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STINESPRING SAYS PALESTINE TROUBLE LIES WITH ZIONISTS

Arabs Do Not Hate Jews, But Population Increase Has Brought Trouble

by James J. Halsema

"The Palestine trouble is due to the misguided efforts of the Zionist movement to secure political control of the country for the Jews, said Assistant Professor William F. Stinespring of the School of Religion, who has dodged a few bullets himself in the three and a half years he spent at the American School for Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

"The Arabs do not fundamentally hate the Jews," he said. "They are of the same race and the Arabs are the only people who never persecuted the Jews, but when the Zionist party sought to increase the Jewish population to secure a majority to control the country politically, trouble broke out.

"If Britain puts down the present revolt with great bloodshed - which is very likely, she will drive the Arabs and all Mohammedans straight into the hands of the Fascist powers," Dr. Stinespring said.

"The only solution possible is to ask the Jews to agree to a permanent minority status with a legislative assembly and British supervision," he declared. "But Zionists, fearing minority positions, refused a previous proposal for an assembly made by Britain in 1933."

He demonstrated that the sixteen million world Jews cannot possibly crowd into a country the size of Vermont which now supports 400,000 of them with difficulty. "American democracy has succeeded in absorbing a far greater proportion of Jews than the most enthusiastic Zionism ever will," he said, citing the fact of New York City having twice the Jewish population of Palestine.

"It is just as dangerous at the moment for a Jew in Palestine as in Germany," the religion professor stated.

And in the meantime Great Britain, standing between the two warring factions and, like every person trying to separate two battlers, getting the worst of it, does not know herself what solution there will be.

July 1, 1945

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a great pleasure to have a talk with you about a matter which concerns every Jew. I am only sorry that I took up so much of your valuable time. In accordance with your promise to take the steps necessary to organize the Jews to fight discrimination, I submit herewith the ideas which we discussed today.

Best regards to you and your family.

Cordially yours,

Hugo Hecht, U.D.

Hugo Hecht

July 1, 1945

Memo:

I. A World Jewish Court

It seems necessary to have a legal organization in which Jews who have suffered because of Anti-Semitic measures can claim justice. The existing organizations apparently do not accept such claims because the victims of such persecution cannot name their persecutors, much less prove that the accused persons are guilty of the crimes perpetrated against four and one-half million Jews murdered in Europe; nor are the Jews invited to send a representative to the War Crimes Investigating Committee in London.

It is, therefore, proposed that a World Jewish Court be organized. To this court evidence of crimes committed against Jews could be brought. Since the names of the guilty are not available, such groups as the Gestapo and the SS could be accused of committing the crimes and the Nazi Party and the men who supported it could be accused of initiating them. The World Jewish Court can be organized in every city in the world where there are Jews who have claims against politicians or groups who murdered Jews even if this killing was legalized by measures as the Deutsches Recht and the Nuremberg Laws.

The proposed court should consist of nine judges and fifteen jurors elected by Jewish organizations. The proceedings of this court would be the same as the legal courts in the country in which the World Jewish Court is being held. The accused persons must be invited if they are known and can be reached. If this is impossible, the accusation should be published in daily newspapers; however, the trial must be held whether the accused are present or not. The court would call witnesses who would be examined under oath, and would attempt to find counsel for the defendants. The greatest possible publicity should be obtained for all of its proceedings.

I suggest that the first World Jewish Court be held in Cleveland. The plaintiffs will be all the Jews in Cleveland who lost relatives through German cruelties. The defendants will be the German people represented by high officers of the Gestapo, SS, and some leading German industrialists.

2. The Fighting Jews

There are a great many organizations in the United States which are doing very fine work in the fight against discrimination and Anti-Semitism, but all of them, singly or together, are unable to prevent riots against the Jews, should such an event ever occur in the United States. The experience in Europe shows that no fine articles in the newspapers, no sermons in churches, no educational institutions, nor even lawsuits could prevent the rise of the most cruel Anti-Semitic regime in history. It required the united armies of the most powerful nations of the world to destroy the Nazi organization. If the Jews in Europe had understood in the 20's of this century how naive it was to expect the non-Jews to fight these Anti-Semitic regimes, they would have tried to get the help of the liberal and socialist groups in Germany to destroy the Anti-Semitic groups among the Nazis. They would have built up a fighting organization of Jews. At the beginning of this century, Anti-Semitism was called "Edel-Antisemitismus" because the men who represented this special kind were very cultured men like pastors, university professors, and diplomats. It is now apparent that their ideology was leading to mass murder and extinction of four and one-half million Jews. Therefore, I think it is impossible to fight Anti-Semitism with discussions or waiting for the education of two or three generations. The danger is imminent, and the American Anti-Semites have the "fine" example of German efficiency in organizing the extermination of unwanted competitors in the ranks of the Jews. It is a fight for survival. No appeasement is possible. We can only fight if we know how to fight--if we prepare weapons and if we organize fighting groups and look for allies who have the same enemies as we Jews. In short, it means, first, we must teach every Jew how to use modern weapons (Warsaw Ghetto), and, second, we must make connections and a common plan with the groups who are threatened by the same enemy. For the first part, I recommend the help of the Jewish war veterans of the first World War and the boys who will now come back hardened from the battles with the Germans and the Japanese. There is still a third important matter to consider, money. If we cannot get the money from the only source we have, from the rich Jews, we can put on a fight, we can sacrifice our lives, but we can never win.

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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July 7.*

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July 3, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple
E. 105 St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a resolution which was passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Milwaukee Zionist District on Thursday evening, June 21.

Although the breach referred to in this resolution is already in the process of solution, I am nevertheless forwarding this to you since it indicates the desire of the Milwaukee District for peace and harmony within Zionist ranks and for a more aggressive policy in behalf of the Zionist movement.

Sincerely yours,

MILWAUKEE ZIONIST DISTRICT

By: *Morris Gordon*

Morris Gordon
President

MG:CS
Enc. 1

July 17, 1945

Dr. Hugo Hecht
Mt. Sinai Hospital
East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Hecht:

Permit me to thank you for your
thoughtful letter in sending me your two
memoranda. I read them with a great
deal of interest, and I am taking the
subject up with some people in New York.

If anything develops, I shall get
in touch with you.

With all good wishes for a pleasant
summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

S/s

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Paris, July 18, 1945

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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BY NEWS STOP ENTIRE ZIONIST LEADERSHIP UNITED STATES WORKING WITH WISE SILVER
MUST RAISE ZIONIST EFFECTIVENESS TO NEW HEIGHTS CALLED FOR BY PRESENT SITUATION
STOP CORDIAL GREETINGS WISE SILVER AND THANK YOU AND COLLEAGUES FOR SUCCESSFUL
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ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN ORGANISATION SIONISTE

47 RUE DE CHABROL PARIS



Notes of Discussion with Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, at Barnard College, Columbia University, on July 26, 1945.

Just before Dean Gildersleeve left for the San Francisco conference I had a telephone conversation with her regarding Palestine. My approach to Dean Gildersleeve was by way of my being an honorary member of the faculty of the School of Engineering at Columbia. In that conversation Dean Gildersleeve informed me that it was not expected that any specific mandated territory would be considered, but only the general subject. Accordingly, it was left that we would discuss the subject when she returned.

Dean Gildersleeve referred to the fact that she had a great deal of contact with the Arab leaders in San Francisco, and that they freely presented their views to her. She mentioned that she is President of a college in a Moslem country. The more important points on which she quoted the Arab leaders were:

1. The Arabs say they have no voice in Palestine, but the Jews have representation.
2. The Arabs feel that if the Jews become a majority in Palestine, it would do great harm to the Arab world, because of the geographical location of Palestine, separating Arab lands.
3. Palestine is an Arab country, and if the Americans wish to help solve the refugee problem, then the United States should set aside a part of its own country.

In my discussion I pointed out that, if the Arabs did not have a voice, it was because they refused to cooperate with the British Administration. The Jewish Agency was created under the terms of the Mandate. As to the harm to the Arab world from a Jewish majority, I stated that the Arabs of Palestine were better off than the Arabs in any other country. Dean Gildersleeve challenged this statement about the Palestinian Arabs, and said that the leaders with whom she talked said this was not the case. As a scholar, she was anxious to get at the facts. I said that these Arabs did not represent the Arab peasants. Dean Gildersleeve said, "Who does"? I emphasized the difference between the effendi and the fellah, but she was unconvinced as to the facts. I referred to Dr. Lowdermilk's book, but she regarded this as essentially an appreciation of what Jewish colonists had done, and freely conceded that this was unchallenged.

Dean Gildersleeve felt that the only solution was to bring together the Jewish and Arab leaders for a face to face discussion. She based this on her experience at San Francisco. I told her that hitherto the British had stood in the way. She said, "we can influence the British". When I questioned this, she seemed confident that this could be done. Dean Gildersleeve referred to the "Arab Awakening" by George Antonius, as a book that I should read. When I referred to the Mandate, she said that she had not read the Mandate, and was very anxious to do so. I promised to send her a copy.

One matter which Dean Gildersleeve mentioned with considerable reserve was the possibility that Russia would take a strong hand in the Middle East. She asked me whether I had any information as to the Russian position on Palestine. She felt that the United States should help the Pan-Arab League in cultural matters as the Arabs were requesting. She intimated that the Arabs would prefer to see American rather than Russian influence prevail in the Middle East.

Dean Gildersleeve finally remarked "What can I do"? I told her that I thought she could do a good deal, because of her important participation in international affairs, to see that there was a fully informed opinion in governmental circles on what the Jews have done in Palestine, and their immediate need for a country. It was left that we would supply each other information, and communicate on the subject again at a later date.

WILLIAM FONDILLER.



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READ M. Z. FRANK'S INDICTMENT OF DR. NAHUM GOLDMAN IN THIS ISSUE

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By M. Z. FRANK

SOME time ago, I learned that Rachelle Sephardi Yarden, director of the Latin-American Department of the Jewish Agency office in New York, was on a visit in South America. I then decided to interview her on her return, mainly for material on Jewish life in those countries. Since her return I have interviewed her several times, and the information I obtained goes much further than a picture of Jewish life in Brazil or Ecuador. I found out that the World Jewish Congress is a menace to the Zionist movement.

I met Mrs. Yarden for the first time after her return at the press conference with David Ben-Gurion. Before I was through asking her how she was and when she had returned, she shot a question at me and several other Jewish newspapermen: "Why is it that the Jewish press hasn't reported the legalization of Zionist work in Brazil?" (For seven years Zionist work in Brazil was banned). The answer to that question, of course, was that the Jewish press at the time didn't know. But then why didn't it know? Why didn't the New York office of the Jewish Agency arrange a press conference with Mrs. Yarden? Or send a release to the press? Dr. Nahum Goldmann is the head of the Agency office in New York.

I know that I have been to many a press conference where much less important and much less interesting subjects were discussed than what Mrs. Yarden had to tell about her trip to South America and especially about Brazil.

Shortly after Mrs. Yarden returned from South America, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, former editor of the Jewish Day, also returned from a trip to those parts. In his daily English column in the Day, Dr. Morgoshes reported on his trip, but he failed to mention Zionist work, the Zionist movement and the removal of the ban on Zionism in Brazil. Dr. Margoshes went to Latin America on behalf of the World Jewish Congress.

MY GENERAL IMPRESSION after my talks with Mrs. Yarden is that the Jewries of Latin-America, now numbering some 750,000 souls, enjoy much prosperity and little security and that their standards of human and Jewish values are affected by the above circumstances. They are very bourgeois, they have not much civic courage, they can easily be blinded by mere appearances, and at the same time have a strong yearning for deeper Jewish values, for a dignified Jewish existence in Palestine, and they have a fine youth familiar with original Jewish cultural sources.

The Jews of Brazil, numbering anywhere between one hundred and fifty and two hundred thousand, are the most prosperous and, in many senses, the least secure.

In April 1938 the Brazilian government, under Getulio Vargas, issued a decree banning international political organizations. The Zionists in Brazil, without troubling much to try to secure a favorable interpretation of the decree just gave up. Some Zionist groups ~~and activities continued to exist or were newly organized as independent units~~—the Jewish National Fund, WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization), Friends of the Hebrew University. The government did not trouble to molest them—it was not interested in fighting the Zionist movement, whether it was open or masked.

The Zionist Organization of Brazil assumed the name of Centro Hebreu Brasileiro and became a society for raising funds to help Jews overseas. In this way it could also raise money for some Palestine institutions. In time that Centro joined the World Jewish Congress which, claiming to be a non-political organization, could carry on activities in Brazil. Somehow or other the Zionists in Brazil developed the idea that the World Jewish Congress had taken over all Zionist work.

