the Christian Science Monitor.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR

August 17, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

From the enclosed memorandum I infer that Fortune Magazine is planning an article on Palestine. Is our office in touch with the magazine? If not, I would suggest that you request Mr. Lowenthal or Mr. Neumann or someone else to attend to it at once. Let's not have again post-mortems.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date August 17, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Your letter of August 15 arrived this morning, and I hasten to reply to a number of your queries.

The memorial meeting for Berl Katzenelson is being held this morning at 11:45. Mr. Lourie has worked on this meeting and he has had a great deal of difficulty in getting together a good group of speakers. Chaim Greenberg, Wertheim and Dr. Goldstein are out of town. Judge Rothenberg has to be on the bench today. The following are the speakers: Mr. Louis Lipsky, Mr. Mereminsky, Rabbi Gold, Leib Jaffe, and Mrs. Epstein.

The letter to the Herald Tribune has been drafted, and Prof. Harlow is sending it. The letter was given to Dr. Voss two days ago. There is a possibility that the letter may be signed jointly by Dr. Voss, Dean LeSourd, President Marsh and Dr. Harlow.

Three days ago we wrote to Elihu Stone regarding the Christian Science Monitor, but as yet we have no reply.

Attached is a copy of a communication to the President drafted yesterday by Prof. Friedrich and Arthur Lourie, which will be sent by the American Palestine Committee. As you can see, this has to do with the demand for immigration of Hungarian Jews to Palestine.

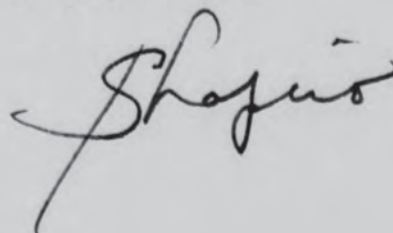
We had a further set-back in the radio business yesterday when we were informed that the outline, to be submitted to Mutual, which was supposed to be ready this week, will not be forthcoming until the end of next week. In the meantime our local committees are no doubt wondering what has happened to our radio program. Of course, in a number of letters to various chairmen throughout the country I have given some indication of our trouble, but no general memorandum on the situation has been issued.

Some of our friends on the Executive have been questioning me whether you will send a letter to Mr. Stettinius regarding his promise of an appointment. If you do that, I should like to know of it, so that I may inform them.

Leo Sack and I had a session on Tuesday with reference to the polling of candidates, and we decided that the memorandum and material should go forth to our committees immediately after September 1st.

I hope you are enjoying your return to your home.

Kindest regards.



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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date August 21, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

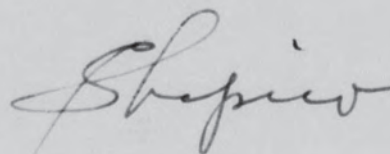
This is with reference to your letter of August 17th concerning the article in Fortune Magazine.

Mr. Emanuel Neumann had been conferring with Mr. Babcock, who is the author of the article which will appear in the October issue of that magazine. Mr. Neumann phoned me from the country Friday morning, saying that Mr. Babcock had sent him the article and that while it wasn't a propaganda piece in our favor yet it was better than any of the articles that had appeared heretofore with a "goyish" viewpoint.

Mr. Neumann suggested that Dr. Berkson be in touch with Mr. Babcock. He was to say that Mr. Neumann had asked him to phone Mr. Babcock in order to help in checking the factual information contained in the article. Dr. Berkson did this, and over the week-end he worked on a criticism of the article which he submitted this morning.

What the finished article will be is now in the lap of the Gods, but we have done our utmost to have our position placed in a favorable light. You must understand that this is one of these neutral, objective pieces which says, "On the one hand we have such and such, but on the other hand..."

Kindest regards.



HLS:HH

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September 1, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I believe that you ought to send Mr. Elihu D. Stone another check for \$1000. I understand that the last one you sent him was on April 4. Since that time Mr. Stone has devoted considerable time to our work, especially in connection with the two political conventions in Chicago. His services will still be required if and when our Congressional Resolutions come up for action.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 3, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am anxious to have the contributions which have been made to our radio fund promptly returned to the donors. It seems clear that our script will not be acceptable to the Broadcasting Company and any other script would sharply depart from our original purpose on the basis of which the funds were raised. Please let me know whether the checks have gone forward.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 5, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

On last Friday, September 1, the attached letter was sent to all Emergency Committee chairmen. Today checks are being signed to be returned to the contributors to the radio fund. These will be mailed today and tomorrow.

Kindest regards.

Shapiro

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enc.



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342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

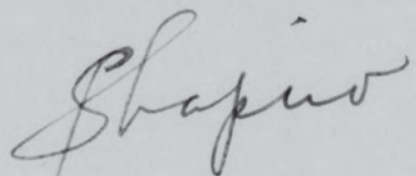
Date September 7, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a copy of the report which we submitted to the ZOA as a result of the request which Saul Spiro made some time ago and which we discussed following his request.

Manson has done this job and it is an excellent piece. I hope that it meets with your approval.

Kindest personal regards.



HLs:RP
Enc.

September 7, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You may be interested in the enclosed letter which I received today from Judge William S. Bennet in response to a letter which I wrote him upon receipt of his letter which you forwarded to me. Bennet clumsily crawls out of the charges which he made and suggests that the matter be dropped. I suppose there is no point in pursuing the matter any further.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. Is the volume on Congress Opinion on Palestine soon to make its appearance? Have you prepared an appropriate press release to cover it?

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September 8, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the report on the American Zionist Emergency Council which Manson prepared. It is especially well done and I was very much gratified with it. I hope that no attempt will be made to revise it when it gets into the hands of our friends in the ZOA. If it is, I would suggest that a copy of it, as is, be sent to everyone of our Community Contact chairmen as a report of a year's work of our Council. In fact I would suggest that you ask Mr. Spero whether he has any objection to our office sending a copy of this report to the Community Contact chairmen.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 11, 1944

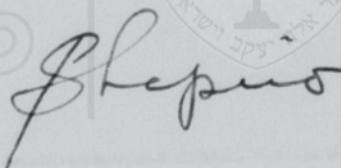
From Harry L. Shapiro

Thank you for your letter of September 7. I agree with you there is no point in pursuing the Bennet matter any further.

As yet we have not prepared a release in connection with the book on the Congress. Mr. Lamm is giving me all the data of the contents of the book today in order that we may prepare an accurate release. Under normal circumstances we would wait for the issuance of the book before sending out a release and tie it up with some current happening. In the event that the Emergency Council will not accept your proposal with reference to the current controversy, we will issue the release prior to sending the books in order that your administration will have the proper credit for the job.

If possible, I intend to take the same procedure with reference to the Frankenstein book.

