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Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
40 West 68th St.  
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DELIGHTED WITH PALESTINE PLANK WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF GREAT VALUE TO OUR MOVEMENT. YOU MAY BE PROUD OF YOUR MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN BRINGING IT ABOUT.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COMMITTEE 342 MADISON AVE NYK=

DEEPLY REGRET UNABLE ATEND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PLENARY SESSIONS IN WHICH TO REPORT ON PALESTINE PLANK IN DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. LEADERS OF CONVENTION DESERVE OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING SYMPATHY AND COOPERATION

I CANNOT SUFFICIENTLY THANK MY ASSOCIATES DR ISREAL GOLDSTEIN AND HERMAN SHULMAN FOR THEIR WISE COUNSEL AND DEVOTED HELP ALSO JUDGE FISHER OF CHICAGO AND THE STAFF INCLUDING STONE, SACK, MANSON. IN THE LIGHT OF BOTH PLANKS ZIONISM IS NOW ABOVE THE REACH OF PARTISANSHIP AND STANDS AS AS AMERICAN ISSUE. THE COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS MUST PROVE EQUAL TO THE NEW OPPORTUNITY. MY PERSONAL THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KINDLY MESSAGE=

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,PLENARY. NTO IS DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER= PPC.

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CAMP WILLAMETTE  
LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

August 16, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This line in order to send you in strictest confidence the report of which I spoke. I shall be glad to hear from you about it. Perhaps you can drop me a line so that I can have your thoughts about it and the method of procedure.

I shall write to Stettinius in a day or two.

With cordial greetings, your,

*Stephen S. Wise*

Stephen S. Wise



August 16, 1944.

The Hon. Edward Stettinius  
State Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

August 15th has passed and Dr. Silver and I hope and expect to see you as soon as you can arrange an appointment. Tuesday, August 29th, would be particularly good but we hold ourselves wholly at your command.

Things are developing so well and thank God so hopefully that we feel our problems should be dealt with at the earliest possible moment. As you best know, the Calveshine Plan is both platitudes, especially the Democratic one, not only makes the situation easier for the Chief but may have its influence even upon impervious London.

With most hearty greetings, dear Mr. Secretary,

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise



# AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

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40 West 68 Street,  
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October 12, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter has come from Secretary Stettinius.  
I suppose we ought to write to him and ask for  
an appointment in the near future.

Cordially yours,

*Stephen S. Wise*

SSW:S



WRHS



From Mr. Lurie

12-10-44

Dr. Wise said meeting will be informed of Dr. Silver's opinion that it is unwise and undesirable to take any action and in any way to bind hands of Executive on Monday morning. But it will be up to the meeting to decide what we should do.

Meeting will be held to-night

Susquehanna 7-1260 Extension 912





January 10, 1945

Mr. J. L. Teller  
Independent Jewish Press Service  
207 Fourth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Teller:

You devoted nearly three pages to Dr. Wise's address which was in reply to a brief statement which I issued on January 5. Dr. Wise made certain assertions which call for a reply. I trust that you will find it possible to make public this reply through the Independent Jewish Press Service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# American Zionist Emergency Council

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
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## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Zionist Organization of America

February 15, 1945

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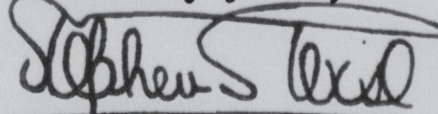
The last conference of representatives of local Emergency Committees took place in May of 1944. It is obviously desirable, in view of recent developments both here and abroad, for the leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council to meet with the representatives of the local Emergency Committees in order to take stock of the present situation, to consider the tasks which lie before us, and to give direction and content to our work. We would naturally have preferred to arrange a single meeting at which local chairmen from all over the country could have been present. The recent ban imposed by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion on meetings of more than fifty persons unfortunately precludes such a gathering. In place thereof, however, we hope to arrange smaller regional meetings which will comply with the Government's ruling.

One of these meetings will be held in Chicago, Illinois, at the Stevens Hotel, Saturday evening, March 17, and Sunday, March 18. Emergency Committee Chairmen from the Central States will be invited to this meeting. We are anxious to know without delay whether you will be able to attend, so that all necessary arrangements can be made.