IN THIS CONNECTION the following facts are worth noting: (a) Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who has been in this country during the war years, is both the representative of the Jewish Agency in America and the leader of the World Jewish Congress; (b) Dr. Nahum Goldmann is a very clever man; (c) during the years that Zionism was banned—or thought to be banned—in Brazil, other national movements, such as the Greek, the de Gaullist and others, were permitted to function; (d) Dr. Nahum Goldmann visited Brazil three years ago.

The World Jewish Congress, which claims to defend Jewish rights everywhere made no attempt to have the Zionist movement legalized in Brazil. And yet it would have been a cinch to have legalized.

When Mrs. Yarden came to New York in November 1943 to set up the Latin-American department of the Jewish Agency, she was told by Dr. Goldmann: "Don't touch Brazil." Every time she brought up the question of Brazil, she was told that Zionism was forbidden there (the chairman of the Latin-American Committee of the Jewish Agency is Dr. Nahum Goldmann).

Then a few things happened to put doubts in Mrs. Yarden's mind as to the supposed hopelessness of the situation in Brazil. Appeals came from Zionists in Latin-America to do something about the situation in Brazil. The March 23, 1944 issue of the Brazilian review *Aonde Vamos?* (Whither?) featured on the front page an interview with Col. Viriato Vargas, brother of the President, endorsing Zionism as "a just and noble aspiration of the Jews who wish to have their State in Palestine which is their homeland and not anybody else's." The author of that interview, Mr. Aron Neumann, later published in that review all the material on Zionism that Mrs. Yarden sent him from New York. Nothing happened to Mr. Neumann, although, as he later told Mrs. Yarden, he was ready to be arrested. He published Dr. Weizmann's picture on the front page; he published Louis Lipsky's famous address on Weizmann—and he asked for more Zionist material.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann was told about these things, yet he did nothing about trying to get Zionism legalized in Brazil. But he was not asleep on the job of strengthening the Congress in Brazil and collecting money for it there. Dr. Goldmann is a clever man, a very energetic man. He is the representative in America of the

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NEW YORK (Continued from preceding page)

was repeated by many people in almost identical language.

But apart from these open arguments there were insidious conspiracies. There was an attempt to vilify Mrs. Yarden. There was an attempt to pooh-pooh the whole project of the Weizmann Scientific Institute. There was an attempt to have the banquet cancelled when Roosevelt died. (Ambassador Berle squelched that by declaring that "Roosevelt himself would not have wanted this affair postponed").

Mrs. Yarden showed me a pamphlet in Portuguese published by the World Jewish Congress in Brazil. In that pamphlet the Congresso Mundial Judaico is mentioned in almost every other line. Among the purposes of that Congresso Mundial Judaico is one which says "dando a massa popular uma unica orientacao politica." Now, I never studied Portuguese and I am not as good at languages as either Mrs. Yarden or Dr. Nahum Goldmann but it seems to me that those words speak about a single political orientation of the masses of the Jewish people. People who wrote such words without fear of being arrested ought to have realized that it was possible to have the Zionist movement in Brazil legalized.

In that same pamphlet one of the functions of the Congress is declared to be "defensa de nossos interesses" (protection of our interests). It would seem that if a great Jewish movement is banned in a country like Brazil and there is a possibility of removing that ban, it is quite within the category of the "defensa de nossos Jewish Agency and the chairman of the Latin-American Department of the Jewish Agency.

IN MARCH there was a Latin-American Zionist Congress held Montevideo, Uruguay. Mrs. Yarden went there. She got in touch with Mr. Aron Neumann, author of the Zionist articles in the review Aonde Vamos and he urged her to come to Rio de Janeiro after the Congress. She went to Rio and to Sao Paulo which has a more prosperous Jewish community than Rio, in order to raise money for the Weizmann Scientific Institute. She got Adolph Berle Jr., the newly-appointed U. S. Ambassador to Brazil, to be the chief speaker at the banquet. Several Brazilian Ministers sponsored the affair. This gave the whole Zionist cause enough publicity and enough prestige to enable the Zionists in Brazil to submit a petition to the Minister of Internal Security asking for the legalization of the Zionist movement. On April 5, 1945 the newspapers carried the government release permitting the Jews of Brazil to join the World Zionist Movement. The next day Mrs. Yarden was received by the Brazilian Foreign Minister who accepted sponsorship for the banquet of the Weizmann Scientific Institute.

There seemed to be no trouble with the Brazilian government. But there was plenty of trouble with the World Jewish Congress.

"WHY DO WE NEED a Zionist Organization?", many Jews asked Mrs. Yarden. "We have the World Jewish Congress. The Congress is building Palestine. The Congress is the Jewish Government in the making." Strangely enough, the same argument "interesses" as least to make a try. The World Jewish Congress didn't. On the contrary, it interefered with those who did try.

BUT THE REAL HONEY In that four page little pamphlet comes when the Congress coyly takes credit for the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, for the work by the emissaries of the Palestine Yishuv in the preparation for the battles, etc.

The Zionist Organization in Brazil was renewed and the above-mentioned Mr. Aron Neumann, connected with the Portuguese language review Aonde Vamos was its most ardent worker. Mr. Neumann is in London today, at the World Zionist Conference. He had some difficulty in getting there. Not from the Brazilian government, but from mysterious sources which spread the rumor that he was going there on private business and was not entitled to a British visa.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann is a very clever man.

But it is not only Dr. Goldmann that is involved. Dr. Margoshes went to Brazil on a mission of the World Jewish Congress. Why hasn't he mentioned the removal of the ban on the Zionist movement? What has he got to say about the facts reported by Mrs. Yarden?

* * *

P. S. Since the above lines were written I have seen some more documents to substantiate my thesis that the World Jewish Congress is a menace to the Zionist movement. One of them, unfortunately, I am not a liberty to disclose; it concerns a great Zionist figure whose love of the paper Congress made him act like an enemy of Zionism. The other is a report by Mr. Mibashan, Argentine Zionist leader, on the Zionist Conference held in hat country during July 17 and 18. A resolution was adopted there demanding that no person hold the dual position of a representative of the Congress and of the Jewish Agency. The demand is expressly motivated by the confusion introduced by the dual role of Dr. Nahum Goldmann to Mrs. Yarden in Brazil the day after the successful banquet in Rio de Janeiro for the Weizmann Scientific Institute. The cable reads: "Please proceed San Francisco immediately. Regards Goldmann." Mrs. Yarden informs me that she did not proceed to San Francisco immediately but stayed in Rio to see through the legalization of the Zionist movement. . . . Incidentally, I also saw the picture of the banquet with Adolph Berle Jr., at the microphone and Brazilian Ministers at the head table. What was Goldmann's hurry in trying to get Mrs. Yarden to come to San Francisco?

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August 27, 1945

Mr. Joseph Halbert
Atlantic City Zionist District
3809 Ventnor Avenue
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of August 23
and for your invitation to address the Atlantic City Zionist
District.

I wish I were free to come. It would give me great
pleasure, indeed, to see you again and my many friends in your
community. Unfortunately, there are very crowded days and months
ahead for me. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done
immediately in connection with the work of the American Zionist
Emergency Council. I must devote every spare hour which I have to
this work. Also, the high holiday season is here and my duties as
Rabbi are many and compelling. I know that you will understand.
Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:jm

Abba Hillel Silver

C O P Y

ROBERT SEELAV
250 West 57 St.
New York City

August 29, 1945

Dear Dr. Goldstein:-

Greetings and salutations!

I received a letter from Hon. Alf M. Landon which I thought might interest you. It was a comment on my article. Says he: "publicly and privately I have done the best I could to encourage Mr. Truman to stand up to both Stalin and Churchill", referring to our cause. I did not know whether the Z.O.A. or the A.E. Council is aware of Mr. Landon's favorable position.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Robert Seelav

RS/NO

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

C O P Y

MEMORANDUM

To DR. SILVER

Date September 5, 1945

From Dr. Goldstein

You may have seen the letter from Mr. Fondiller regarding his interview with Dean Gildersleeve.

May I suggest that Dr. Berkson, or whoever is in charge of this phase of the work, keep in contact with Mr. Fondiller who seems to have excellent relations with both Dr. Bowman and Dean Gildersleeve, both of whom are in need of Zionist indoctrination.

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Copy for Dr. Silver

September 5, 1945.

Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve,
Barnard College,
Columbia University,
New York 27, New York.

Dear Dean Gildersleeve:

By this time you have received the report of the Royal Commission, under the Chairmanship of Lord Peel, which I arranged with the British Information Service to send to you. The Palestine Mandate which you wanted to see is included, along with other material of interest.

You have referred to Antonius's The Arab Awakening and Hocking's Arab Nationalism and Political Zionism. These are able presentations of the Arab position, but clearly partisan in their treatment. For ^{objective} study of the problem I would suggest British Policy in Palestine, by Paul L. Hanna, published by the American Council on Public Affairs in 1942. Neither Antonius nor Hocking has taken into consideration the reactionary and intransigent character of the Arab political leadership in Palestine which has been, and is today, under the domination of the Mufti. As you know, the Mufti was an active collaborator of Hitler, broadcasting to his henchmen from Berlin. Despite his disruptive and criminal activities, Arab leaders are now demanding his release for the purpose of taking a leading part in Arab political activities. I am enclosing a letter which gives an idea how Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of the Department of Religion and Biblical Literature of Smith College, who is well acquainted with the problem of the Near East, views the matter.

You made some interesting observations regarding your conversation with Arab leaders in San Francisco. I have asked Dr. I. B. Berkson, who has recently completed a comprehensive study of the Palestine problem, to make some comment on the points made by these Arab leaders. Besides having an extensive knowledge of the problem, he has spent about ten years in Palestine as the Director of the Hebrew public schools. He is a graduate of Teachers College, Columbia, and you may have run across his recent book on contemporary American educational problems, published by Harpers last year, - Education Faces the Future.

At a convenient time I should like to get together with you, to have some further discussions on the Palestine problem, and your suggestions for a meeting of scholars on both sides.

Enc: Letter Prof. S.R. Harlow, Very sincerely yours,
8/16/45.
Memo I.B. Berkson-8/27/45.

Original signed by
Mr. W. Fondiller

Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: The President

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT: Mr. Robert Seelav

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which I received from one of our active Zionists here in New York.



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Zionist Organization of America

41 East 42nd Street

New York 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: The President

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

While in Paris I had occasion to find out that Anna Rosenberg had been there and had talked to the French government about arranging some kind of loan by the USA.

She took occasion to talk about anti-Semitism in France to DeGaulle.

I mention her name to you because apparently she is very close to Truman and represents a contact that we ought to cultivate.

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CHARLES GUTWIRTH
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

September 6, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Welcome back home ! It was too bad that we did not have sufficient opportunity for the right action in England, due to the election results.

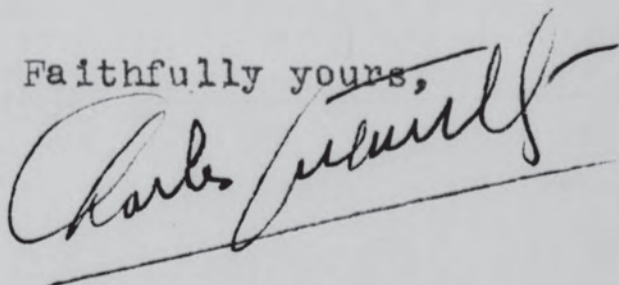
I usually do not ask favors. However, I reserve the right to do you a service - even if you do not ask for it. You may happen to know that I am Co-Chairman of the Committee of Friends of the Histadrut. The Executive Assistant of this Committee, who happens to be a well-informed and active Zionist, was discussing a change of employment with me, in connection with which she sent me the enclosed letter. I have had a copy made and am sending it to you, because it indicates better than I can tell you, the change she is interested in.

The girl has a capacity, intelligence and willingness for Zionist work that is amazing. It is apparent that in the very near future, you will have need of such keen assistance as she can give you.

I write you this letter to prove that I am a "chossid" without limitations.

Please accept my kindest greetings to you and your family for a "Chatima Tova!"

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Gutwirth", written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES GUTWIRTH

CG/enc.

July 24, 1945

Mr. Charles Gutwirth
630 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Gutwirth:

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The purpose of this note has to do with our other conversation. One question you asked bore an implication of "jumping on the bandwagon -" which you did not mean 100% but which I want to clear up right away.

It is beneath my dignity to tell you my purposes are pure. You will have to believe that. As I told you yesterday, I have chosen to work professionally (whether it is licking postage stamps, or writing great books) for the movement, because I believe the movement needs every kind of technical, intellectual, professional skill possible. That is why I have worked for one Zionist office or another every working year of my life (bar one, when I worked for the Government census bureau) When I left one office, it was usually because I felt there wasn't sufficient for me to do to exploit every obvious and latent capability and capacity I had. I was exploited - but that's another story - and not correctly.