Kindest regards.


A circular stamp is visible in the background, partially overlapping the signature. It contains the text "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" and a menorah symbol.

HLS:HH

American Zionist Emergency Council

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Mizrachi Organization of America
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Zionist Organization of America

September 11, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There can be little doubt that the future of the Jewish National Home will be decided during the year 5705. As United Nations forces move forward to final victory over the enemy, a definitive pronouncement on Palestine becomes more imminent. It is, therefore, extremely important that the Jews of America, a vast majority of whom are on record in favor of the Zionist program, join in a final, all-out drive to bring about the implementation of that program.

During the past year the American Zionist Emergency Council has been mobilizing public opinion behind the drive to repeal the White Paper policy and to bring about the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The Council's efforts have covered a variety of fields and have produced many gratifying results. We feel that this activity should be reviewed now, so that, confident in the knowledge that American Zionist political work is being conducted with a high degree of effectiveness, the American Jewish community will give its fullest support to the Council's program during the crucial months which lie ahead.

We are, therefore, taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed brief survey of the Council's political work, and hope that you will see fit to relay this information to the members of your congregation during the High Holidays.

With heartfelt wishes for a New Year that will bring with it peace for the world and redemption for the Jewish people, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Director

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

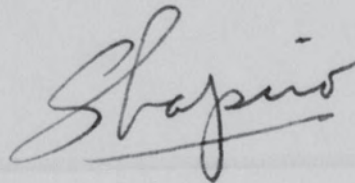
Date October 6, 1944

From Harry L. Shapiro

Mrs. Rose Jacobs phoned me to request an appointment with you for herself and Mrs. Frank Cohen of the Esco Foundation on Thursday, October 12. I told her that I did not know whether your schedule would permit such an appointment but that I would write to you to make such a request. Insofar as I know your schedule, I believe that the only time you could see them would be at 3:00 P.M.

Will you let me know immediately whether you will see them?

Kindest regards.



HLS:HH

October 9, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I should very much love to see Mrs. Rose Jacobs, but Thursday will be too crowded a day what with our Press Conferences, our Emergency Council meeting and the necessity for spending some time at the office. Please phone Mrs. Rose Jacobs and tell her that on my next visit to New York I shall be most happy to see her and by that time I will have read through the manuscript of Dr. Berkson.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 19, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Will you please send me a few copies
of the dodger which we issued in Atlantic City --
the letter of Secretary of War Stimson to Senator
Taft?

For our Archives, I would obtain the original
or a photostat of this letter, as well as of the
President's letter to Senator Wagner.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

American Zionist Emergency Council

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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October 23, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is with reference to your letter of October 20.
I take up the items covered in your letter as follows:-

1) "America and Palestine" - attached is a memorandum which was sent to all the Emergency Committee chairmen last week with reference to "America and Palestine". The books are now being mailed. The books are also being sent to libraries, editors, important newspapers, important governmental officials, etc.

2) We have been following through on commitments from candidates for the Congress, as described in my memorandum which I am attaching. Also attached is a follow-up memorandum which was sent October 17. As yet we have not tabulated the results of the returns, but I believe to date we have heard from approximately 40% of our Emergency Committees. In many instances local Emergency Committees refused to get further commitments from their Congressmen and Senators because they had had prior assurances from them.

3) Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee - I have been in contact with every local committee which has a Representative on the House Foreign Affairs Committee with the exception of Mrs. Bolton, whom I know you are handling in Cleveland. I have given each chairman a full and complete explanation of what is necessary by telephone. This telephone conversation was followed up by letter from myself to them to which were attached copies of the President's and Governor Dewey's statements, the Republican and Democratic planks, and Secretary Stimson's letter to Senator Taft. The same procedure was followed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

We have informed Mr. Herman Taubman from Dallas that he should refrain from seeing Senator Connally. This, as you will recall, was your suggestion in our phone conversation of Friday.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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October 23, 1944

4) The Zondek Case - Today I learned from Miss Hilb of the World Jewish Congress that Miss Zondek's case was still pending. As you know, Miss Zondek's visa expired a few days ago, but Miss Hilb was successful in getting it extended. The Washington representative of the World Jewish Congress will be in New York tomorrow and he will make a full report to Miss Hilb, who will in turn give me the latest information. As soon as I have it I will relay it to you.

Kindest regards.

HLS:HH
encs.



Cordially yours,

Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Director



October 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith the corrected copy of the address which I delivered in Atlantic City. Please have it printed in a nice sizeable form. I understand that there has been quite a demand for copies received at the ZOA offices in Washington. I think copies should be sent to all the delegates who attended the Convention, to our community contact chairmen and some others. A printing of 1500 to 2000 should, in my judgment, be adequate. Please see that the proofs are read carefully.

The address may be titled:

A YEAR'S ADVANCE

A political report submitted to the Convention of the
Zionist Organization of America in Atlantic City,
Sunday, October 15, 1944

By

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Chairman, Executive Committee
American Zionist Emergency Council

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

SUGGESTED LETTER TO BE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN FADJO CRAVENS

November , 1944

Hon. Fadjo Cravens
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Cravens:

In your letter of November 6 you raised three questions which have made you hesitate to favor the establishment of a Jewish home in Palestine. Permit me to suggest the following to you in answer to the points that you have advanced:

1. There is no considerable difference among the Jewish people of this country as to the desirability for the establishment of a Jewish home in Palestine. This has been very clearly demonstrated by the action of the American Jewish Conference that was held in New York from August 29th to September 3, 1943. By an almost unanimous vote of 496-4 the Conference adopted a resolution favoring the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. The delegates to this Conference were chosen by forty American Jewish organizations which have a nationwide membership and by district elections held all over the United States. The districts were based upon the number of their Jewish residents. This procedure is thoroughly democratic and the result was that the session of the American Jewish Conference was representative of the entire Jewish population of America.

2. The racial issue in Palestine has been greatly exaggerated. There have been occasional disturbances generally fomented by outside influences but for many years the settlement of Palestine was able to go on peaceably so that the Jewish population of that country grew from 55,000 in 1918 to about 550,000, which is the present Jewish population. In 1936 there were a series of uprisings which were carried on for several years and while the roads were unsafe and there were attacks on the Jewish colonies, no colony, no matter how small or remote, was destroyed or entered by the dissidents. These disturbances were supported by Fascist and Nazi agents who used Palestine to train themselves in the setting of land mines. Yet, in spite of all these the Jewish settlement was able to take care of itself. The Jews of that country have no fear for what you term "possible massacre by the Arabian element."