The Jewish people are facing crucial decisions with regard to Palestine. In these decisions the voice of America may be decisive. The responsibilities which rest on American Jewry call for coordinated planning and action on our part. Much has been achieved in the course of the past year. It remains to make sure that our work will go ahead with all energy until we have reached our goal of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

You are the only person in your community invited to meet with us.  
Please let us hear from you within the next day or two at the latest that we may count on your presence.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman

SSW:CMH



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February 27, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

One of the most important pillars for our political activity is the constructive achievement in Palestine itself. It is in that light that the independent United Palestine Appeal campaign for 1945 assumes its greatest significance. It is of the utmost importance that all officers and leaders of the American Zionist Emergency Council and its local branches help to insure the success of the United Palestine Appeal drive.

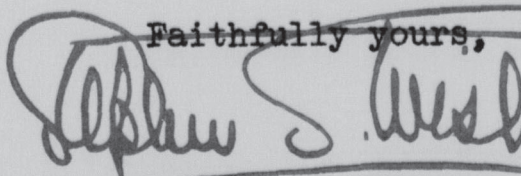
The year 1945 will, we hope, mark the turning point in our hopes and labors for Palestine. We are presenting demands to the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and their Allies so that the doors of Palestine may be opened wide; that the Jews of Europe may go in the hundreds of thousands quickly to the one Home that wants and needs them; that strong foundations may be laid for the Jewish Commonwealth.

We do not intend these demands as requests for unilateral support. We Jews of America, who are the great bulwark of strength for our people elsewhere, must buttress these political demands with our financial generosity. The success of the United Palestine Appeal is, therefore, one of the keystones for our political victories in Palestine.

It should be made clear that the United Palestine Appeal intends to function within the established Jewish Welfare Funds. All Zionists should lead, work, give with unmatched generosity to such Welfare Funds. They should, moreover, make it a matter of ranking importance in Zionist policy that in the distribution of funds, whether this is done after the campaign or before--depending on the decision made by each Welfare Fund in the best interest of the community and campaign--there should be parity in the allotment of funds to the U.P.A. and J.D.C.

The success of the United Palestine Appeal campaign in 1945 is one of the foremost objectives to which American Zionists will dedicate themselves. I would appreciate word from you as to the support that we may expect in your community.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise



# American Zionist Emergency Council

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March 21, 1945

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

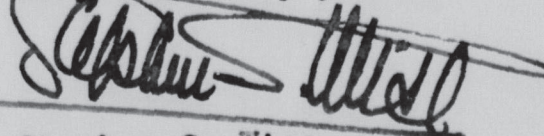
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*that* We therefore cordially invite you to attend a meeting of our Executive Committee, at which questions of immediate action will be discussed. The meeting should be held soon and we shall be glad to arrange for it to be held at a date convenient to you. Will you please give us such date or dates.

Very cordially yours,



SSW:LCK

Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE

EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVE

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AMERICAN JEWISH  
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ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL I  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS AT THE MASS  
RALLY SUNDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 29 AT 2:00 AT THE LEWISOHN  
STADIUM NEW YORK TRUST WE MAY HAVE YOUR EARLY ACCEPTANCE  
PLEASE WIRE YOUR REPLY

STEPHEN S WISE CHAIRMAN.

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April 25, 1945

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Thank you for your kind telegram inviting me to deliver an address at the Rally on Sunday afternoon, April 29. As I indicated to Mr. Olkow, who telephoned me the same evening your telegram arrived, I shall be very pleased to come. I would request that I be put on the program not at the end, as I must return to Cleveland early the same evening.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



MAY 4 1945

For Release After 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday, April 29, 1945.

Address by Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Before the Rally for Jewish Rights  
At Lewisohn Stadium, New York City  
Sunday, April 29, 1945

We meet today under the shadow of great sorrow and the inspiration of a great hope. Our sorrow is over our fallen but unlost leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our hope derives from the two-fold inspiration of the juncture at Torgau of the armies of the United Nations and the junction of the United Nations at San Francisco.