Now, the situation is that I feel there is little else here for me to do - except what any good stenographer or typist can do - and that seems to me to be working on a 25 h.p when 75-100-125 - who knows? what kind of h.p. I can and want to work at. I am not interested in another stenographic job (whether it is called secretary, or "executive Assistant") I am interested in a job where whatever capacities I do have, have ample opportunity to grow and stretch and be creative. At the same time, I would want an atmosphere of personnel and activity that would stimulate me to further activity and creativity. A seed usually grows well with good earth, sunlight, water. I expect that under amenable circumstances such as I have described, I may be able to do the best kind of work. Added to that is the ingredient of deep, passionate love for Zionism. I say that now, this minute and never expect to say it again, because I want you to know it - but I don't like the phony breast-beater who bleats: "oh, how I love humanity !"

Now you will ask: why, dafke, do you want to be a "secretary" to Rabbi Silver? I'll tell you. Several times, before assuming jobs in one Zionist office or another, I was told, very righteously, and in a good salesman style, that I would provide a very much needed service if I were to do such and such - the song and dance about being a "cog in the wheel of progress" appealed to my young devoted imagination, and darn it, when it comes to the movement, I never quite got over it. I have since discovered that the progress referred to by these eager prophets referred to getting out fifty more letters than another fellow. Shame maise ! The atmosphere was stultifying (and is) to everything that enervates minds and body to the most energetic, palpitating, creative, vibrant and dynamic. See?

If you want to refer to my desire to work for Silver, his very self, as his personal secretary - you may call it by a name, but to me it is simply this: I want to be there where

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where action is thickest, where ideas are interchanged at their most challenging and provocative stages - I want to help, in some way, the biggest man our generation knows - biggest in our Jewish Zionist world - and that's the world I live in. Maybe that's not much of a wish. Some ladies would like to be movie stars or great novelists, or congresswomen - well, I would like to be Silver's Secretary. This job has its own glamour - and glamor or not, I believe I could be useful.

Whether I am up to such a job is another question - but what the hell? Rabbi Silver is human too, I expect.

etc.



September 7, 1945

Dr. Israel Goldstein
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
270 West 89th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Thank you for your memoranda concerning Anna Rosenberg and the Hon. Alf M. Landon.

I think it would be very helpful to the cause if you would have a talk with Anna Rosenberg, sound her out about her attitude to our cause, and whether she would be willing to help us out at this juncture. She might prove very valuable.

As far as the letter of Mr. Seelav is concerned, I wonder whether you wouldn't follow up the matter with him. It might be well at this juncture to get a statement from Mr. Landon which we could use at the proper time. Mr. Seelav's letter suggests that Landon had spoken to Truman privately in connection with our cause. I wonder whether he would be prepared to speak to Mr. Truman again, this time urging him to move forward with clear directives to the State Department and perhaps also disabusing the President's mind of the "500,000 American soldiers" complex.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing an editorial
that appeared in our Worcester Evening
Gazette on the matter of Palestine which
I think is very effective.

I thought you might be interested
in seeing it and I am also enclosing a copy
of correspondence that took place before this
editorial appeared, which may also be of
interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg

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Sept. 14, 1945

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A Jewish Homeland

The Zionist cause has become so confused by conflicting interpretations of White Papers, Declarations, Round Robins, and all forms of political and international maneuverings that the broad principle of it has almost been lost to sight. That broad principle remains no matter who writes White Papers, makes Declarations, or interprets them.

It is that the situation of the Jews in many of the European countries, and those who are refugees from those countries, is a human problem which it is the unavoidable duty of mankind to solve, and that it cannot be solved permanently and with decent dignity unless they are established in a homeland of their own. The natural location of this, and the only one which would have the appeal of ancient ties, or be available for acquisition, is in Palestine.

The Jews have maintained their racial entity for thousands of years. It is only just that they should have a national entity. For centuries they have been persecuted, hounded, tortured, and slaughtered in European countries, where even the passing of generations and intermittent allowance of civil rights have kept them always in the status of aliens. Justice for them has been haphazard or denied. Yet their contributions to their adopted countries and to mankind have been notable in science, industry, and in culture. It is time they ceased to be the orphans of the world, and it will rest upon the conscience of the world until this is achieved.

It can be achieved only by giving the opportunity, for those who want it, to be established in a land of their own citizenship and government. There are problems to be solved and just and acceptable agreements to be made, but these are not unsurmountable. It will take patience, persuasion, and the demonstration of advantages to be gained all around, but these are normal processes by which the problems of the world have always been finding solution.

The plight of the Jewish people in Europe today makes this one of the most poignant problems. They should no longer be the football of fate. They should have a land of their own, in which they can live as a free people, unafraid.

(C O P Y)

August 25, 1945

George F. Booth, Editor
Telegram & Gazette
Franklin Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Booth:

Now that the war is over, in the remaking of a new world the question of Palestine is more important than ever before.

I think that in view of President Truman's recent statement everyone is thinking and talking about Palestine. That may be an over-exaggeration but I think it is fair to say that Palestine is being discussed in many homes and in high places.

During the war I suggested the printing of editorials relative to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Your paper has cooperated splendidly and I understood your reservations because of our position in the war. Now that the war is over and the lot of millions of destitute Jews is as bad, and perhaps worse than it has ever been, it seems quite definite that these people must have a homeland of their own --- otherwise they will eventually all perish and we will certainly witness a recurrence of the same kind of barbarism that has taken place in Europe up to now.

I am taking the liberty of sending to you the outline of an editorial that I hope you may want to use. I do not say this because I happen to be so vitally interested in this movement, but I say it as a liberal thinking person that justice and decency demands that the Jewish question be settled now because of the great contributions they have made toward the winning of the war and because of their terrible suffering.

If you would like to react editorially I am sure that you would help this cause immeasurably. If you want additional information I will have it for you.

Yours very truly,

jg-ecs

Joseph Goldberg

WORCESTER TELEGRAM - THE EVENING GAZETTE
SUNDAY TELEGRAM

(C O P Y)

Worcester, Massachusetts

August 31, 1945

Joseph Goldberg, Esq.
390 Main Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

I have your note of August 25 with reference to Palestine. So far as we are concerned I believe that in justice there should be established a homeland of the Jews which can be their own, a Commonwealth or whatever else it may be called. I believe the Jews of Continental Europe have suffered such cruelties, persecutions, and outrages that they should have a country of their own to go to, if they wish. At the same time I have doubts as to how many will avail themselves of this opportunity, if it is given them.

This establishment of a Jewish state would not be for the benefit of the Jews of United States, because there would be few if any that would go from the United States to the Jewish state and the same is true of England. But if the Jews of Continental Europe want a homeland to go to, or if any Jews from any other part of the world - United States or England - want to go there, they should have this opportunity and this right.

The establishment of such a Jewish state can only be brought about by some form of co-operation and will never be established, in my opinion, by force. Neither the United States nor Great Britain will send troops into that part of the world to establish a Jewish state. That may as well be put out of anyone's mind as a possibility because it will not happen. But at the peace table, and while the world is being cut up and reassembled, will be the time to work for the establishment of this Jewish state. And such a state ought to be successfully established.

I pay slight attention to the votes that you note in your letter, because I know that these votes were largely dictated by a political expediency and as a gesture, and in some cases, I might say, a reluctant gesture. It is well to be realistic in these matters and not be carried away by unwise enthusiasms, which have no substance.

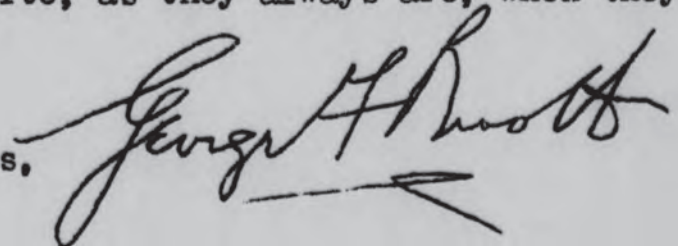
When there is occasion and the case presents itself at the proper time to discuss editorially the establishment of a Jewish state and when editorial utterances in that respect will have some effect, we shall take part in that discussion and I hope in a helpful way. I see nothing to be gained by cluttering up editorial columns with the discussion of the establishment of a Jewish state because at the present time those utterances would not have weight.

I have discussed this matter fully with our editorial staff and they are cognizant of my views on the matter. They are free to write, as they always are, when they choose.

With personal regards.

GFB:s

Sincerely yours,



(C O P Y)

September 10, 1945

Mr. George F. Booth
Telegram & Gazette
Franklin Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Booth:

It was indeed very kind of you to write me your lengthy letter of August 31st.

I was delighted to learn of your sympathy with our movement although I knew of your liberal and understanding approach to the problem of my people. I trust you will forgive me if I take just a little of your time to point out a few matters that appeared in your letter that I would like to elaborate upon.

You say that you have some misgivings as to how many Jews in Europe will avail themselves of the opportunity of going to Palestine. During the past few months there has not been a week when boat loads carrying refugees in varying numbers from 300 - 1500 have not come into Palestine, and the reception that they have received by the population is something that would thrill the most hardened soul. I have actual information from actual census taken that 90% of the people in most of the countries of Europe, excluding England, are demanding to go to Palestine because they know that they cannot survive elsewhere. I quite agree with you that the Jews in the United States would not want to go to Palestine. I have always made it clear that even if Jews of the United States would want to go they could not very well go because of the size of Palestine, and even if they could, they would not want to because of their deep and loyal allegiance to America. Take myself, for example, I am ardently interested in the upbuilding of Palestine because I have always felt that justice demanded it and that it was the right thing to do in the building of a better world. But still, in this war, I have lost one brother and another brother has returned from the service, and I think that you know how I, personally, tried to get into the service, because I talked to you about it a number of times. That is the way all Zionists feel. We are patriotic Americans, but still we want to do our part to make sure that those who were not fortunate enough to come to the United States may have the opportunity of living a free and unmolested life in a homeland of their own.

I, personally, do not think it will ever be necessary to send troops to establish a Jewish State in Palestine. I know the Arabs and I know their state of mind. If the United States and England and the other great powers would say, without hedging, that justice demands the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, the Arabs would not resist. It is an established fact that all during the war when Great Britain needed them most, the Arabs did nothing to help the cause of the United Nations. When the Germans were almost at the gates of Alexandria, Egyptians were caught flying plans to Germans. The entire Arab world did not even lift a finger to help lick the Germans, - but they rebelled in Iraq, - the mufti of Jerusalem collaborated constantly with the Axis powers - the whole Arab world was either passively neutral or actively pro-Axis.

Sept. 10, 1945

The history of little Jewish Palestine is entirely different. They gave everything that they had in men, manpower, money and industrial production to help the United Nations and they did it voluntarily. And now, the world wants to reward the Arabs for their infidelity and forget the real contribution of Jewish Palestine. If you will read the outline for an editorial that I sent you, you will see what Jewish Palestine did.

I write this to you, not because your letter of the 31st prompts such a reply, but I thought that you would welcome my additional comment. I feel definitely that no troops of the United States or Britain will ever be necessary if this matter is handled tactfully and judiciously with a firm hand.

There is one thing more that I would like to emphasize. I feel that editorial comment on this score is as important now as it will be at a later date because this entire question is being considered now in England and in the United States. To my way of thinking, editorial reaction at this time will be very helpful in clarifying the atmosphere.

We ask very little. There is a great undeveloped and underpopulated Arab world where tens of millions more Arabs can be settled. We take and ask nothing from the Arab world -- all that we will do to the Arab world is bring to them health, sanitation, and a higher standard of living and a westernized cultural atmosphere that will lift the average Arab out of the filth and misery and illiteracy that he lives in due to the attitude of the few great land-holders who are holding them down in poverty and ignorance. Our purpose is not only to benefit the Jews of Europe and to build a thriving state in Palestine, but our hope is to bring happiness to the Arab world as well.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg

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September 12, 1945

Mr. Charles Gutwirth
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and enclosure. At the moment I am not in need of a private secretary for my work in connection with the American Zionist Emergency Council and I shall be very happy to keep in mind your letter if such a vacancy should occur.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 14, 1945

The Hon. Nathaniel Goldstein
Attorney General State of New York
80 Centre Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Our office in New York has informed me that you have accepted the Chairmanship of the Metropolitan Zionist Fund. I am delighted that you have done so and I know that our friends to whom I spoke about the matter are similarly delighted. Under your leadership I am sure that the Fund will meet our highest expectations.

I shall probably be in New York next Wednesday. Could we meet then? Or could you send me some information on the subject which we discussed prior to Wednesday?

With all good wishes for a very happy New Year,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

The Jewish Agency for Palestine

MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1945

To: Mr. Lipsky Mr. Gellman
Dr. Silver Dr. Goldstein
FROM: Dr. Wise Mrs. Halprin

NAHUM GOLDMANN



Enclosed is a copy of the decisions of the Executive of the Jewish Agency regarding reparations and indemnification taken at its meeting in London, August 30, 1945.

DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY
REGARDING REPARATIONS AND INDEMNIFICATION TAKEN
AT ITS MEETING IN LONDON AUGUST 30, 1945.

1. In all questions concerning reparations for the Jewish people of Germany, the Jewish Agency shall become the claimant for the Jewish people and whatever reparations may be obtained, shall be used for Palestine. This demand is included in the 5 demands submitted by the Jewish Agency to the British Government. The Jewish organizations mentioned in Paragraph 2 of these decisions will be asked to support the demands of the Jewish Agency as regards reparations.
2. Regarding the indemnification for property to those who have been killed and the property of Jewish communities and organizations, a joint committee will deal with this question. The committee will be composed of representatives of the Jewish Agency, World Jewish Congress, Board of Deputies of British Jews, American Jewish Conference and similar organizations. This indemnification will be used in part for the local Jewish communities and in part for Palestine. The memorandum to the governments concerning this question should be signed by the Jewish Agency and other organizations.
3. The demands of individuals for reparations and indemnification will not be dealt with by the Jewish Agency.

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September 20, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want to call your attention to a matter of utmost importance for the welfare of the chalutz movement in this country. You have just recently returned from the Zionist Conference in London, and came in contact there with the chalutzim of Europe who played a leading role in the uprisings of the ghettos. The echoes of their report which reached us here electrified the entire American chalutz movement.

We know that you are aware under what circumstances the American Hechalutz has been developing in this country. Though influenced by entirely different factors than their fellow chalutzim in Europe, American chalutzim are drawing from the same sources of devotion and self-sacrifice to the cause of the Jewish people and Palestine. For a period of six years, under conditions of closed aliya, hundreds of American chalutzim have maintained and built up the hachshara farms of Hechalutz. The farms at Cream Ridge and Hightstown, N.J. have regularly trained 80-90 chalutzim each year throughout the war period. Hundreds of American chalutzim entered the United States army directly from the hachshara places and have brought the word of chalutz-
iuth to numerous army camps and distant communities in the far corners of the earth. One idea has kept them all going--the hope of the termination of the war and the prospect of aliya to Palestine. Eight hundred (800) servicemen kept up their contacts with the Hechalutz office and a large proportion of them regularly sent in their savings for the purpose of covering their passage to Palestine.

The war is now over, and many of our chalutz servicemen are being demobilized. We have over 1000 registered chalutzim, of whom half have completed their hachshara training and are ready to go to Palestine. New people apply daily. We have well functioning kibbutzei aliya, as well as plugot aliya of the various movements. As of today the membership of Hechalutz consists of individuals from Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Junior Hadassah, Masada, Young Judaea, Avuka, League for Labor Palestine, Hanoar Haivri, and unorganized individuals.

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החלוץ עובר
לפני המחנה

We have functioning Snifei Hechalutz in most of the large cities of the United States and Canada and new ones are being organized. We have launched a veterans' department with the purpose of mobilizing hundreds of servicemen to go to Palestine to study under the G.I. Bill of Rights at the Haifa Technical Institute and the Hebrew University. The goal for which we have been waiting for so many years, an annual aliya of hundreds and possibly a thousand American chalutzim to Palestine, is in sight.

The key to the problem, however, is aliya.

We are fully aware of the political situation and the limitations of the White Paper under which we are all being choked; however, we want your aid and cooperation in the following matters:

1) We want your support in impressing upon the Jewish Agency the importance of granting certificates to American chalutzim. We are fully cognizant of the situation of European Jews, many of whom are still in concentration camps, and there can be no question raised that they should have all precedence. However, we question the fairness of an allocation from which American chalutzim get only ten out of the 40 or 50 certificates which have already been assigned to this country by the Jewish Agency. We feel that American chalutzim who have shown faith and devotion through a period of seven, eight, and nine years; who have undergone every stage of hachshara; who are ready to leave their families--wives or husbands--and are willing to go by any possible means at a day's notice, all in order to reach Palestine, must be given due consideration.

2) We wish to call your attention to the fact that as of today there does not exist a fully constituted Palestine Office in this country as provided by the Zionist Congresses and as reaffirmed by the recent London Zionist Conference. We are sorry to state that the lack of such a body, responsible for all aliya, of all categories, may lead to an unhealthy situation and create grounds for unnecessary suspicion. Unnecessary cables have already been dispatched to Palestine and there is ground for general confusion.

On the initiative of Dr. Israel Goldstein the first steps were taken several months ago to constitute a fully representative Palestine Office. Unfortunately, the pressure of the International San Francisco Conference and the recent London Zionist Conference prevented the implementation of the first steps.

We feel that now, with the opening of aliya, the constitution of a fully representative Palestine Office cannot be delayed any longer, and we hope to have your full cooperation and support in this matter.

With Zionist greetings,

Shmuel Ben Zvi
Shmuel Ben Zvi

Avraham Levy
Avraham Levy

SBZ/nr

Copies sent to: Jewish Agency--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Mr. Louis Lipsky; Zionist Organization of America; Hadassah; Poale Zion Zeire Zion; Mizrachi; Hashomer Hatzair.

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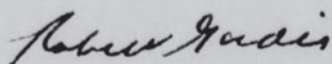
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend the meeting of the heads of the rabbinical associations scheduled for Monday, October 1st, at the offices of the Jewish Welfare Board, the time has been changed from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M.

I sincerely hope that you will let nothing interfere with your attendance at this important meeting.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



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SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS

September 25, 1945

Roy W. Howard
230 Park Avenue
New York

Dear Louis:

Your friend, Dr. Silver, dropped in yesterday for an hour that was as interesting a sixty minutes as I have spent with anyone in the last ten years. I can easily understand your high appraisal of this man and I am grateful to you for having made it possible for me to have made his acquaintance.

I am fully aware of the fact that Dr. Silver is conducting a crusade into which he is probably putting every ounce of energy and everything that can be contributed by his heart and mind. Generally speaking, I flee from crusaders as a devil from holy water because most of them deal chiefly in emotion, at the same time showing great allergy to facts and forces.

I found Dr. Silver a delightful exception to the rule. While I can't escape the belief that he rates as of less consequence than do I certain inescapable fundamentals blocking easy and direct approach to Zionism, he evidenced no intolerance to what I presume he must regard as my faulty thinking.

My talk with him was of extreme value to me because of the offset which it furnished to the typical British point of view.

As I think you know, my great concern is that a forced achievement of the Zionist program at this time would stir up a terrific repercussion in Islam. I believe that Russia is hoping to see this crisis precipitated in consequence of the Communist fondness for fishing in troubled waters. I am confident Dr. Silver is sincere in his belief that I over-estimate this danger. I am equally confident, however, that if he were as convinced as I am of the gravity of the danger or if he feared as I do that forcing the Zionist program at this time would precipitate trouble in which this nation would be involved, he would be as adverse to that course as I am.

The whole problem is an extremely involved and difficult one and even though I cannot honestly say that Dr. Silver converted me to his views he certainly did broaden my point of view and incidentally my determination to maintain as open a mind and as complete objectivity as is possible.

As I see it the great difficulty lies in the fact that in 1917 the British, then at war with the Turks and at odds with much of the Moslem world, advanced a program that could at that time have been put through with relative ease. For reasons that are typical of their statesmanship, the British stalled until the international picture had changed. Then they welshed on their promise. Now even though they might desire to make good, they cannot do so without precipitating a crisis in 1945 that could very easily have been avoided in 1917 or even into the early 1920's.

I think it is a great compliment to you, as an editor and a man, that you can enjoy as I am sure you do the confidence of a man of this character.

Louis B. Seltzer, Esq.
The Cleveland Press
E. Ninth and Rockwell
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Cordiall yours,
(Signed) Roy

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Dear Friend:

The present critical political situation has made it necessary to call our Zionist leaders throughout the country to an extraordinary Emergency Zionist Conference for consultation and immediate action. You are therefore urged to attend this extremely important meeting on Thursday, October 4, 1945, at the Jewish Community Center, 16th and Que Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

You are requested to wire or telephone immediately from your community to your Representatives and Senators to arrange for an appointment with them next Thursday in Washington.

Our deliberations at this conference will be of decisive weight in relation to the current political developments. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein and others, will participate in this vital program of immediate action.

The program will consist of the following purposeful steps:

9 A.M. - Consultative Session for immediate political operations.

11 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Appointments with Representatives and Senators.

2:30 P.M. - Report Session on Congressional visits and further consultation.

Evening Session - Mass Meeting.

This conference is being held under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council, with the ZOA as a leading participant. It is assumed that you will act in close association with your local Emergency Council in the selection of the delegates to Washington. Please advise me immediately of your intention to be present or of your designee who will represent you and your membership. A self-addressed post card is enclosed for this purpose.

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein
Israel Goldstein



September 27, 1945

Shmuel Ben Zvi
Avraham Levy
Hechalutz Organization of America
1140 Broadway
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 20 which I read with a great deal of interest. I am grateful to you for bringing the matter to my attention. At the earliest opportunity I shall discuss this matter with those to whom you sent copies of your communication.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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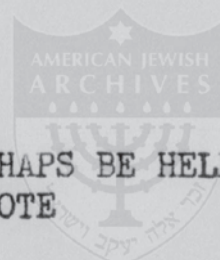
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Dear Abba,

Lazarus' shameful letter to the N. Y. Times of last Sunday ought to be answered. I am yet to come across such a medley of stupid statements. Not only are there fallacies to be pointed out but I believe the psycho analytic motivations of his Anti Zionism are to be exposed. And ^{it} they should be done by one whose espousal of the religious and theological aspects of Judaism are established. It would also be wise to select one to do it - who once believed in the internationalization of Palestine - and now is convinced that the security of the Jews of Palestine will be assured only if their fate is with them - and no group of colonially-hungry nations.

I would be inclined to consider penning a lengthy reply to Lazarus - if I were sure that the Times would be disposed to print it. To put aside my work - just to write an unpublished reply to the Pastor of Baltimore would be '70572 '754 X3'.

Best wishes & God's blessings to you & your dear ones.
Devotedly
Bernard

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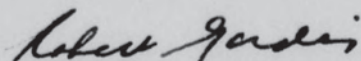
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October 2nd,
1945

Dear Doctor Silver:

In accordance with our conversation, I am dropping you this note to remind you of the Joint Committee on Reconversion to which each of us is to designate a representative. In order that someone may take the initiative, I shall be happy to ask our representative to communicate with yours and that of the Rabbinical Council and arrange for a meeting, if you will let me know who your representative is.

Cordially yours,



Robert Gordis

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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October 8, 1945

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President
Worcester Zionist District
401 Slater Bldg.
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 10 and for the enclosures. I read them with a great deal of interest. You have done a good job in bringing your editor around to write the kind of editorial which he did. I enjoyed reading the editorial very much. It is again proof of what can be done if Zionists devote themselves to consistent educational work among their fellow citizens.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 8, 1945

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Halprin:

Thank you for your kind telegram of October 5. I agree with you that the matter of America's participation, etc. should be fully discussed. I suggested to Mr. Weisgal, who telephoned me this morning, that the Committee of Eight may wish to have a preliminary discussion of it at its meeting to day.

I requested Mr. Shapiro to call a meeting of the Executive of the Emergency Council for this coming Thursday at which time the subject should be further explored. I shall try to attend the meeting although I am not at all sure that I will be able to get away.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ELIAS GINSBURG

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October 10, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Co-Chairman American Emergency
Council for Zionist Affairs,
41 E. 42nd St., N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I forward for your consideration and
comment a memorandum which is self-expla-
natory. I have submitted it to the American
Jewish Conference as one of its elected
delegates.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Elias Ginsburg

MEMORANDUM

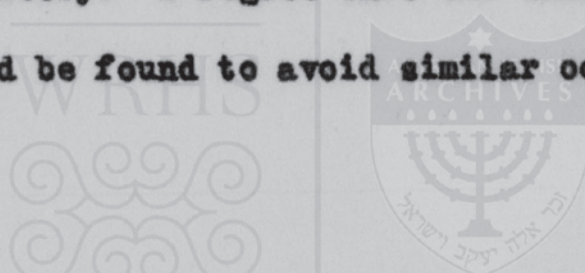
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TO Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin

DATE 10/10/45

The enclosed is self-explanatory. I regret that the incident occurred and feel that perhaps some way should be found to avoid similar occurrences in the future.



HADASSAH
1819 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

October 10, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Wise:

When I read in this morning's New York Times your letter of apology to Mr. Karel Hudec, I was very much distressed that such an avoidable incident had occurred. Let me explain the reason for this.

After the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 19* I was asked by Mr. Shapiro to go over the draft of the open letter to Mr. Attlee. This request was made because I had been the mover of the motion of the wide use of advertisements at this particular time. I asked for and received a draft of the letter.