3. With respect to Palestine being primarily under the jurisdiction of Great Britain, let me call your attention to the fact that Great Britain is the Mandatory for Palestine under the League of Nations, and as such Great Britain is only a Trustee to implement the terms of the Mandate which specifically states that its purpose is to carry out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration for the establishment of a Jewish homeland. The United States was a party to the issuance of the Balfour Declaration because as one of the Allied Nations in the last war, President Wilson was consulted regarding the terms of the Declaration and it was issued with his distinct approval. The United States is also a party to the mandate by a treaty with Great Britain dated December 1924. In addition to this, the Sixty-Seventh Congress in 1922 unanimously adopted a resolution favoring a Jewish homeland. Now that the United States is again one of the

United Nations with the certainty that when the peace comes, our country will be a part of whatever international organization is formed, Palestine will become the problem of this organization as the successor of the League of Nations. It is, therefore, proper that our country should concern itself with Palestine settlement.

I do not feel that you are opposed to the settlement of Jews in any place that they may select, but unfortunately the selection is exceptionally small. The chances for immigration into this country are practically non-existent and in most other countries there is not much more opportunity. In Palestine, Jews have laid a firm foundation and have demonstrated that they are capable of building up the country for themselves. Those who have settled there have no fears and they believe that they can adequately take care of themselves. Certainly they are willing to take a chance as Palestine is their only hope. I feel that our country, true to our tradition of freedom, should be willing to help them get this chance.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1944

Mr. Louis Cohen
20 South 6th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Louie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and also thank you for having forwarded to me the book entitled "America and Palestine." I will be more than glad to read the book as I am sure it will be instructive as well as interesting.

I have hesitated to advocate as a Member of Congress the establishment of a Jewish Home in Palestine. This hesitancy is based upon several considerations:

- 1) That the Jewish people in this country seem to be considerably divided as to whether the establishment of such a home is desirable.
- 2) As I understand it a very delicate racial situation exists in the country involved in that the Arabs, who also occupy the area, are opposed to the establishment of the home and have indicated forceable resistance, if any, to the project and I would, of course, regret to see members of the Jewish race in Palestine exposed to attack and possible massacre by the Arabian element.
- 3) The matter is at present one primarily under the jurisdiction of the government of Great Britain, and it strikes me as being somewhat inappropriate for a member of the government of the United States to undertake to tell Great Britain how it should handle its own affairs. The people and the government of this country would, no doubt, resent, for instance, any official directions from Great Britain as to how we should deal with Hawaii, Honolulu or other American possessions.

From the above I know you will not draw the conclusion that I am in any way opposed to the settlement of the Jews in any place they may select, but under existing circumstances I sincerely doubt the advisability of seeking to force the issue especially at the present time when most armed forces are engaged elsewhere and might not be available to adequately protect Jews, who might settle in Palestine.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed)

Fadjo Cravens

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FORT SMITH OFFICE SUPPLY HOUSE

20 South Sixth Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

November 11, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter regarding the presentation of book to Hon. Fadjo Gravens wish to state that inasmuch as he is in Washington I was forced to mail it to him with an appropriate letter.

The enclosed is his reply.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(signed) Louis Cohen

11/14/44BR

November 16, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I think you ought to make available to Congressman Bloom the declarations which you received from members of his Foreign Affairs Committee, such as that of Congressman Vorys, Bolton and others, on the Palestine Resolution. I think it would help him to keep his members in line. Have Leo Sack take those declarations over to Mr. Bloom right-a-way.

The letter of Senator Austin, of Vermont, is somewhat ambiguous and disturbing. Will the Senator vote for the Congressional Resolution or not? Once the Resolution is voted out of the Foreign Relations Committee, it will be important for Mr. A. Pearley Feen to get in touch with Senator Austin again and make sure that he votes right.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date November 22, 1944

From Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Relative to the enclosed copy of letter from Congressman Fadjo Cravens, I have written Mr. Louis Cohen asking that he send an answer to the Congressman. I have also sent Mr. Cohen the form of letter to be written to the Congressman, and am enclosing copy of same.



HLS:HRK
Encls.

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A H SILVER

Sender's Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

November 24, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver's expenses in connection with his trip
to New York on November 20th amounted to \$35.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver



TELEGRAM

11-24-44

Mr. Harry Shapiro
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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WHERE I WILL BE IN THE MORNING.



December 26, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I hope that sufficient copies of the volume, "America and Palestine" have been sent to the office of the Jewish Agency in London and Jerusalem for distribution. It might also be well to send some copies to Canada, Australia and South Africa.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

American Zionist Emergency Council

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Murray Hill 2-1160

December 29, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The attached is my final memorandum to our Emergency Committees. It will be sent to the Chairmen and the members of these local groups, a total of approximately three thousand.

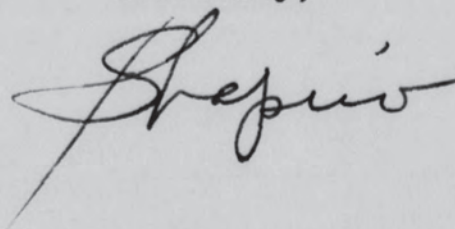
Those who reply may be regarded as part of the nucleus which will develop the necessary national organization.

The memorandum dealing with the events leading to the political lynching, plus a digest of the items which have appeared in the Jewish Press are going to the same list.

I shall not be at this office after today and should you wish to reach me my address is 5 Prospect Place, New York 17, N.Y. My telephone is Murryhill 4-6700.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,



Chairmen of Local Emergency Committee

December 29, 1944

Harry L. Shapiro

This is my last memorandum to you in my capacity as Director of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

No one feels more keenly than I the full tragedy of the recent developments which have halted the essential work of the American Zionist Emergency Council - work that was carried forward with such vigor, enthusiasm, and success during the past year under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. But I cannot continue in office after the policies and procedures which all of us, working together, had embraced in the past historic months have been scuttled by the leaders and representatives of the Zionist Organization of America on the Council, and after the program of Dr. Silver, which has been responsible for our major achievements, has been undermined to a point where he had no recourse but to resign.

The issue cuts far beneath a clash of personalities, or the ambitions of self-seeking cliques. The Zionists of America - the Jewish people in fact - must decide whether we shall return to the inanities, inactivity and "backstairs diplomacy" which characterized the methods of the American Zionist Emergency Council from its inception until a year ago; or whether we resume the forthright open policy of enlisting the active support of the American public and the American government, both Congress and the Executive, in behalf of our Zionist program.

The immediate task before me and other sincere Zionists is clear. The organized Zionists of America must be informed of what has taken place. They are entitled to the truth and must be given the opportunity to judge this question, which is a matter of life and death for our movement, on the basis of facts and fundamental issues.

