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

THE BISHOP OF OHIO
2241 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland

September 18, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 7th. I appreciate your writing me in regard to my sponsorship of the American League for a Free Palestine.

My only motive, naturally, was as a Christian to show my sympathy with the aspirations of the Jewish People. Inasmuch as I have discovered that this is a controversial question amongst the Jewish People, it would be far from my desire as a Christian to enter into a question upon which there is such division of opinion. All through my ministry I have tried to defend the minority groups in the several communities in which I have lived and to create a spirit of understanding and tolerance between the Jews and Christians. I regret very much that I have caused any misunderstanding by my action in this case. In view of the controversy I have asked that my name be withdrawn as a sponsor.

With assurances of my high regard and with all good wishes, I am

Yours faithfully,

Beverley D. Tucker.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SEVENTH DISTRICT
NEW YORK CITY

September 26, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have the pleasure and the privilege
of transmitting to you the Resolution
unanimously adopted by the First Manhattan
Zionist Region Conference, held in New
York on Sunday, September 24th, 1944.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

JACQUES TORCZYNER
Secretary

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Enc.

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October 3, 1944

Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Secretary
Seventh District
Zionist Organization of America
511 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Torczyner:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of September 26 transmitting the resolution which was adopted by the First Manhattan Zionist Region Conference held in New York on September 24.

I need not tell you that I am profoundly grateful to you for your words of confidence and encouragement. Please convey to all my good friends my deep appreciation and my hope that the coming year will record substantial progress and achievements in our great historic cause.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Dembitz League

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Suite 715 - 624 South Michigan Avenue • Chicago 5, Illinois

RALPH LEE GOODMAN, Executive Secy.

Philip R. Toomin
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November 1, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

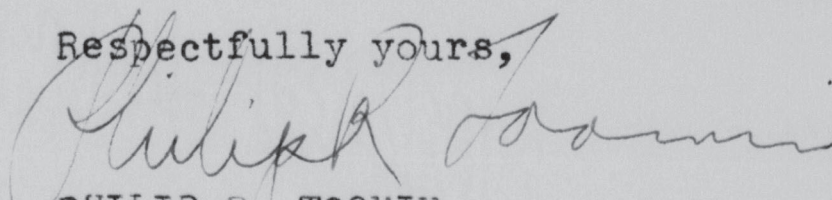
Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a stalwart champion of American Democracy and a believer in Republican principles, I believe you will be interested in the movement undertaken by a group of Chicago Jews in the developing of The Dembitz League.

A reading of the enclosed pamphlet will explain its history and purpose. You will be interested in seeing a reproduction of the photograph taken of yourself and Governor Dewey last month in connection with the Zionist issue. The pamphlet has taken on so well that Roger Straus has ordered some 300,000 for distribution in the East.

It occurred to us that possibly you might have ideas for future issues of our pamphlets which you might care to pass on. We would appreciate hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,


PHILIP R. TOOMIN
Treasurer

PRT:EO
encl:

November 7, 1944

Mr. Abraham Tulin
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Tulin:

I am endeavoring to bring to life a committee which I organized some time ago, but which did not function properly. It is a committee to contact the various post-war study groups and organizations now working on the American scene. As you know, there are probably a few score of them, most of them unimportant. Some of them, though unofficial, are very important. It is essential for us to keep in contact with those important bodies which are studying the post-war world structure so that the place of Jewish Palestine in that post-war world will be fully understood by them. We have recently found it necessary to answer the Westermann Memorandum, which you have probably seen, circulated privately by the "Council on Foreign Relations." Our enemies will undoubtedly attempt to use some of these organizations which have prestige in our country for their anti-Zionist propaganda. We should like to anticipate all this by being in close contact with these groups, meeting with them from time to time, supplying them with literature, etc. etc."

I should like to ask you and Mrs. DeSola Pool to act as co-chairmen of this committee. Mrs. Pool will represent the Hadassah which has been interested in this field for a few years now, and which has requested it to be allowed to work in this field. There will be a good committee of representative people.

Another reason for asking you to be one of the co-chairmen is that it would give you the right to attend all the meetings of the Executive and the plenum of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I'd like to have you there for you can be of great help to me and to the cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ABRAHAM TULIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 9th, 1944.