We meet to make reasoned and just demands. Our first demand is that the Jewish case be presented at the San Francisco Conference. In my last meeting with President Roosevelt, he agreed with me that the case be presented by Dr. Weizmann as the President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine or by some other representative of the Executive Committee of the Agency. Apparently, President Roosevelt fared for a time as did Lincoln. The latter complained that he had little, or was it no, influence with the Administration. Despite the long delay, I still feel and in the name of the American Zionist Emergency Council, I urge that President Roosevelt's decision be regarded as binding upon the State Department, that Dr. Weizmann, wise and statesmanlike leader of the Jewish people, or someone to be named by him, be designated to present the case of the Jewish people. The case of the Jewish people includes the unmeasured misery of the Hitler years and the Nazi crimes, and the daring and illimitable hope to establish the Jewish National Home. One ventures to hope that President Truman may succeed in causing his voice to be heard in the State Department, despite some of its Near East officials apparently on guard lest the American decision with regard to the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth be carried out. Too long and too often have some of these Near East officials of the State Department halted, obstructed and even negated the will of the President.

The first and immediate appeal of this mass demonstration of American Jews

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and their Christian neighbors and sympathizers is that the Jewish case be placed upon the agenda of San Francisco. There are incontrovertible reasons for including the case of the Jewish people within the San Francisco Conference.

As far as there is a Jewish question, it is a world question and a world problem. In truth it is a problem of Christendom. It is a problem for America and for all humanity. With the appearance of Hitler, the world ignored the crime against the Jewish people whom Hitler swore to annihilate. Between five and six million of our fellow-Jews have been most foully and unnaturally murdered.

Moreover, the Jewish question is not an Arab question. Arab blindness or Arab greed will not solve the Jewish problem. The answer can only be given by the Jewish people with the help of the United Nations. Out of the first World War, neutral Arab provinces emerged as five free and independent kingdoms. After the second World War whatever inert, neutral or hostile Arab principalities may emerge to the contrary as against 1,000,000 square miles of Arab territory, there must emerge the 10,000 square miles of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. This can only be if the doors of Palestine are opened and if they will remain open as they should remain open. They alone can oppose Jewish immigration through the open door of Palestine who are opposed to the Jewish National Home as a free and democratic Commonwealth. It is for the Mandatory Government to make the decision now -- now that the European war is virtually ended which served as a bar to decisions -- that the British Government with the cooperation of all the United Nations including our own, make possible the opening of the door to Palestine for large immigration and land resettlement. Establishing the foundation of the Jewish Commonwealth is the least of reparations which a world of law and justice owes to the Jew. Those threats of violence against the Jewish population will not avail to deflect the Jewish will. We have reached the inexorable decision. It remains for a civilized and united world to give its approval, its cooperation to the Jewish people as they undertake, after twenty unspeakable Hitler years, to create not another temporary refuge but an enduring national home. It is a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth which shall take its place by the side of the free democracies of the earth.



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May 1, 1945

HON. EDWARD STETTINIUS  
FAIRMOUNT HOTEL  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I AM LEAVING TODAY FOR SAN FRANCISCO. WILL ARRIVE FRIDAY. IN VIEW OF YOUR RECENT LETTER TO ME THAT PALESTINE QUESTION WILL NOT COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE I WANT TO FEEL ASSURED THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP PLAN WHICH WILL IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WITH REGARD TO PALESTINE UNDER THE EXISTING MANDATE OR ANYTHING WHICH WILL EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY FORECLOSE FULFILLMENT OF THE PLEDGE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OF OCTOBER FIFTEENTH AND THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PLATFORM PLANKS REGARDING PALESTINE AND THAT IN ANY FORMULA ADOPTED IT SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED THAT PALESTINE IS IN A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL POSITION AND WILL BE SO CONSIDERED. WARMEST REGARDS.

STEPHEN S. WISE  
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY  
COUNCIL.

SSW:SBC

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CRITICAL SITUATION DEMANDING PROMPT ACTION REQUIRES MEETING  
BOARD DIRECTORS UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TUESDAY MAY 29 TEN AM  
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UNAVOIDABLE IMPERATIVE YOU ATTEND FOR VITAL DECISION INVOLVED=  
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(Signed) Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman

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