Administration of the
Convinced that this problem can be dealt with effectively only at its source, many of us have already resolved to bring this whole tragic story to the membership of the Zionist Organization of America so that they may decide whether or not ~~the Z.O.A. representatives on the Emergency Council have~~ abided by the last Convention's unanimous declaration of approval for Dr. Silver's policies, or whether those representative have deliberately cast those policies and their sponsor overboard.

If you feel as I do that speedy action must be taken to bring the facts clearly and fearlessly to the rank and file of the Z.O.A., I urge you to communicate with me at 250 West 57th Street (Room 1030), New York 19, N.Y.

Kindest regards.

January 2, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Have you obtained the transcript of the
Emergency Council meeting of Wednesday, December 20?
It is important that we have the transcript in our
hands before it is edited by the new administration.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

HAS:BK

January 8, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I believe that Zionist Districts throughout the country should be asked to adopt resolutions disapproving the action of the Executive and Administrative Committee of the ZOA and expressing their confidence in me, etc. etc. I think that that would be the most telling reply to the action of the Administrative Committee which we know is a packed body controlled by the machine. Certain districts like Toledo, Milwaukee etc. where we have our friends may be asked by wire to take speedy action. The others should be written to, literature enclosed, and action along the line of the Brooklyn Region and the enclosed action of the Long Island District should be recommended.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

January 15, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Please send me fifty copies of "Statement
of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver" and twenty-five copies
of the memorandum which you and Manson sent out.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 15, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The enclosed letter and editorial from Mr. Biben of Rochester will interest you. The same editorial appeared in the eight publications mentioned on the letterhead. I have acknowledged this letter to Mr. Biben.

I am also sending you the invitation to a meeting of the local emergency committees which I received this morning.

Also a telegram from Oil City informing me of resolutions which the Zionist District there adopted.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 3

January 17, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I'd appreciate it very much if you
would kindly send me about ten or fifteen copies
of "A Year's Advance," if you have any available.

Thank you.

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BRYANT PARK BUILDING, INC.

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NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE PENNSYLVANIA 6-5300

January 24, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find original and copy of proposed lease between the American Zionist Committee and us for space in the building situate at and known as #55 West 42nd Street, New York City.

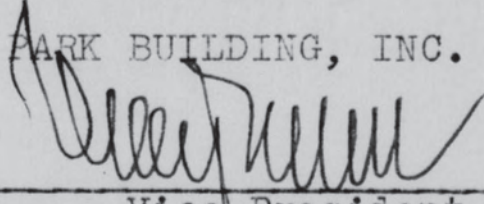
Will you be kind enough to have Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as Chairman, sign these leases at the places indicated before a notary public, and return the same to us as soon as possible, together with a check for the first month's rent. Upon receipt of these leases duly executed by Dr. Silver, we shall send you the duplicate original thereof duly executed by us.

Thanking you for your attention to the above details, we are,

Very truly yours,

BRYANT PARK BUILDING, INC.

By


Vice-President

LR

Encls.

January 30, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I understand that Sumner Welles will not be available for March 21. Senator Taft has accepted in a letter which I received this morning in which he said: "I should be glad to attend any testimonial dinner in your honor, and particularly the one at the Commodore Hotel on Wednesday evening, March 21. and I shall be glad to speak at that meeting."

Have you heard definitely from Van Paassen? I am getting in touch with Governor Lausche.

Has Mr. Neumann spoken to you about the thought of charging only \$10 a plate instead of the contemplated \$25 so that we will not have to explain what the additional money will be used for? I am inclined to believe that as a result of the meeting, we could easily raise the \$15,000 approximately which the meeting under the \$25 arrangement would net us.

I was delighted to receive on Saturday the enclosed letter from the staff of the Emergency Council. Please tell Mr. Tuvim that I shall wire to St. Louis. I had a very pleasant meeting, and a very well attended one in Columbus. The group is all with us, and our good friend, Mr. Yenken, is a splendid chap and is eager to work with us. He will raise funds. I would suggest that you write to him and indicate how much should be raised, and when.

You may also be interested in the enclosed exchange of telegram and letter with the New Palestine. If there ever was a muzzled press the New Palestine certainly has become one under the gangsterism of "Izzy the Purge." Show the correspondence to Manson, Tuvim and Neumann and advise me what to do about it. It seems to me that it would be a sufficiently important matter -- this muzzling of the Zionist press -- to put the correspondence in the hands of a man like Fishman who should bring it to the public's attention. To plead that the Zionists are fed up by the controversy does not seem to be borne out by the fact that the New Palestine

Mr. Shapiro

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January 30, 1945

devoted two full pages in the last issue to the discussion of my resignation at the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

In the letter to be sent to the members of the American Zionist Policy Committee, I note where there has been inserted a sentence: "Esteemed Zionist leaders such as Emanuel Neumann, Elihu B. Stone, etc..." I question the wisdom of specifying names in this letter. There are others who were purged such as Sol Cohen, Irving Miller, etc. who might resent the fact that their names were not mentioned. It would, perhaps, be best if the letter is not already typed, to omit that sentence.

Under separate cover I am sending you a thousand copies of the reprint on "Why Dr. Silver Resigned". I am also sending the envelopes. You may wish to use it in circularizing the boards of the various Zionist organizations -- Hadassah, ZOA Administrative Committee, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. The letter from the Staff of the Emergency Council might make an interesting item in the public press.



5 Prospect Place, New York 17,
January 30, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are copies of the lease for the offices of the American Zionist Policy Committee. Please sign these as Chairman of the Committee and return them to me at my home, 5 Prospect Place, New York 17, N. Y.

In order to get these offices, it has been necessary to sign the lease for slightly more than a full year. It is my own opinion that the rent is excessive but with the present market, there is nothing we can do about it.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Shapiro

Harry Shapiro

P.S. Please note that the signatures need to be notarized -

HS/M
(Enc.)

February 7, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You asked me for the address of Mr. Harry J. Fisher.
It is: 635 Empire Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

I am eager to hear whether you were able to engage
the services of Pierre Van Paassen, Orson Welles or Mowrer
for The Temple for February 18th.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Hollywood
Resolutions.

It was nice to have had the pleasant conferences yesterday
afternoon and evening. Please send me a copy or two of the
letter which Mr. Rosenbloom sent out for my files. Let me
know, as soon as you can, the list of co-chairmen for the
March 21st dinner; also the ~~sponsors~~ ^{Speakers} who have accepted.

Remind Mr. Neumann to get in touch with Niebuhr.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 8, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

It has occurred to me that a short but good musical program might not be amiss on March 21. I have been thinking of Jan Peerce whom I know very well and who may be willing to contribute his services. It would be worthwhile to ask him.

I do not know whether I included the name of Dr. A. J. Feldman, Congregation Beth Israel, Hartford, Conn. among those who should be invited to be sponsors for the March 21st meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

February 13, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
44 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith the check.