Dear Dr. Silver:

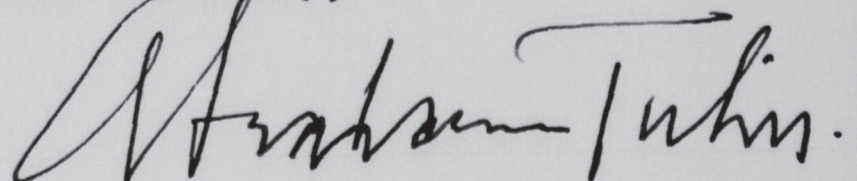
I have your letter of the 7th and gladly accept the co-chairmanship with Mrs. Pool which you offer me. Mrs. Pool came to see me about this before your letter arrived, advising me that you would make me the offer and urging me to accept.

While the outline of my proposed work is still vague in my mind, I recognize that the indicated field should be covered. Since it might help our cause to do it, I gladly undertake it.

I shall also be glad to contribute my best thought to the questions arising at meetings of the Emergency Council or its Executive, which you advise me that I shall have the right to attend.

Looking forward to close cooperation with you, I remain

Yours cordially,



AT:SS

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

November 10, 1944

The Hon. Robert A. Taft
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Taft:

May I join your host of
friends in extending to you my heartiest
felicitations upon your re-election. May
the coming years be very fruitful and happy ones
for you.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

December 28, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have written to Bob Wagner to ask him whether he will join with me in reintroducing the Palestine Resolution. I would like to do this but will not do so unless it meets with your approval.

With best wishes for a happy year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Taft

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AMERICAN JEWISH
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*To B.K. Mail.
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SENATOR TAFT POST ELECTION POSITION ON PERMANENT FEPC LEGISLATION
NOT CLEAR URGENT YOU WIRE HIM IMMEDIATELY ASKING HIM TO INTRODUCE
IN THE SENATE SAME FEPC MEASURE SPONSORED IN HOUSE BY REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSMEN CHARLES LAFOLLETTE INDIANA JOHN VORYS OHIO JOSEPH CLARK
BALDWIN NEW YORK

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A PHILLIP RANDOLPH ALLEN KNIGHT CHALMERS COCHAIRMAN.

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January 15, 1945

Mrs. Adolph Treuhaft
350 Stegman Parkway
Jersey City, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Treuhaft:

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

350 Stegman Parkway
Jersey City, N. J.



We will gain the
inevitable triumph

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver.

11/15/45

In the name of the right people in Judaism, I want to thank you for your loyal stand for human Rights! We agree with you in your outcry against the Jewish leaders, "hush, hush, not now policy"! We applaud the excellent idea of arousing the U. S. A. Government to its duty and responsibility toward humanity! Your insistence on open doors in Palestine, for Jewish immigration now, is more than laudatory. The defenseless homeless, oppressed Jews, marked for sadistic extermination must have their only rightful avenue of escape open to receive them. Have the methods of the Jewish leaders past and present (practiced far too long) alleviated one pang of pain, from our tortured kin, or saved one life? The Jewish dignified ask for nothing attitudes (get less) thus have netted zero in benefits, all around. It is emphatically wrong! We must be firm, stand stalwart in our fight for the Right, against all barbarous injustice and murder, in whatever form presented, "white paper" Hitler's slaughter houses, "Resolution" shelved, the "Sturmes" sinking, etc. etc. Wherever, and whenever they

(2) appear we are "agin'-em". We approve ~~you~~ heartily your forthright way of taking your grievances and demands for justice, straight to headquarters! Thank you. For all these benefits received, we would welcome Leadership of your caliber. May you live long - God grant you health and strength to carry on this holy fight, until success crown your more than worthy efforts! We are at your side and back you to the fullest. Let us know how we can help effectively. I heard Drew Pearson announce last Sunday, that six hundred Jews, had by some miracle escaped, and at long last reached Turkey enroute to Palestine. Britian's Ambassador promptly stopped them! That means return to torture chambers of murders factories. That describes the extent of Britian's humane(?) help for the Jews! the justice meted out by Britian and the world of - for Jews - Are Jewish leaders able by ^{their} present procedure to save the lives of this small batch of six hundred? They claim you overstepped your authority? What have they to offer these six hundred doomed of our kin? Thank God for you Rabbi Silver your conscience are clear - you exerted strong effort to save civilization for humanity. With sincere high regard and a grateful heart I am, ^{Thank you again} Sincerely yours

(Mrs Adolph) Ecile J. Treuhart.
350 Stegman Parkway, J. C.
N.J.