Early the next morning, I drew Mr. Shapiro's attention to the tactlessness of picking out Czechoslovakia as the symbol of the tragedy of Europe's Jews after the liberation. I questioned the authenticity of the use of the 7,000 figure and suggested that there should be several short sentences stating something like the following:

In Poland	_____	Jews committed suicide
In Rumania	_____	" " "
In Czechoslovakia	_____	" "

Thus Czechoslovakia would have appeared as part of the total picture instead of being specifically chosen as a target.

Mr. Shapiro thought the point well taken and promised to have the paragraph rewritten in accordance with the spirit of my suggestion. The following day, I called him again and proposed some further changes, most of which were minor. Again we referred to the Czechoslovakia reference and I was assured that the matter was being taken care of.

When the advertisement was published I was startled to find that no change had been made, particularly with regard to the sentence referring to Czechoslovakia.

Now, we are faced with the need for a retraction and apology and have involved ourselves in unpleasantness with a government which, compared with others in Europe, has been friendly to our cause.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise

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October 10, 1945

I regret this incident very much as I know you do. There are occasions when mistakes are made for lack of foresight. This one, however, was noticed in time and, it seems, might have been avoided.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Chairman
National Political Committee

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*I am not certain that this is the correct date.

cc Mr. Harry Shapiro



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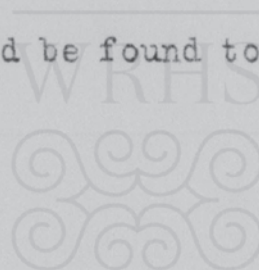
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ELIAS GINSBURG
1009 President Street
Brooklyn 25, N.Y.

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October 10, 1945

Mr. Henry Monsky, Co-Chairman
Interim Committee,
American Jewish Conference,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir,

As requested by you at the last meeting of the Interim Committee, I respectfully submit the following observations:

Next week, if the reported rumors are correct, will bring us momentous news regarding Britain's decision concerning Palestine. Should her present attitude continue, intensification of our pressure on her in a more telling manner than hitherto will become imperative. Inevitable illegal immigration into Palestine, eventually as inevitably accompanied by violence, will play the most potent part in the program of pressure. But we, the Jews of America can prevent much of the bloodshed and misery and accelerate the ultimate victory, provided we abandon "kid-glove" methods. What I mean is that we are to cut "diplomatic relations" with the British Government, i.e. discontinue sending pleas and memoranda to London and the British Embassy in Washington, and embark on a course of action which will on the one hand harm Britain's moral prestige in the eyes of the American people and, on the other, will hit her or threaten to hit her economically.

The following measures are suggested:

1. Block the loan. If we have a sufficient number of friends in Congress and in the U.S. Government to play along with us for a while, we should induce them to block the five-billion-dollar loan to Britain until she seriously feels the pinch. The blocking should not be too difficult to accomplish as the loan does not seem to present any immediate advantages to U.S.
2. Pass the resolution. Every effort should be made that the long-deferred resolution favoring Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth should be passed by Congress now.
3. Boycott. Launch a campaign of economic "sanctions" against the puppet Arab states which Britain puts forward to clamor against us and whose clamor is Britain's principal excuse for her present policy. Let us begin with a boycott against Iraq, the most vociferous and vicious of the lot, (Iraq several times refused the passage of Jewish children on their way to Palestine) and extend it to Syria and Egypt later, if the struggle should be protracted.

The principal items of Iraqi export to the U.S.A. are: dates, carpet wool, goat and kid skins and sausage casing. In the year preceding the war and in the

first year of the war, when ships were still available and the Mediterranean open in part, the imports from Iraq stood as follows:

	1939	Cost	1940	Cost
	Weight in pounds		Weight in pounds	
Dates	41,334,305	\$1,479,471	40,846,434	\$1,773,705
Carpet wool	10,509,785	2,637,548	14,086,295	4,473,830
Goat and kid skins	411,816	58,452	1,553,007	244,826
Sausage Casing	256,411	485,935	308,248	539,808
		<u>\$4,661,406</u>		<u>\$7,032,169</u>

By American standards these are small figures, but to a backward country like Iraq with a low standard of living, the annual loss of \$7,000,000 or a substantial fraction thereof, as well as the undermining of potential growth, would be a telling loss. (Iraqian imports to U.S. grew to \$7,000,000 in 1940 from about \$1,500,000 in 1933/34 and, if unobstructed, will undoubtedly resume their growth now.)

There is, of course, the Iraqi oil. But this oil is mined and distributed in various forms by the Iraq Petroleum Company whose principal seat is in Haifa, Palestine and whose owners are largely British, American and French corporations. Here big stakes are involved and the problem ~~involved~~ must be treated separately. Also the other Iraqi products are easily replaceable, while oil is not.

4. Organize synchronized mass street demonstrations in the largest cities of the country. Enlist the participation of non-Jews, including the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. unions. At these demonstrations threaten the declaration of boycott against the puppet Arab states, if they do not desist from their present artificial meddling in Palestine affairs.

5/ Arrange mass picketing of British consulates, even at the risk of arrests. The nuisance and publicity value of arrests and trials would be quite important. It would give the sympathetic press opportunities to publish photographs of pickets and slogans and speeches of denunciation of Britain by defending attorneys and fair-minded judges.

Picketing of consulates en masse could be extended, if need be, over a period of months. On appointed days of the week Zionist districts, Labor Zionist branches, chapters of youth organizations, Hadassah chapters, lodges of fraternal orders, sympathetic union locals etc., could rotate.

It is submitted that the accumulated effect of the enumerated actions coupled with resistance in Palestine and similar action in Canada, South Africa and South America, would before long bring the desired results.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that in view of the direct inter-relationship of rescue of Jews in Europe and an open door to Palestine, also in view of the Palestine resolution adopted by the first session of the Conference, the proposed program of political pressure is well within the scope of the American Jewish Conference. The outlined program can best be carried out by joint action

Mr. Henry Monsky, New York City

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with the American Emergency Council for Zionist Affairs.

Cordially yours,

Eli Ginsburg

Elias Ginsburg

P.S. Tonight's POST carries a report of clashes and bloodshed in Palestine. In my humble judgment the implementation of paragraphs 4 and 5 should begin at once.

EG

Copy to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.



THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

3080 BROADWAY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 11th,
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Dear Doctor Silver:

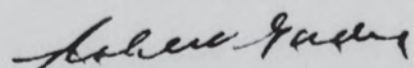
In connection with the superb campaign of education which the Zionist Emergency Council is carrying on at the present time, I have a suggestion to make for your consideration.

We are engaged in a war of survival against our enemies and every legitimate weapon available to us should be used. The American public is being persuaded that Palestine represents an irreconcilable conflict between Jews and Arabs. The frequent statements of the leaders of the Arab League, which are prominently featured in the press strengthen this impression immeasurably.

I think that the Zionists ought to begin to expose the feudal character of the Arab opposition, its unrepresentative nature with regard to the vast majority of Arabs in the country and the open pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist affiliations of the Palestinian Arabs headed by the Mufti as well as the Egyptian and Iraqi Arab regimes. They should be unmasked as the enemies of the United Nations and this would underline our prestige by placing them where they belong in the ranks of the Fascists against whom this war was fought.

I shall be very much interested in hearing your reaction to this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Gordis

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM

October 11, 1945

TO: Dr. Wise
Dr. Silver

FROM: Dr. Goldstein

I have the following information which may be of interest to you:

1) An indirect report through the American League for a Free Palestine that when Truman spoke to Gillette, he said there was "not a chinaman's chance for a Jewish State".

2) A Miss Helen Warren, who traveled through Europe, spoke to Mrs. Roosevelt about the necessity of getting the Jews out of Germany into Palestine. Mrs. Roosevelt said to her that even if they could be gotten into Palestine in large numbers now, they would probably not be allowed to stay there, implying that they might be regarded like the Oswego refugees as having only a temporary shelter in Palestine. Mrs. Roosevelt indicated that she has been talking about this matter to Morgenthau and others. It is not clear whether this represents Morgenthau's views or not. In any event, I mention it because Mrs. Roosevelt ought to be reached as long as she is interesting herself in this problem.

I also suggested that at a recent meeting of the Jewish Agency Committee, that Morgenthau must be reached.

Oct 14, 1945

Dr Abbe Hillel Silver
Cleveland, O

Dear Dr.

I was never so moved and thrilled as when you spoke at our last rally at Madison Square Garden.

It seems that the present Administration is playing the same game of sympathy as our late President.

Hundreds of Jews I have spoken to, have told me that unless the Democratic Party carries out its 1944 Platform pledge, they will not support any Democratic nominee for the Presidency

May I suggest that our
organization offer and
loans or assistance of
any kind to England
and to contact our Congressmen
and Senators for this purpose.

Sincerely yours

Herman Goldstein

860 F. Washington Ave
N. Y.

in 1948 and the sooner the politicians understand this the better

I believe that the Jews of N. Y. could defeat any Democratic presidential nominee by his loss of N. Y. state - the late President carried the state in N. Y. by the small majority of about 350,000 votes. He lost N. Y. state up to the city line with about 700,000 votes and won the state only because of the misplaced confidence of N. Y. city voters of the Jewish faith.

October 18, 1945

Mr. Herman Goldstein
86 Ft. Washington
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of October 14 which I read with great
interest. I agree with many of its sentiments.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS

ROY W. HOWARD
230 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, 17

October 20, 1945.

My dear Dr. Silver:

First, my apology for my delay in acknowledging receipt of your much appreciated letter of October 8th and the copy of the extremely interesting analysis written by Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin. At the time of the arrival of your letter, I was traveling, and since my return to New York have been a bit under the weather until the last couple of days. Otherwise you would have heard from me sooner.

I have given considerable study to the letter of Mr. Ben-Horin, and I want to express to you my very great appreciation of your having let me see this analysis, which I have brought to the attention of a number of our top editorial men. I was very much impressed by the obvious attempt at complete objectivity evidenced by Mr. Ben-Horin, and I am frank to say that I found his thesis definitely challenging to some of my previously entertained ideas.

The impediment to my complete acceptance of his expressed belief that the Arab League finds Communism more repugnant than it would find a Jewish State in Palestine, seems to me to lie in the fact that the Arabs are at the present time in a highly emotional state due to their zeal for a re-created nationalism.

While I certainly agree that the menace of Communism to Arab aspirations would be a real one, and while I am prepared to believe that a beach-head of democracy, such as would be involved in a Jewish State of Palestine, might actually prove a boon to the Arab world, I feel it is far from a certainty that the Arabs in their present frame of mind could accept these two probabilities as readily as you or I.

I have read with great interest and with considerable profit the various pamphlets which you were kind enough to send me, and feel that my viewpoint was considerably broadened thereby, especially in consequence of reading the Emmanuel Newman pamphlet on "Zionism in the Arab World," and the Dr. Lindeman pamphlet on "Palestine, the Test of Democracy. I am at the present time working on an idea which, if I can bring it to successful development, may result in our printing an objective review of the entire Palestine proposition, if conditions develop which seem to assure an audience for such a series.

Again thanking you for the matter which you were kind enough to leave with me, and with appreciation of your continuing interest, I am, with kindest personal regards,

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

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October 22, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a sense of duty towards Israel,
and with appreciation of the principles that you
stand for, that I send you herewith a copy of the
open letter that appeared in todays issue of the
Jewish Morning Journal.

I hope you will give my message your
most serious consideration.

With high personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Zemach Green

Rabbi Zemach Green.

ZG:ek

October 24, 1945

Dr. Nahum Goldmann
Jewish Agency for Palestine
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldmann:

I am returning herewith the minutes of the Executive of the Agency which you received. May I suggest that your secretary make copies of such minutes as soon as they are received and distribute them to the members of the Agency Executive in this country.

With all good wishes, I remain..

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

October 25, 1945

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President
Worcester Zionist District
401 Slater Building
Worcester 8, Mass.

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of October 20 and the resolutions which were adopted by the Executive Committee of the Worcester Zionist District. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate the confidence which your group places in me.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you at the ZOA Convention. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC.
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

October 30, 1945

Judge Louis E. Levinthal,
606 City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Judge:

Through the courtesy of our mutual friend J. David Stern I have been furnished a copy of your letter of October 25, 1945, addressed to him and discussing the very important question of a possible solution of the long standing Palestinian problem.