I am leaving this evening for Miami. Please forward to me there whatever material we issue by Airmail.

Has Jan Peerce, of the Metropolitan, been invited to participate in the program on March 21?

Has the invitation to the sponsors gone out? We ought not to lose any more time on it. It is already the middle of February.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 14, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Abe Goodman
3355 Fleming Drive
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Silver:

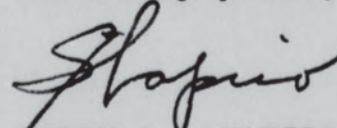
Yesterday, I sent you the first list of our friends who had responded to Mr. Rosenbloom's letter. Attached herewith, is a list of the acceptances which I received to-day. The list to date comprises 87 names. These people come from 27 States and from 55 different Cities. 19 of them are members of the National Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A.

I cannot supplement our phone conversation just before your leaving for Miami with reference to the Einstein incident. Emanuel Neumann has not yet returned from Baltimore. Please be assured that we will make no move with reference to this until after we have discussed it with you by phone.

Our release on the Organization of the American Zionist Policy Committee was given a good play in the Day and the Forward. We have assurance from the Morning Journal that it will appear in that publication tomorrow.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,


HARRY L. SHAPIRO

HLS:RB
Encs.

February 22, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

In building up our Policy Committee, I would suggest that you procure a list of the delegates who attended the Atlantic City Zionist Convention. That list was probably printed in the Convention or post-Convention issue of the New Palestine. Eliminate the names of those who are clearly in opposition; also the names of those who have already come on our Committee and send an invitation to all the others. In all likelihood those are the people who will be elected again to the next Zionist Convention and these are the people whom we want to get on our Committee.

I do not believe that it would be necessary to bother Mr. Rosenbloom to sign the additional letters. They can be signed for him in our office.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 27, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I would suggest that you get in touch with Rabbi Julius Silberfeld of Newark, N.J. Rabbi Silberfeld was formerly Rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham, now presided over by Dr. Joachim Prinz. He is a very dear friend, and I have in the past attended quite a number of testimonials in his honor. You might interest him in getting four or five tables of Newark friends for the March 21st meeting. I would suggest that you invite him over and talk to him.

Rabbi Feldman of Hartford may arrange to have a group of Hartford friends attend the meeting in a body.

I have accepted the invitation of the Mizrahi Women's Organization to be their speaker at a donor luncheon in May. Get in touch with Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, the National President of that Organization, 1133 Broadway, and see whether she would not arrange for a few tables for the members of her organization.

Mr. Eli Liebow, my brother-in-law, of Jersey City, whose name I see on your Sponsor List, might be asked to have a few tables of Jersey City friends come in. His address is 896 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N.J.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:BK

P.S. You may reach Rabbi Silberfeld at Temple B'nai Abraham
826 South 10th Street, Newark 8, N.J.

March 7, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Besides Mrs. Silver, my two sons, Daniel
Jeremy and Raphael David, will also attend the dinner
on March 21. I assume that Mrs. Silver will sit with
me at the Speakers' Table. The children should be
placed at the Cleveland table.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Please make sure to engage a suite for Senator Taft
for March 21 at the Commodore Hotel, and for any
other out-of-town guest speakers.

March 8, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I received from Mr. Yenkin of Columbus, Ohio. I thought you would be interested in reading it.

I understand that the New York News of Tuesday, March 6, carried an ~~article~~ ^{editorial} on Palestine. I should like to obtain a copy of it.

Have the following been asked to be sponsors: Herbert H. Lehman, Wallace, Vice-President Truman, Morgenthau? All four should be requested to send messages.

Have you obtained Senator Barkley for the program, or Fulbright? Have Rabbi Gold, Mr. Pinski and Rabbi Milton Steinberg already been invited?

Marvin Lowenthal's article should be sent to the Anglo-Jewish press without delay. He should be advised not to wait for a refusal from the people to whom he intended to show it. The article is very timely and can be very helpful at this moment.

The letters to the additional three or four hundred people inviting them to become members of the Policy Committee should also go out without delay. Psychologically, this is a good time for it.

Has the telegram to the Committee members been dispatched?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mr. Shapiro

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March 8, 1945

P.S. Has Mr. Monsky accepted sponsorship? I understand that he was to meet with you or Mr. Neumann in New York and make his position known.

Has Dr. Harry Friedenwalk accepted sponsorship? A letter from him would be welcome.

I should like you to invite Dr. Nathan Ratnoff to be one of the sponsors.



March 8, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Mr. Harry Epstein and his son Morton have
already obtained tickets for the March 21st dinner.
Please make reservations for them at the Cleveland
Table.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

~~Fine~~
Dr. Silver

March 8, 1945

Mr. Isidor Fine
40 Worth Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Fine:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your checks in the amounts of \$270, \$330, and \$100, making a total of \$700. A formal receipt for this amount is enclosed.

I know that I need not express our gratitude to you. You are not the type of Zionist who does things with that in view. I must say, however, that your cooperation has been a source of great encouragement to us and, what is even more important, your contributions have come at a time when we need them most to carry on the good work in which we are mutually concerned.

I therefore want to express my personal appreciation for this splendid interest which you are according us and I shall send a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver so that he too may know of your fine deeds. We will all look forward to further evidence of your interest. I understand that it is your intention to raise additional sums for us and I want to assure you that not only will our records indicate the extent of your cooperation, but you will have our unqualified gratitude.

Incidentally, would you like us to send individual acknowledgments to the people from whom you obtained the contributions. If it is your desire that we do so, we will be very glad to comply.

I hope you have a successful trip and you will return in time for our dinner on the 21st. We are making fine headway with it, and we expect one of the most historic evenings in Zionist affairs.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

HLS:rb
Encs,

Harry L. Shapiro
Acting Secretary

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

55 WEST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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March 9, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

No doubt you share the conviction that the American Zionist Policy Committee must formulate a comprehensive program of action to carry out the committee's objectives as speedily as possible. To accomplish this, provisional officers and temporary executive or interim committee must be established without delay and in a democratic manner.

Due to ODT regulations it is impossible to convene a meeting of the full National Council of the Committee. However we are permitted to hold a meeting which limits itself to 50 individuals. It has therefore been decided following a discussion of this matter by some of our members that such a conference should take place on Tuesday evening, March 20th, and Wednesday morning, March 21st.

There will be two sessions in all, the first to be held at 8 P.M. on Tuesday and the second at 11 A.M. on Wednesday. The conference will take place in the Commodore Hotel of New York City. In conformity with wartime custom we are making no plans for luncheon or dinner sessions.

In order to be perfectly fair we have decided on the following procedure. The first 50 individuals who respond to this invitation will be designated as delegates to the conference and they will make the necessary decisions.