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=NOJ NEWYORK NY 30 112P

DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

DLR THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ANSEL RD=

:JUST TALKED WITH I R GOODMAN ST LOUIS WHERE EMERGENCY MEETING IS SCHEDULED THIS THURSDAY. GOODMAN PROMISES RAISING OR EXCEEDING QUOTA. WANTS AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM YOU ADDRESS TO SEVEN TWENTY TWO CHESTNUT COMMENDING COMMUNITY ON GREAT SUCCESS OF RECENT CONFERENCE. PLANS INTRODUCTION OF PRO SILVER RESOLUTION AND WILL SEND SAME TO ALL EMERGENCY CHAIRMEN IN NATIONAL=

THE ABE TUVIM. DATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.
February 9, 1945

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There are several matters which I want to call to your attention. First, is that I spoke with Louis Lipsky as per our arrangement, and asked him whether he would consent to serve with the others as one of the co-chairmen. He told me that he had informed Neumann that he did not desire to serve as a co-chairman, but would be glad to be on the sponsors committee and speak at the dinner if requested to do so.

I have conveyed this information to Mr. Neumann and Mr. Shapiro. So far as the letter-head is concerned, we are not listing sponsors as yet and whether we will list Mr. Lipsky's name as a sponsor depends upon your directions.

I spoke with Mr. Kenen shortly after my conversation with Mr. Lipsky, and Kenen informed me that he understood that Mr. Lipsky was to speak at our dinner. I told Kenen that this was not my understanding and that Lipsky was not listed as one of our sponsors. Kenen replied that this was strange, saying, "You know where he stands, don't you?" My answer was, "No, we don't know where he stands, he doesn't say." I am quite sure that this information has been relayed to Mr. Lipsky.

I talked to David Wertheim, the morning after our last meeting and he assured me that it was not his understanding that the invitation extended to him was along Party lines. He is not making it a Party matter. He did say that because of the implications, it was necessary for him to get an okay from one or two of his leaders. Thus far, he has not called me and we are going to let it ride for a few days.

Things are coming along as can be expected, and the response from our workers is heartening.

All of us send our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Abe Tuvim

Abe Tuvim

AT:jg

February 12, 1945

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

My dear Mr. Tuvim:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 9. I cannot see how we can invite Mr. Lipsky to speak at the dinner when he is unwilling to lend his name as one of the co-chairmen. We shall, of course, be happy to include his name among the sponsors if he so desires.

I think that an invitation should be extended to Mr. Wallace and Mr. Sumner Welles to be among the co-chairmen.

I have just spoken to Mr. Goodman and Mr. Steinberg in Miami. I am leaving for Miami tomorrow evening, arriving there Thursday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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February 23, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Invitations as per your request were sent to Mr. Abraham Luntz and Mrs. Jessie Furth.

I am enclosing two lists of sponsors with indications of their source at the top of each list. A great many additional names will come in, both from the mail circularization and the organization work which is being carried on in the regions.

At Mr. Shapiro's direction, I have arranged for a dinner for approximately thirty people at the Commodore on Monday evening, March 5th, and for a meeting of about one hundred and fifty of our workers following the dinner. This too will be at the Commodore.

You will be glad to know that in response to a formal invitation and a follow-up letter, the Jewish National Workers Alliance is inviting the members of its executive board to attend the dinner on the 21st as guests of the Alliance. It is expected that they will occupy two tables.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Abe Tuvin
Abe Tuvin

AT:rb
Encs.

SPONSORS

Prof. ALBERT EINSTEIN
Dr. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
Mrs. EDWARD JACOBS
Prof. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN
Judge IRVING LEHMAN
Rabbi B. L. LEVINthal
HARRY LOURIE
EMIL LUDWIG
ISRAEL MATZ
ABRAHAM MAZER
ISAAC NAIDITCH
Dr. DAVID De SOLA POOL
Dr. NATHAN RATNOFF
MRS. SOL ROSENBLUM
WILLIAM SALZMAN
Dr. ISRAEL SCHAPIRO
ABRAHAM J. STYBEL
SIGMUND THAU
Dr. ISRAEL S. WECHSLER
Dr. CHAIM WEIZMANN
BENJAMIN WINTER
Prof. HARRY A. WOLFSON

March 27, 1945

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was a great pleasure to be present at your evening last Wednesday. This evening will stand out among the most memorable moments of American Zionism.

I appreciated particularly your militant attitude, which is so necessary today, and with which, as you know, I am in full sympathy. I was moreover impressed by your profound thought and convincing arguments in behalf of the policy we are fighting for. As a matter of fact, the views I expressed in the last issue of BITZARON are very much akin to your own. While you may have received the copy in question, since you have been receiving BITZARON with our compliments all these years, I am sending you another copy of this particular issue whose first (editorial) article is devoted to the current Zionist problems.