In this letter to Mr. Stern you were kind enough to suggest the advantage of a conference with me, and I hasten to assure you that I would be tremendously pleased to have an opportunity to discuss the question with you. I have been greatly disturbed over the lack of unity in the effort to bring about a solution of this problem because of apparent rivalries and jealousies among various groups of our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith. I have been so strongly convinced that these differences are on relatively minor matters that I have been able to see no reason why there can be no unity of effort on the principal goals which are so urgently calling for our attention. For instance, I think that all groups, Jewish or Christian, agree that the tragic situation of the stateless Hebrews of Europe is urgently calling for our immediate attention. We are all in agreement on this great humanitarian appeal. I believe we all agree that the vast majority of these unfortunates either cannot or will not return to the scenes of their persecution and have no immediate place to go. I believe we all agree that the huge majority of these same victims desire to emigrate to Palestine. I believe we all agree that the area offers an immediate sanctuary as well as an area which brings with the opportunity of immigration the additional appeal as the historic homeland. I believe we all agree that transportation and funds will be available to move these people. I believe we all agree that the Palestinian area can absorb those ready to go and large numbers more. I believe we all agree that the great obstacle in the way of this action is the assumption by Great Britain of authority which has prohibited the immigration of Jews into that land.

With this broad area of agreement, it is to me a tragic situation that there should develop conditions among various organizations as to where credit for action should be taken. Regarding the phraseology to which reference was made in the letter to Mr. Stern, I have definitely in mind that in the 78th Congress there was introduced a resolution in the Senate under the joint sponsorship of Senators Wagner and Taft which called for the establishment of a "Jewish Commonwealth". I further recall that when the matter was under consideration in the Foreign Relations Committee, of which I was a member, strong opposition was voiced to the use of that term ("Jewish Commonwealth") because it carried the connotation of subordination of other segments of the population to the domination of one group. Senator Vandenberg offered an amendment to strike out these two words and substitute language calling for a free and independent democracy with full citizenship freedom for all, regardless of race or religion, and the removal of immigration restrictions. Every member of the Committee but Senator Wagner announced his readiness to support the measure if so amended.

Senator Wagner asked that the matter be delayed for a few minutes until he could confer with some of the representatives of the Zionist group who were waiting in an anteroom. He returned with the statement that these men said they would rather have nothing than the resolution with the proposed amendment.

It is definitely true, as you suggest in your letter to Mr. Stern, that the Zionist group has repeatedly stated its desire along with the establishment of a Jewish state to accord other segments of the population full freedom of citizenship, but I am confident that you will readily recognize the difference between such advocacy and the position set forth in Senate Resolution No. 37 and the corresponding House resolutions.

To illustrate clearly the difference as many of us in the Senate saw it, it would be comparable to a situation where, assuming that the United States was just being created, one group would advocate that it be established as a Roman Catholic state or as a Protestant state with assurances that they intended no domination as compared to a proposal that it be established as a free and independent democracy in which Catholics, Protestants and all others could have an opportunity to work out their destiny, not as a matter of bounty but as a matter of right.

Having this viewpoint in mind, I was very much pleased to note that last Thursday or Friday Senators Wagner and Taft introduced another resolution which dropped the phrase "Jewish Commonwealth" and substituted the one which was approved by the Foreign Relations Committee.

I have made this letter a bit lengthy because I wanted you to know that I would not willingly be unfair to anyone or any organization. I as a non-Jew am so deeply interested in accomplishing something to aid these unfortunate people that I am devoting my whole time temporarily to trying in my small way to help work out a solution, and it is disturbing to see our unity of effort split on a rock that ought not to be in the channel of achievements at all.

Again assuring you that it would be an honor and a pleasure to talk with you at any time it could be conveniently arranged, I am

Yours sincerely,

GUY M. GILLETTE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE INC.
25 West 45th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

WASHINGTON OFFICE
2315 Massachusetts Ave., Northwest

Washington.
November 1, 1945

Mr. Arthur Lourie,
Political Secretary,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30, 1945. I wish to assure you and those for whom you acted in sending the letter that nothing is further from my thought or purpose than any antagonism to the American Zionist Emergency Council or any other group of organized citizens. I am interested solely in the humanitarian desire to aid these thousands of sorely distressed people. In every public address that I have made relative to the needs of the stateless Hebrews of Europe in which I have urged the re-opening of the Palestinian area to them, I have referred to the fine work that has been done by the various Zionist groups who have fostered immigration into and the development of that area during the past quarter of a century.

I do not know just what news report is referred to in your letter, but certainly there is often evidence of news reports where statements are quoted in part and the door left open for possible erroneous deductions. Suffice it to say that I have at no time and no place stated that the Zionist groups were not in favor of according citizenship rights to other segments of the Palestinian population. However, in order that there may be a reminder of the actual situation, it is well to recall that there was introduced in the 78th Congress a resolution relating to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine which was considered by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, and an amendment was offered to substitute words which did not carry the connotation of subordination of other groups of Palestinian citizens. On that occasion Senator Wagner conferred with waiting Zionists in the anteroom and reported to our Committee that they had stated they would rather have nothing than the resolution with the elimination of the words "Jewish Commonwealth" and with the substituted words suggested by one of the Senators. As added evidence of the situation which then pertained and continues to pertain, I have on my desk today a letter from Senator Wagner, addressed to me under the same date as your letter and with which he enclosed a copy of a resolution introduced by him and his associates late last week. Senator Wagner says in part, "You will note that the language of last year's resolution relating to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine has been modified in order to make it clear that there is no intention either to establish a religious state in Palestine or to subordinate the rights of other groups and races."

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From the foregoing it will be apparent that the sponsors of the resolution themselves felt the need for the change of language and a clarification of their purpose.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of a very interesting and friendly visit with Judge Louis E. Levinthal in which the whole question of unity of effort was discussed. I am sure that you and your associates would be interested in a reply which I had made to a letter of Judge Levinthal's and which was handed to him in person on the occasion of his visit yesterday.

It is tremendously distressing to me that elements of personal or group rivalry and antagonism are allowed to jeopardize the lives and future of hundreds of thousands of Jewish people, especially in the European area.

In closing may I suggest that I have been informed from Capitol Hill that copies of your letter to me were sent to Senators Tobey and Myers and possibly to other members of Congress. It would seem that it would be more in keeping with the recognized courtesies if copies of correspondence were not distributed without the consent of the person addressed, and especially without according him an opportunity to reply before the distribution.

Assuring you and your co-workers that there has been and is and will be no participation in any hostile expression or attitude relative to the fine work of your group which will come from the undersigned, I am

Yours very truly,

s/s Guy M. Gillette

Enclosure

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Nov. 8, 1945

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC.

2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D.C.

November 2, 1945

My dear Judge:

Subsequent to your very welcome visit to my office and our conversation relative to unity of effort, I received a letter from the Political Secretary of the American Zionist Emergency Council relative to statements that I was alleged to have made and somewhat along the lines of my discussion with you.

This of itself was not so disturbing, but it seems that the writer of the letter transgressed the recognized courtesy in correspondence in sending copies of it to certain members of Congress and to certain press agencies. This was done before I had had an opportunity of receiving the letter or of replying to it. I have just addressed a communication to the writer of the letter from the Emergency Council and am enclosing with my reply a copy of the letter which I wrote to you.

It would be indeed unfortunate if I am to be subjected to a concerted attack which would force me into a position where it would be necessary for me to take steps in behalf of my own self-respect as well as my reputation. So confident am I that your attitude of fairness and of support of the great work in which we are all engaged would not countenance an attack of this kind that I am addressing this letter directly to you. I know I need not remind you that it is for your personal information alone.

With assurances of high regard, I am

Yours sincerely,

GUY M. GILLETTE

Judge Louis E. Levinthal,
606 City Hall,
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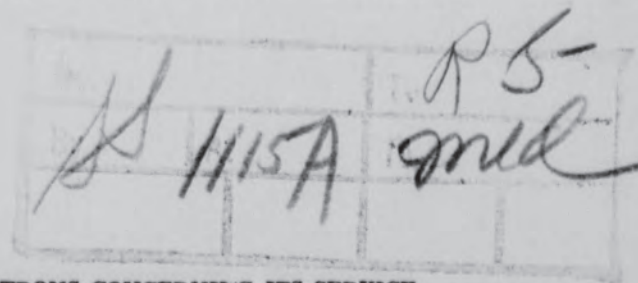
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Dr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Silver
New York

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NAHUM GOLDMANN



LOUIS E. LEVINthal
606 CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA

November 5, 1945.

Honorable Guy M. Gillette,
American League for a Free Palestine,
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I am sorry that you were disturbed by the letter sent to you by the secretary of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I am sure that he had no intention of offending you. The purpose of the communication was merely to point out the well established fact that the Zionist Organization, since its establishment by Theodore Herzl, has consistently aimed to establish a democratic Jewish Commonwealth, in which all the inhabitants, regardless of faith or race, would enjoy equal rights, assume equal obligations and derive equal benefits.

I understood from Mr. Ben Nahum that the New York office of your organization was preparing a statement on your behalf disavowing any accusation against the democratic character of the Zionist movement.

I regret that the letter of the Emergency Council was given premature publicity. I am confident that no discourtesy to you was intended.

In reply to a letter which I wrote to Dr. Silver giving him a detailed report of my conversation with you, I received this morning a note from Dr. Silver in which he states that: "Of course, I shall be very happy to meet with Senator Gillette in Philadelphia or in New York."

If you would like me to arrange an appointment, please do not hesitate to let me hear from you.

Again, let me assure you that I enjoyed meeting you and I trust that I shall have an early opportunity of seeing you again.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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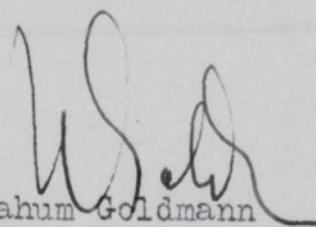
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Dr. Aba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Enclosed please find copy of a cable from
Joseph about the meeting of the Executive which we dis-
cussed yesterday.

Very cordially yours,


Nahum Goldmann

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C O P Y

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November 7, 1945

Honorable Guy M. Gillette
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gillette:

I wish to thank you on behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council for your letter of November 1, 1945. The members of my Executive Committee were glad to have the assurance that there was no intention on your part to participate in any hostile expression or attitude relative to the work of the Zionist bodies and they warmly appreciate the humanitarian concern with the fate European Jewry and of Palestine which has led you to interest yourself in our problems. It is indeed precisely because they are aware of the sincerity of your motives that the members of my Committee were the more distressed by the repetition on your part of statements the damaging character of which had previously been drawn to your attention.

In my letter to you of August 24, 1945, I pointed out that you were reported in the press as stating "that Zionist groups were interested in establishing a Jewish State in Palestine which ... might prohibit Arabs and others from obtaining citizenship there". I sought to indicate how untrue and how damaging this statement was. Had that statement stood alone it might have been assumed that the press had misreported you; but on October 24, you held a further press conference, at which, according to newspaper reports, you again gave expression to the same notion. That you should have been misquoted a second time in a number of responsible journals on the same issue hardly seemed possible. I quote from the New York Times report of October 25, "Mr. Gillette explained that the difference between the aims of his Organization and the Zionist Organisation was that, while the Zionists wanted Palestine to be an independent Jewish State, his Organization wanted it to be an 'independent democratic State' in which there would be no racial or religious discrimination and in which the majority would rule". The unescapable inference from that statement is that a Jewish State would involve racial and religious discrimination and that it would not be democratic in character. In my letter to you of August 24, I had tried to point out the falsity of that very allegation and enclosed for your information certain accompanying material. If, despite that fact, you still chose to go ahead and repeat this charge you can hardly blame the Zionist

Hon. Guy M. Gillette
Washington, D. C.

Organization for taking immediate steps to repudiate it and to draw this repudiation to the attention of those principally concerned.

In connection with the whole question of what is meant by a Jewish Commonwealth, I am enclosing a copy of the statement made last year on behalf of the Zionist bodies to the Foreign Affairs Committee by Mr. Emanuel Neumann, which gives an authoritative account of the Zionist position in this matter.

We have read with interest the quotation which you give from a letter from Senator Wagner, in which he points out that the resolution introduced into the Senate relating to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth had been modified in order to make it clear that there is no intention to establish a religious State in Palestine or to subordinate the rights of other groups or races. What Senator Wagner says is entirely correct but the reason why it has been found necessary to disabuse the public mind of this idea that a Jewish State meant a theocratic state or a state in which non-Jews could not be entitled to citizenship is because currency has been given to that notion by just such statements as those attributed to you in the press reports above referred to.

I can assure you that with regard to the members of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation there is no question on the part of the Zionist Organization of "rivalry" or "jealousy". There is very real and justified resentment, however, at the claims of these people to act in any representative capacity whatsoever and at the manner in which their activities are muddying the waters.

I was very glad, indeed, to learn of your interesting and friendly visit with Judge Louis E. Levinthal and thank you for the copy of your letter to him. I sincerely hope that out of such direct personal contact a better mutual understanding may emerge. There are few men of your quality and character in public life who have shown themselves ready as you have to devote themselves wholeheartedly to the cause of the suffering Jewish people. It is the more lamentable that difficulties and misunderstandings should arise where none are warranted.