If you can attend the meeting, please wire me collect immediately. Please indicate whether you desire hotel room reservations.

Very cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Acting Secretary

HLS:rb

COPY

Dr. Silver:
The copy of
was included
on all letters.
Shapiro.

P.S. The Zionists of New York are tendering a Testimonial Dinner to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the evening of March 21st. If you wish to attend this event, will you so indicate in your wire.

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Harry Shapiro
n. y.

WANT A REPLY?
"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
Included without charge.

Have you received message from Gov. Lausche. If not
wire him. Preliminary announcements in English
daily press tomorrow or Friday & testimonial would
be helpful.

Silver

WRHS



March 16, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

This is the check for Mr. Harry Epstein,
1853 S. Compton Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for his
ticket to the dinner on March 21st.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

March 30, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I spoke with Mr. Neumann, yesterday, about the reply issued by the Emergency Council to the 146 signatories of the telegrams sent to it. I understand that Mr. Manson has prepared a rejoinder and that Mr. Neumann is looking it over. I also suggested to Mr. Neumann some things which should be included.

The reply of the Council goes far beyond what I am sure must have been intended by some of the members of the Council, especially the Mizrachi and the Poale Zion. There are miserable distortions and innuendoes in the reply which I am sure our friends on the Council would never have permitted had they seen the draft. There is also the attempt to represent us as fostering a "separatist movement", and the fact that we opened an office to organize the sentiment within the ZOA as a challenge of the authority of the Council. This is insolent presumption on the part of the Council which has no business to enter into the internal affairs of the ZOA. The letter deftly ignores the reaction of Zionist organizations throughout the country and the entire press.

I think, and I suggested it to Mr. Neumann, that the Mizrachi representatives on the Council, and those of our friends on the Poale Zion who are willing, should repudiate this letter at the forthcoming meeting of the Council. They should be contacted at once.

Our rejoinder should be sent out without delay. Undoubtedly this reply of the Council will find its way into the Jewish press. We ought to watch that and be prepared with our statement. It should be carefully drawn, but forceful and comprehensive.

How are you proceeding with the funds? Have you already obtained a statement for income tax deduction? We come up against this fact time and again and it is seriously interfering with our obtaining contributions.

Has Lewenthal's article been distributed to the Anglo-Jewish press? It has not yet appeared anywhere. It is important to draw in a fresh name, and especially one which carries such weight.

Mr. Harry Shapiro

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I am sending you a copy of my reply to the letter which Dr. Wise wrote to me as well as a copy of Wise's letter.

With all good wishes for a happy holiday, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 30, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Dr. Silver received a letter from a Miss Dorothy Adelson of your city. Her address, unfortunately, was not on her letter and the envelope was thrown out. She wrote an article called "The Forgotten Ally" which she sent Dr. Silver. She also recently wrote an article called "Paradox in Zionism" which appeared in the American Jewish Committee paper. Can you identify her? And if you can, will you kindly send me her address?

Thanks much for your trouble.

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

April 3, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to inform you that his residence phone number has been changed from Skyline 5740 to DREXEL 1090.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

April 3, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

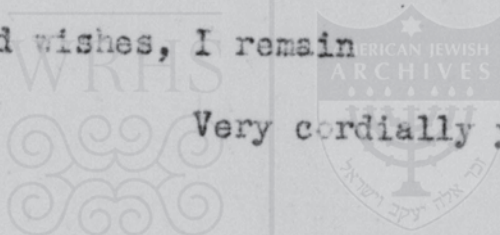
My dear Harry:

I am enclosing herewith the resolutions adopted
by the Parkchester Zionist District. I have acknowledged
it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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April 3, 1945

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th St & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Dorothy Adelson is a very capable writer, a good Zionist and an ardent supporter of Dr. Silver's leadership and policies. She now is employed by the American Jewish Committee and helps to edit their monthly magazine, "The American Jewish Committee Reporter".

When Dr. Silver was in Atlantic City last October, she had a conversation with him with reference to a plan of contacting diplomats of the Latin-American countries. If you bring this point to his attention, he will remember her. Her address is: 520 West 110th Street
New York City

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

HLS:ab

April 5, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thanks for the information about Dorothy
Adelson. I appreciate it very much.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

BJX

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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April 18, 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Harry L. Shapiro

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am herewith sending you a memorandum on the subject of the Frisch -- Isreeli conversation. Mr. Isreeli has always been a reliable reporter but, as you can remember, recently he has put peculiar "twists" into his observations. I say this in order to caution you not to accept fully everything that he has said.

Daniel Frisch invited Isreeli to have dinner with him on Monday night in order to convey to him his point of view in the current controversy, in order that Isreeli might convey the information to us. Frisch was fully aware that Isreeli would do this. When Isreeli questioned Frisch as to why he did not approach our people directly, Frisch told him that he did not wish to go to Neumann, because he found it impossible to discuss the situation with Neumann.

In explaining his own personal position, Frisch said that he would neither support Wise nor Heller as he regards them as assimilationists. He claimed that Silver was not only a sound Zionist but an hebraist. In explaining his own action, Frisch said that the present administration of the ZOA had given him a great honor in electing him to his present position and in return he was obligated to stand with them up to this time. He now sees the Zionist movement in America as "going to pieces". As a good Zionist, he feels that the only solution for the rebuilding of the movement is for Silver to return to leadership in the Emergency Council and then to take over the ZOA.

According to him, the only way that this can be done is through a "regrouping" of leadership around Dr. Silver. He claims that despite the amount of sound organization work which the Policy Committee might do throughout the year, that all this activity could be destroyed during the period of two weeks preceding the election. It is his contention that if 15 or 18 of the top leaders in the ZOA stood up at the Convention and one after another insisted that they could not work with Silver, that the delegates would change their minds about supporting Silver, and the Silver

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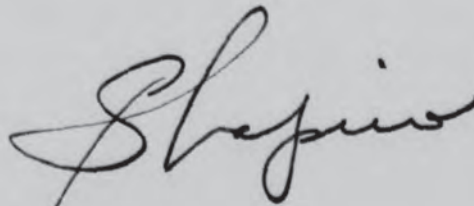
group would risk the chance of losing the election. On the other hand, if a group of known leaders supported Silver at the convention, that Silver's election to the head of the ZOA would be assured. He claims that he has felt out Judge Levinthal and Israel Goldstein and that they would stand with him in supporting Silver at the next convention. He also believes that Judge Rothenberg would also go along with this "regrouping" idea because in recent weeks Rothenberg has taken a position in the Emergency Council always opposing the current administration. These, in addition to Louis Lipsky, would be a group of leaders on a higher level supporting Silver at the Convention than the present supporters who now are associated with Emanuel Neumann. He also claims that there is, at present, harmony between Silver and Ezra Shapiro in their work in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal in Cleveland. It is his opinion that Ezra Shapiro might also go along with this "regrouping" idea.