With best wishes for success,

Sincerely yours,

Chaim Tchernowitz
Professor Chaim Tchernowitz

CT:RC

March 28, Ohio

Professor Chaim Tchernowitz
Bitzaron
1141 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Professor Tchernowitz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 27. I was highly honored that you attended my testimonial dinner. I appreciate deeply what you say about my address. I shall read with keen interest your article in the Bitzaron.

I hope that I may have the pleasure before very long to sit down with you and talk over a few things that are close to our hearts.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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April 11, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had a long chat with Maurice Schwartz and in consultation with him got up the enclosed list of people to whom letters should be sent.

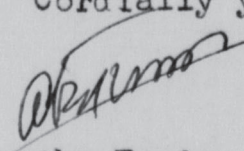
Mr. Schwartz feels that the letter to Edward G. Robinson should ask him to be chairman of the sponsors committee without obligation, while the letter to Dr. Einstein should request him to be the honorary chairman.

My impression from you was that he had taken a mid-town theater. I asked him about this and found that the theater he has is the Public on 2nd Avenue. It is a good house.

I would appreciate getting a copy of the letter that you send to those on the list to whom you think you would like to write. If there are any listed to whom you will not write, please let me know.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Abe Tuvim

AT:rb
Encs.

April 18, 1945

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

My dear Mr. Tuvim:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 11.
I wonder whether you can draft the letter which Mr.
Maurice Schwartz would wish me to send, and incorporate
in it those facts which you and he believe to be important.
I shall then send the letter to the people whose names
you sent me.

I shall be very happy to ask Mr. Edward G. Robinson
to be chairman of the Sponsors Committee. As far as Dr.
Einstein is concerned, perhaps someone else should write
to him. I had some correspondence with him, you will recall,
in connection with the March 21st meeting and I do not wish
to approach him again at this time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Mr. Abe Tuvim
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, 19, N.Y.

WOULD YOU PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER SIDOR BELARSKY AVAILABLE TO SING AT THE TEMPLE
ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENING MAY 27 AND WHAT HONORARIUM KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



May 3, 1945

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

My dear Mr. Tuvim:

I sent letters yesterday to the people
whome we are inviting to become Sponsors for the
Yiddish Art Theater. There are a few people to
whom, for one reason or another, I did not write.
I did not write to Albert Einstein, Congressman
Sol Bloom and Mrs. Judith Epstein of Hadassah.
I would suggest that someone else write to them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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BERGER HAS PLANE RESERVATIONS FOR YOU 8:45 AM 14TH ARRIVING
DETROIT 2:38. PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT HOTEL APPROVAL THIS
CHANGE. BERGER HAS \$15.00 TOWARD QUOTA. HOPE TO COMPLETE
BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL. REGARDS=

ABE TUVIM.

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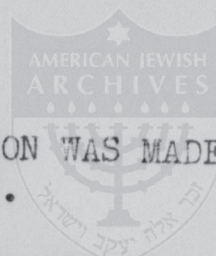
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Hon. Robert A. Taft
Washington, D.C.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. MY APPLICATION WAS MADE THIS AFTERNOON
AND HAS BEEN FORWARDED. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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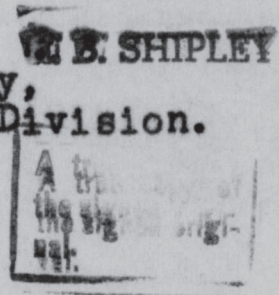
June 9, 1945.

Dear Senator Taft:

With further reference to your letter of May 29 and my reply of June 5, 1945 concerning Dr. Abba Hillel Silver I am pleased to advise you that his passport was issued and mailed on June 8 to him at 19810 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Shipley,
Chief, Passport Division.



Enclosure:
Copy of this letter.

The Honorable

Robert A. Taft,

United States Senate.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Robert A. Taft
UNITED STATES SENATOR - OHIO.

June 11, 1945

The Honorable Robert A. Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Taft:

I have this day received my passport and I wish to thank you for the valuable assistance which you rendered. I am now making arrangements for plane transportation. I hope to leave some day soon and return by the middle of July.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 28, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have written to Bob Wagner to ask him whether he will join with me in reintroducing the Palestine Resolution. I would like to do this but will not do so unless it meets with your approval.

With best wishes for a happy year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Taft

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