Yours very truly,

AL:jm

Arthur Lourie

November 9, 1945

Mr. Mordecai Halevi, Executive Director
Histadruth Ivrit of America
165 West 46th St.
New York 19, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Halevi:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of October 31. I have been out of the city most of the time.

I appreciate your invitation to bring greetings to your Convention on Saturday, November 17. If I am in the city on that day, I shall be very happy to drop in. There is a possibility, however, that I will be spending the Saturday of the Convention week-end in New York as I am to address the One Hundredth Anniversary of the West End Synagogue in New York on Friday evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 9, 1945

Mr. Elias Ginsburg
1009 President Street
Brooklyn 25, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ginsburg:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter. I have been traveling a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I read your memorandum with a great deal of interest. As you probably know, many of the things which have been done fall in line with some of the suggestions which you make and which others have made. The question of the boycott is being seriously studied. It is, as you know, a very complicated matter and has many implications.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

LILLIAN GLANZER-
1192 Avenue Road
Toronto 12, Ontario

November 21, 1945

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Womens Auxiliary of Toronto Lodge, B'nai B'rith, is publishing their annual program shortly, and have asked me to communicate with you regarding an article for publication therein, under your name.

The natural topic of today would be something on the Palestine situation as you see it today - approximately 1000 words in length.

May we ask to hear from you as soon as convenient regarding the subject? Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

(Mrs.) Lillian Glanzer

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Pres., Zionist Organization
342 Madison Avenue
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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

MIZRACHI WOMENS ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA EXTEND TO YOU
HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS UPON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF
THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA STOP WE FEEL CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER YOUR BRILLIANT AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP ZOA
AND THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT WILL GO FORWARD FROM STRENGTH TO
STRENGTH AND REALIZE SPEEDILY THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR AIMS
A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ ISRAEL STOP CHAZAK VEAMATZ
TZEISCHA LESHALOM UBOACHO LESHALOM METZIYON VEYERUSHULAYIM=
THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE BELLE J GOLDSTEIN NATL PRES.

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INDIANAPOLIS 7, IND.

Indianapolis 7, Indiana
November 30, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President
Zionist Emergency Council
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

I am attaching, hereto, a copy of my letter written to you November 30, 1945, to which your secretary answered December 3, advising me that at that time you were in Palestine and my letter would be referred to your attention upon your return to Cleveland.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience regarding your thoughts on this subject.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Goodman /B

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Enc.

C O P Y

Indianapolis 7, Indiana
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We were given assurance that he would not be in the picture again, otherwise I know that I would not have made any financial contribution or even worked, had I known it was a foregone conclusion that he would be selected.

As you know, Frisch lived in Indianapolis, but his actions were so intolerable that he was forced to leave the city. He did untold harm in this city and state, to the cause of Zionism that it will take us a decade at least to correct.

He is an evil genius and the most intolerant and unfair person I have ever known and will stop at nothing to gain his point. He cannot be trusted in the position that he has because he will inject rotten politics where politics are not even necessary. His thinking is like that of a snake, which is coiled up with only one thought in mind.

Since he left the city we have been working to get the rotten politics out of our local situation as well as other spots in the State. He has returned to this city on occasions and as soon as he comes in the community it becomes polluted. He has lost face locally, except for the few of his henchmen who still remain and he seems to control them from afar. I am sure that he would sell out the cause of Zion. People in this community do not consider him a good Zionist.

He fought you to the limit and his vicious statements against you are unforgivable. Nevertheless, when he saw you were gaining strength he got on the fence ready to fall either way that would prove to his benefit. Surely there must be a dearth of men when you have to surround yourself with a man of his ilk.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Nov. 30, 1945

Frisch had a death grip upon the people here but we have finally broken it and we hope that you will do the same thing nationally. We look to you as a fearless leader with hope that you would clean up the situation. I am not going into the details of the countless unbearable situations that we had with him, but he has stabbed men in the back locally, and you can expect the same treatment from him if he is uncontrolled, and I don't see how you can watch his every move.

I am only touching the high spots of his character as it pertains to Zionism. His actions here, in the religious, as well as communal, life stand as sins upon our community.

I hope that you will take this to heart and assure you that I can prove every statement. There are many men in this community, honest, sincere, high grade business men and Zionists, who could write you, and would write you, but they feel that it is all to no avail; however, my great interest in the movement inspires me to write. Whether or not it will do any good remains to be seen.

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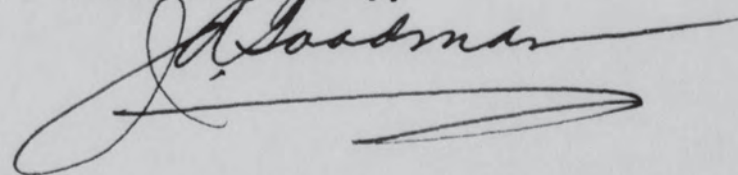
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.A. Goodman', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J.A. Goodman/jb

December 3, 1945

Mr. J. A. Goodman
National Hosiery Mills, Inc.
502 N. Davidson St.
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 30 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver is at present in Palestine. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO. 800/123
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Jerusalem, Palestine
December 4, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of November 29, 1945, the accompanying telegram was despatched through the Department of State on the day I received your letter, viz, November 30.

Regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Jewish Agency for Palestine,
P.O.B. 92,
Jerusalem, Palestine.

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

12-18-45

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or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

The Hon. Theodore F. Green
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

WRHS



JUST RETURNED FROM PALESTINE AND LEARNED WITH DEEP SATISFACTION OF THE FAVORABLE ACTION OF THE SENATE ON THE PALESTINE RESOLUTION. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU PERSONALLY RENDERED TO THIS CAUSE AND THE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING WHICH YOU MANIFESTED AT ALL TIMES. OUR PEOPLE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL.

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

=BEG YOU RECONSIDER APPEARING CARNEGIE HALL HECHALUTZ
DEMONSTRATION JANUARY 2 YOUR STATEMENT FAVORING AMERICAN
PIONEERING MOVEMENT AND BEN GURION'S STATEMENT MAKE
IT EXTREMELY URGENT YOU REPRESENT AMERICAN JEWRY AT
THIS MEETING STOP YOUR MESSAGE WILL HELP TO REMOVE
DOUBTS WHICH EXIST NOW EVEN IN ZIONIST CIRCLES AND
WILL EFFECTIVELY ANSWER ATTACKS SUCH AS AMERICAN
COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM STOP YOUR APPEARANCE WILL INSPIRE
YOUNG PIONEERS IN AMERICA AND UNDERSCORE NEED FOR
AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UPBUILDING OF THE
NATIONAL HOMELAND NOW AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ENCOURAGE
THE YISUV IN PALESTINE=

LEAGUE FOR LABOR PALESTINE HECHLATUZ ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA 1140 BROADWAY.

2 YISUV. HECHALUTZ.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

BARUCH BOACHA L'SHALOM LOOKING FORWARD YOUR MESSAGE
ERETZ YISRAEL AND REPORT MEETING EXECUTIVE=

MRS SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN PRESIDENT MIZRACHI
WOMEN MRS HAVA COHEN POLITICAL CHAIRMAN.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

ON BEHALF OF THE 1000 CHALUTZIM ORGANIZED WITHIN THE RANKS OF
HECHALUTZ WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION IN
RECOGNITION OF YOUR STAUNCH CALL FOR CHALUTZIM FROM AMERICA
STOP IT IS A DEEP SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR US WHO HAVE
BEEN CARRYING THE BANNER OF CHALUTZIUT FOR MANY YEARS IN
THIS COUNTRY TO HAVE HEARD YOUR PRONOUNCEMENT IN PALESTINE
AND YOUR CALL FOR AMERICAN CHALUTZIM ISSUED UPON ARRIVAL HERE=
MERCZ HECHALUTZ SHAMUEL BEN ZVI YONA GOLDBERG.

1000.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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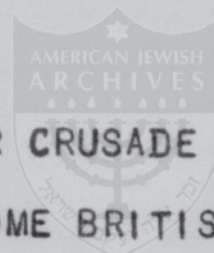
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RABBI SILVER

CARE PUBLIC MUSIC HALL CLEVE

GREETINGS AND VERY BEST WISHES IN YOUR CRUSADE ON BEHALF OF FREE
PEOPLES EVERYWHERE AGAINST THE LOATHSOME BRITISH WHITE PAPER AND
IMPERIAL POLICY IN PALESTINE

IRV GITLIN EDITOR CLEVELAND UNION LEADER.



12/24/45

Dear Abba,

Did you receive a reprint of Zachariah Shuster's article "Must the Jews Quit Europe" with a letter of Elliot Cohen - Editor of Commentary lauding it and asking you to comment on it from the pulpit?

Here is a newspaper report of Salo Barons address at Temple Emanuel's Sunday Morning Lecture Series. Salo Baron is a contributor editor of the above journal and I believe also the chairman of one of the ATC commissions. I didn't hear his address but the newspaper report makes me feel that he sang to an ordered tune.

Do the two items indicate a subtle anti Palestine campaign? I showed the letter to Bernard Richards and he felt so strongly that he asked me to give it to him in order to write an article against it. ^{of course both of us may be wrong.}

Thanks for your gracious note. Count on me for any help that I can render to you.

Sincerely
Bernard



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

MEMORANDUM

To Bessie Kline

Date December 26, 1945

From Mitzi Hager

Mr. Louis Rittenberg phoned our office for an appointment with Dr. Silver. However, Dr. Silver did not have the time to call or see Mr. Rittenberg.

I suggested that a note of explanation to Mr. Rittenberg would be in order and therefore I am sending you this memo.

MH



CHRISTIAN
HERALD
ASSOCIATION

419 FOURTH AVE.



NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

December 28, 1945

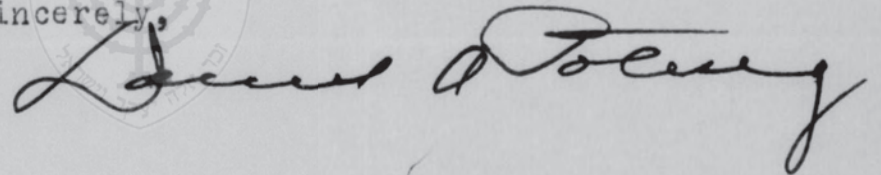
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
246 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you the January issue
of Christian Herald which contains my editorial,
"Open Palestine Immediately." You will find it
on Page 12.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



DAP:lg
USC-1

December 31, 1945.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you a copy of a rather lengthy letter I have just written to Herman Weisman because I feel it is on a matter of importance to American Zionism and one which concerns you greatly both as a Zionist and as President of the Z.O.A.

Best wishes to you and your family for health, peace and happiness in 1946.

Sincerely,

Ted Gordon

Halifax exchange?

letters with Mr. Swape

WRHS

See



Jacob Landau
1-4-46

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
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Zionist Organization of America

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
MUrray Hill 2-1160

January 8, 1946

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

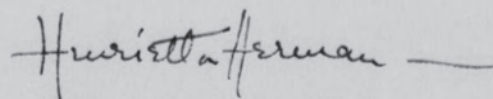
Dear Miss Kline:

Dr. Silver has inquired about the survivors of Dr. S. Wolf, and Mr. Shapiro asked me to forward the following information to you.

Mrs. Jack Goodman, sister of Dr. Wolf, resides at 301 North Kessler Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. Wolf's address is 5813 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

As yet, I have not been able to ascertain whether there are any children. I believe there was a son, a psychiatrist, who was killed in the war.

Cordially yours,


Henrietta Herman

HH:RW

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THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

ADAMS 5411

2210 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

January 10th, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

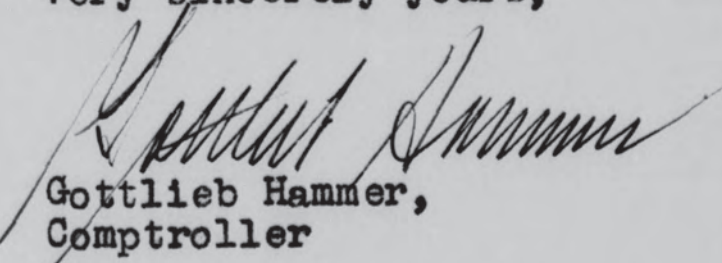
My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Epstein has referred to me your letter of December 19th, in which you make reference to the unused portion of your ATC ticket (Cairo to Lydda) and to the item of Lp. 70, which you turned over to Mr. Eisenberg.

Enclosed herewith is our check to your order for \$282.10, representing the counter value of your deposit with Mr. Eisenberg.