With reference to the Emergency Council, Frisch said that he had had a conversation with Dr. Wise and Dr. Wise was amenable to making peace. Frisch asked him to put this in writing, which he did, and which Frisch showed to Isreeli. In the letter which Dr. Wise sent to Frisch, Dr. Wise made one proviso to the effect that some formula would have to be worked out to deal with Chaim Greenberg. Wise said that Greenberg has proven that ~~Greenberg~~^{HE} is a good man and he ^(Wise) does not want to displace him.

During the evening meeting of the Council held on Monday, Isreeli said that Frisch put up a strong fight against Wise on the constitutional amendment which came before the plenum. It was Isreeli's belief that Frisch meant business. I do not describe the situation at the Council meeting because I think that is irrelevant, except to indicate that Frisch lead off the assault against the amendment, despite Dr. Wise repeatedly calling him "out of order."

During the current war, the term "regrouping"^{OF FORCES} has been used by German military tacticians to describe a retreat. The above is the first instance I know of the term being used to substitute for desertion. It seems that the "boys" are ready to give SSW the double-cross.

Those of us in the office who know of the story, Tuvim, Manson, Steinberg, and myself, are of the opinion that the matter should be looked into. Of course, all of us are opposed to any arrangement which would smack of a deal and in which there would be a quid pro quo involved. Because of the Neumann angle, I have not discussed the matter ^{with him} and will not do so unless you make such a request. It is the further feeling of our people in the office that I should be in touch with Frisch and see what is on his mind. Please let me know if you wish me to do this. Regards.



April 19, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 18. What you write is very interesting. I should like to know more about the letter of Wise which Frisch showed to Isreeli. What did Frisch mean when he said that Dr. Wise was "amenable to making peace?" What basis did Frisch suggest to Wise to have elicited from Wise a letter that "he is amenable to peace?"

I will be in a better position to advise you as to whether you should see Frisch after I will have received a report of what action was taken by the so called peace committee of the ZOA of which Frisch is a member. I should be getting the information in a day or two.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Are you following through with the work among the Hadassah? I understand that they put through a resolution at the Detroit Regional meeting endorsing the present administration. The Cleveland Hadassah group, however, voted "no." Unless we shake the confidence of the Hadassah representatives on the Emergency Council we will have difficulty in putting through the kind of re-organization which we have in mind. Work among Hadassah is immediately imperative.

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Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

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PLEASE SEND ME EXPRESS IN TIME FOR LOWENTHAL MEETING HE E WEDNESDAY
NIGHT FEW HUNDRED COPIES "BACKSTAIRS TO NOWHERE" AND MY MARCH 21st ADDRESS.

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SILVER

April 24, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I'd appreciate it very much if you would send me
a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American
Zionist Emergency Council.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
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April 25, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Enclosed please find the names and addresses
of the members of the Board of the Cleveland Hadassah.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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April 26, 1945

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

This is to acknowledge your request that I send you a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Unfortunately, I do not have a copy of this, but you can get it if you write to Mr. Arthur Lourie at the Emergency Council. Dr. Silver, as a member of the Council, is entitled to have this.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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April 30, 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From: Harry L. Shapiro

This morning I spoke with Bob Silverman re the Congregation of Rabbi Abrams. The name he has given me is:

Henry Penn
Penn Florists
Tremont Street
Boston, Mass.

He is going to inquire further into the matter and may be able to give me the names of some of the other leaders. It is his contention that Penn is a very influential person in the Congregation. Regards.

Shapiro

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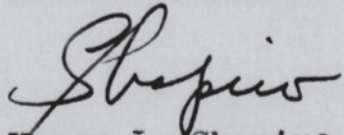
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is letter to you from Henry Montor which you wished me to return. Also a copy of the letter which supplements the letter which I gave you on Sunday.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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May 2, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Harry L. Shapiro

Manson, Tuvim and myself met with Isreeli yesterday and he has given us the following information, which I am transmitting to you. This information deals with a number of subjects.

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Isreeli claimed that General Smuts had changed his viewpoint on Palestine and that he now stood for the maintenance of the status quo. This information was transmitted to Dr. Weizmann and he tried to see Mr. Churchill, but without success. He finally did speak to Martin, who is Churchill's secretary, and Martin gave him the assurance that the Prime Minister had not changed his viewpoint and still was a Zionist.

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Isreeli gave a report of a telegram which Ben-Gurion had sent from London to Palestine. It was brought to New York by Gershon Agronsky while enroute to San Francisco. The telegram is as follows:

"MARX, FRANKEL AND SPENCER HAVE DISCUSSED
OUR PROPOSITION AND HAVE AGREED TO MY 1942
PLAN. AS YET WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH SPENCER
IS WILLING TO INVEST."

It is easy to interpret the above telegram and I do not see how it ever got by the Censor, particularly when it had Ben-Gurion's name attached to it. Marx, Frankel and Spencer are obviously the leaders of the three powers and the 1942 plan is the Biltmore Platform.

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Stephen Wise had prepared an attack on the State Department for his address last Sunday at the Lewisohn Stadium. He had prepared it because Stettinius had not answered his letter asking for representation at San Francisco. That came a day or two before the meeting, as you know. I gave you the copy of this letter last Sunday and I also sent a copy of a supplementary letter to you yesterday. When he did get the letter on Friday, he changed his speech to the eulogy for F.D.R., plus. Why he did this is not explained. Isreeli insists that this is

May 2, 1945

true because they had already mimeographed an advance on Wise's speech. He promised to bring me a copy of the mimeographed advance. Personally, I can see no significance in this point, but nevertheless I send it on.

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This story has to do with the Chapultepec Conference held in Mexico. The rules at Chapultepec called for resolutions submitted to the Conference, be first approved by what was known as the First Committee (Committee consisting of leading delegate of each participating country.). Following the First Committee's approval, the resolution could then be submitted to the plenary session.

Senor Rubio of Cuba introduced a maximal Palestine Resolution in the First Committee and strong supporting speeches for it were made by many of the delegates, including Mr. Stettinius. While not opposing the resolution, the Peruvian and Honduran delegates questioned it's timeliness. At their request, the resolution was not acted on by the First Committee, but referred to the Committee on War Organization, the chairman of which was Mr. Stettinius.

Four days passed without any action taken by Stettinius' committee. Then the Cuban delegation made a strong protest, asking why the resolution had not been presented. There was a stormy session at this meeting, but still no action. Following the meeting, Mr. Stettinius came to visit Senor Rubio. He asked Rubio to have the Cuban delegation withdraw the resolution because the American nations could not afford to do anything which would cast aspersions on our ally, England. Rubio replied that he did not have the authority to withdraw the resolution because it had been approved unanimously by his own delegation and by a number of other Latin-American delegations.

No results came out of this visit, but there followed another meeting where Rubio and his associates, who were opposed to some provisions of the Dumbarton Oaks Plan, agreed that they would support the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, provided that Stettinius would bring the Palestine Resolution before his committee and vote for it. To this Mr. Stettinius agreed. The Latin-American delegates, who were a party to this deal, fulfilled their obligation by voting in support of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. Stettinius failed to carry out his part of the bargain because the Palestine Resolution never emerged from his committee nor was it ever discussed.

We questioned Isreeli as to the authenticity of this story and he said that everything was documented, and that he had seen it at the Jewish Agency office. Because of his knowledge of Spanish, he does a part-time job for the Latin-American Department of the Jewish Agency. Thus he has access to such information. Tuvim who is a friend of the Cuban Consul in New York, phoned him and inquired re the above. The Consul did not know anything about it but said that he would write a letter to a friend of his in the Cuban government who could give him the inside story. This will probably take two or three weeks, but when we have it, it shall be forwarded to you.

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I questioned Isreeli as to why so many people are going to San Francisco and he replied that the chief reason was to visit with Smuts and Molotov.

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Regards.

Shapiro

May 2, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

In looking over my correspondence with Goldenberg of Minneapolis I find that their campaign began on April 15 and is evidently finished. What purpose then is there in my going to Minneapolis at this time? What kind of a meeting did Mr. Berger have in mind, or Tuvim?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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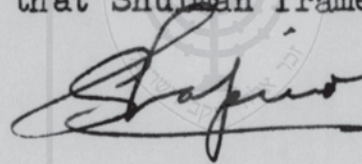
May 2, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Harry L. Shapiro

Attached herewith is copy of telegram which Dr. Wise sent to Mr. Stettinius. From the stenographer's initials, I gather that Shulman framed it.



see

"Wise"

5/4/45

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is speech, which S.S.W. failed to deliver. His excuse was the getting of the letter from the Secretary, but it is my hunch that the real reason lies in his being selected by the Agency to go to San Francisco. He now feels that he has been "designated to present the case of the Jewish people", so why make such a protest?

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Shapiro

see S.S. Wise

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May 4, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

For your information I am sending you copies
of the letters which Mr. Goodman of Indianapolis
sent to me and my reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 7, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a check contributed
by Mr. S. M. Friedman. Please acknowledge it to him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 9, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The bulletin which you read me over the phone is first rate. I would suggest that you get it out in an attractive format. In sending it out to the members of the Policy Committee, you might include a note asking them to suggest one or two names of leading Zionists in their community or region who they believe are sympathetic to our cause and should be invited to join our Committee. This will give you additional people to draw from.

I am writing today to Mr. Berger of Minneapolis, offering him Wednesday, June 13th for their meeting. I do so with the clear understanding that you have made definite arrangements with him to present me with a check for our work on my arrival.

I continue to get invitations from the New York regions. As you know, I have already accepted one from the Westchester region for Wednesday, May 23rd, and one from the Brooklyn region for Wednesday, June 6th. It should be clear to our friends that my appearing in New York too frequently, far from strengthening my position, weakens it and it makes my appearance commonplace. They should not press me. I wish that you would get in touch with Max Levy, Jacque Torczyner from whom I heard again this week, and Mr. Sam J. Perry of the Long Island Zionist region and explain the situation to them. It is not that I don't want to come to them, but that they should not ask me to...I have just addressed the New York Zionists at the Lewisohn Stadium. With the two meetings already scheduled, this should be really all that I should be asked to do in New York. I will withhold writing to Torczyner, Levy, and Perry until I hear from you.

I am concerned about the money situation. If we are to go to the ZOA convention for a decision, it will require considerable money. Now is the time to get it, and New York City, where our best propaganda and our strongest support is found, is the proper place where most of the money should be raised. It cannot be raised through luncheons! It can be raised through personal solicitation. Four or five of our devoted friends should take five or ten prospects each and in the course of the next two weeks interview them. The chairmen of our regions in New York, the members of the Finance Committee, who were appointed, should each take some cards and call upon those who were in attendance at the meeting March 21st or at the Stadium.

Mr. Harry Shapiro

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May 9, 1945

I cannot stress this method of procedure too much.

What further progress has been made in getting pressure from Hadassah friends of ours in various parts of the country and national headquarters of Hadassah? Have you telephoned to some of the folks? If we could get a telegram signed by a hundred or more Hadassah women from all parts of the country, similar to the one signed by the Zionists, it would be a very effective instrument.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:lmw



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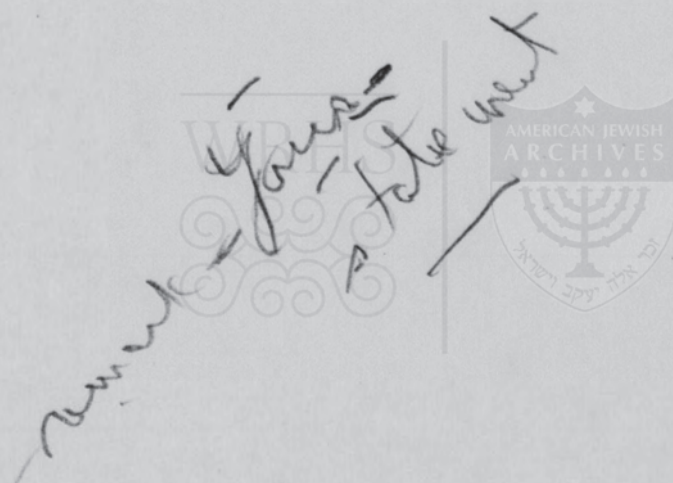
Please make pullman reservation for Rabbi Silver
N. Y. to Cleve. late train Friday June 22 - N.Y. Cent.
preferred or via Pa. R.R.

T. S. J. Kline

MEMO FOR MR. SHAPIRO

[undated]

- 1) Send a copy of the cable to Churchill to Community Contact chairmen with the request for Balfour meetings.
- 2) Check cable with Wise
- 3) Among people who might answer Strunsky are
Emil Ludwig
Ludwig Lewisohn
Marvin Lowenthal
Frieda Kirchway



- Neuman -

Undated]

DR SILVER:

IT WOULD BE A GOOD
IDEA TO SPEAK IN HARTFORD
AS NEUSNER SUGGESTS, PROVIDED
HIS PEOPLE WOULD ARRANGE A
SMALL FUND-RAISING MEETING
PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE BIG MEETING.
Kindest regards, Shapiro