Prior to your departure for Palestine, this office advanced to you \$500.00 in travelers checks to cover the expenses of your trip. I would appreciate your advising me if there are any adjustments, either in your favor, or ours, with regard to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,


Gottlieb Hammer,
Comptroller

GH:sdg

January 16, 1946

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer, Comptroller
The Jewish Agency for Palestine
2210 Massachusetts Ave.
Washington 8, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hammer:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 10 and the check which you enclosed. Of the \$500 which the office of the Jewish Agency advanced to me in travelers checks to cover the expense of my trip, I used only \$80. The office of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem asked that my hotel bill be sent to it for payment. I am therefore enclosing herewith a check for \$410.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

January 22, 1946

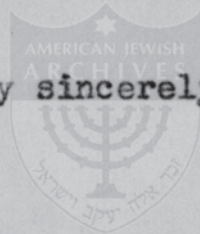
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My dear Mr. Hammer:

The expenses involved in connection
with my trip to attend the meeting of the Jewish
Agency in New York yesterday, amounted to \$40.
\$15.87 of that is to be sent to the American Zionist
Emergency Council which procured my ticket back to
Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



COPY OF CABLE

1/24/46

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN 300 CENTRAL PARK WEST NEW YORK CITY
LONDON EXECUTIVE CONFEDERATION GENERAL ZIONISTS MET YESTERDAY FOR
FULL DISCUSSION AS WELL AS CONGRESS CAMPAIGN STOP ELECTED DELEGA-
TION OF KUBOVITZKY BELGIUM AND SEGAL FRANCE WHO ARE PROCEEDING FOR
CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADIAN~~X~~ ZIONIST FRIENDS AND WOULD ALSO BE
VISITING AMERICA PLEASE CABLE EARLIEST DATE SUITABLE FOR SUCH
CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES SO THAT THEY MAY CONVEY
TO YOU OUR VIEWS IN FULL AND OBTAIN YOUR GUIDANCE REGARDS.

LAVY BAKSTANSKY

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COPY OF REPLY

1/27/46

LAVY BAKSTANSKY ZIONIST FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN 77 GREAT RUSSELL
LONDON~~E~~ ENGLAND

HADASSAH AND WE CAUTIONED YOU AGAINST USE OUR FUNDS FOR VISITS
AMERICA ESPECIALLY BY PEOPLE NOT SPEAKING ENGLISH. SEGAL KUVOVITSKY
SHOULD VISIT EUROPE NORTH AFRICA. YOU UNJUSTIFIED REACH DECISION
WITHOUT CONSULTING US. THIS ACTION FORTIFIES OUR NEGATIVISTS RE
ENTIRE PLAN. I REFUSE ACCEPT FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY LIAISONSHIP.

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

The Jewish Agency for Palestine

New York Office: SUITE 1205, 342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y., MUrray Hill 2-8803

Washington Office
1720 SIXTEENTH ST., N.W.
Michigan 4480

January 31, 1946

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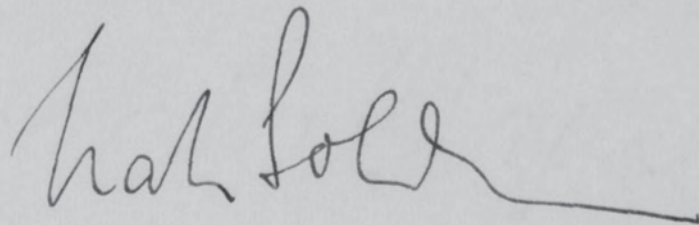
Dear Silver:

Elimelech, the famous driver of the
Executive in Jerusalem, gave me an eternal
luach for you which his father printed.

I am enclosing this luach.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Nahum Goldmann

Zelmer

Names of letter writers need not be printed, and will not be divulged, although the name must be appended to the letter as it reaches our office for verification as to authenticity. Unsigned letters will not be considered. Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

RABBI ROLAND GITTELSON IN BITTER ATTACK ON ROSENWALD, COUNCIL

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald,
 American Council for Judaism,
 1001 Keystone State Building,
 1321 Arch St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.
 My Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I have just finished reading the press accounts of your testimony before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. They leave me deeply depressed and saddened. At the end of a long procession of Jews who, without exception, pleaded passionately for Palestine,—after even an able non-Zionist like Judge Proskauer had turned his keen legal mind against the Balfour Declaration and in favor of full Jewish immigration,—you won once more the only kind of distinction you have ever won independent of your father's name by turning renegade exhibitionist against the one last desperate hope of a people which has suffered too much—far too much—even without your blow.

Believe me, I cherish no illusions in writing this. I do not expect to impress you with words, because words are dull and futile unless they can play upon the responsive strings of humility and perspective and compassion. Of these you have none. If you knew the meaning of humility, you would be impressed by your own estimate that only two-tenths of one percent of America's Jews and less and seventy-five of her more than a thousand rabbis share your views on Palestine. If you knew humility, you would say: men who devote

all their strength and lives to the careful study of Judaism and Jews almost unanimously disagree with me; it may just barely be that I am the one who is wrong. If you knew humility, Mr. Rosenwald, you would find some better way of attracting the attention your sick soul seems to need than by behaving like a badly spoiled child and throwing a temper tantrum in public. But you do not know humility.

You do not have perspective either. If you had, you might remember that you yourself are the son of Jews who came from Germany. Some of your own blood relatives may well have been among the vast number of German Jews who spoke against Palestine in 1919 precisely as you do now. They do not speak against Palestine anymore, those German Jews. They are silent. Some are silent because they live in the very Palestine they so cheaply scorned. Some are silent because they have been persuaded by the inexorable logic of death. It may be, Mr. Rosenwald, that this is the only kind of logic you understand also. If you had perspective, you would know that it was through no virtue or credit of yourself that your father or grandfather before you had either the good sense or good luck to come to these blessed shores. Had they not, you, Lessing Rosenwald, might today be knocking in desperate need on the very gates of

Palestine which you are helping to seal. If only you had perspective!

Or compassion. The kind of compassion for your own Jewish people which your father felt so abundantly and generously for the Negro people. Then you would know that every time you speak in public as you did the other day in Washington you, with your own hand, of your own will, condemn another thousand Jews to ugly death. A Christian like James MacDonald listens to the story of your people and because he knows compassion, is not ashamed to weep for them. You, a Jew, sit with dry, haughty eyes and grudgingly admit that maybe, perhaps, temporarily Jews might need some special consideration as Jews. For us, Mr. Rosenwald, temporarily has already lasted nineteen centuries. You were born just yesterday and your eyes are still covered by the womb's film of sleep.

So I have no hope of moving you. Because where you should speak with humility, with perspective, with compassion,—instead you sit smugly in the seats of the mighty,—cold, hard, myopic, incredibly arrogant and bitter.

All this you have a right to do and be. But you have no right to libel the overwhelmingly vast majority of your fellows. You have no right to drag out the old, shameless, anti-Semitic canard that Jews who are Zionists cannot be loyal, patriotic Americans. You have no right because to do so is to be un-American yourself, because it is nauseatingly bad taste, and because you know in your own heart that you have spoken a shameless, hypocritical lie!

I feel this thing deeply and bitterly, Mr. Rosenwald, because I happen to be one of those whom you have libelled. For thirty-one months now I have been a chaplain in the United

States Naval Reserves. I have just now taken off the uniform of my country. While you were suffering the rigors of civilian life, while the executive director of your bitterly anti-Zionist Council, the man who helps you accuse me of being unpatriotic, was successfully playing tag with the Jewish Welfare Board to escape being a chaplain, I was with the Fifth Marine Division on Iwo Jima. There were three Jewish chaplains on Iwo,—all Zionists! There were three hundred rabbis who served as army and navy chaplains during the war,—very nearly all Zionists!

We need no lessons in patriotism from you, Mr. Rosenwald. We learned our patriotism the hard way: on Iwo, on Okinawa, in the Battle of the Bulge. We know the patriotism of battered brains and bleeding flesh. We know the patriotism of bodies blown into such nothingness there wasn't enough left to bury. The shoe of instruction is on the wrong foot, Mr. Rosenwald. You come to us Zionists who know that patriotism is a reality to be lived, not something to talk about,—and we'll give you a lesson in what loyalty to America means. We promise you a good lesson. And we promise that whenever you libel us and desecrate the memories of those who were less fortunate than we, we will strike back with all the bitter, stubborn strength of men who are neither afraid nor ashamed to be what they were born!

You fit into a well-worn pattern, Mr. Rosenwald. Your voice is familiar. We have seen your face before. Once your name was Nicholas Donin. You are the small, weak handful which in every generation tries to betray its people for a pitiful mess of pottage. We have been hurt by you before. We shall survive this hurt too.

And you have won your comfortable niche in the halls of history.

ROLAND B. GITTELSON
 Rabbi,
 Central Synagogue
 of Nassau County,
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been organized by Rabbi Kahn. Guest speakers will be scheduled.

Louis Silver, 42, Dies in Cleveland

Special
SOUTH BEND — Louis Silver, 42, a resident of South Bend for 15 years, died suddenly in Cleveland.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sadie Silver; five children, Miriam, Sol, Evelyn, Beverly and Marvin; four brothers, Sol, in South Bend, Hyman, Cleveland, Victor, Elyria, O., and Jacob, Lorain, O.; and a sister, Mrs. Molly Horowitz, Cleveland.

Spears Likes Zionism To Nazism at Hearing

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traditions, and not have a minority status."

Brodetsky stressed that British Jews want "an undivided Palestine, west of the Jordan, to be established as a Jewish state. After a period of transitional government, such a Jewish state could become part of the British Commonwealth," he continued. "We British Jews feel that under the British flag, there is a possibility for freedom to exist as under few others. It is also vital to Britain and the world that the Middle East be secure. We think Jews should help establish this security."

Answering a query by American member James B. MacDonald, Prof. Brodetsky said that Zionists do not contemplate the establishment of a theocratic state. They had no intent, he added, of having laws laid down by religious authorities.

British member Richard Crossman pointed out that large numbers of foreign Jews living in Palestine have not sought to obtain Palestinian citizenship, and asked Brodetsky whether he thought that this was a "healthy" situation. The Board president agreed that it was "unhealthy," but stressed that the uncertainty concerning Palestine's future status is the chief reason for the failure of some Jews to seek naturalization.

and Sylvia at home; three brothers, Jake and Isadore of Salem, Ill., and Joe of Terre Haute.

Funeral services were conducted by Rabbi Leonard J. Mervis and Reverend Martin Kraus, with interment at Highland Lawn cemetery, last Monday morning.

ELKHART NOTES

ELKHART — A B'nai B'rith meeting was held at the Hy Fernman Lodge Tuesday night. . . . The B'nai B'rith Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Morris Weinstein. . . . Joseph Shneider of Chicago, former Bristol resident, is visiting friends here. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosen have returned from Miami. . . . Andy Cohen was recently discharged from the army.

BRISTOL — David Gutterman was discharged at Camp Atterbury recently. He served in the Pacific theater.

Sisterhood Meeting Feb. 6

The United Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood will meet at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Vestry parlors. Mrs. H. Gross and Mrs. S. Goldman will act as hostesses and serve the refreshments following the meeting.

Chief Storekeeper Nathan Stein, 1417 Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stein, has been discharged from the Navy after 8 months service in the Philippines.

United Hebrew

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Mitchell will be hosts at a "Kiddush" reception in honor of their son, Morris, Saturday morning in the United Hebrew Congregation vestry. Rabbi Samuel J. Fox and Cantor Albert Cooper will officiate at the service. Relatives, friends and members of the congregation are invited.

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extended vacation in California. . . . Lt and Mrs. Isidore Krieger visited with their parents in Gary over the week-end. . . . Jack Kozlen and Jimmie Roth have returned from California. . . . Major Simon S. Rubin, has resumed his practice in Gary after army service in Iceland. Mrs. Rubin and their two sons will make their home at 632 Conneticut St. . . . Major Milford E. Dulberger was informed of his promotion to rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is home on terminal leave and has resumed his position with the Superior Meat Products. He resides with his wife, the former Rose Fox, and their two children at 776 Delaware St.

In The Service

Dr. Sidney Aronson has been released from active duty with the Air Corps, in which he was a Lieutenant Colonel. He has returned from a vacation in Florida with Mrs. Aronson, and will resume his practice. They are living at the Seville Apartments.

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Sgt. Leonard M. Berkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Berkowitz, 570 E. Fall Creek Blvd., arrived on the East Coast Jan. 25 from Le Havre, for discharge. He spent three years in the Army, 18 months overseas.

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Ensign Alvin P. Levenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Levenson, 4429 Colleve Ave., has been discharged and returned home after

try rooms of Temple Israel.

Notes—James Shaffer, son of Mr. Sam Shaffer, was recently promoted to technical sergeant in communications. He is stationed in Tokyo and is an instructor in radio with the 1st Cavalry. . . . Mrs. Sara Stern of Indianapolis spent last week-end in the city with friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hornstein had as their guest last week-end Mr. Hornstein's two brothers of Detroit. . . . Mrs. David Silverstein spent last week in Chicago with her niece. . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Silverstein left Tuesday for 10 days at Martinsville. . . . Mrs. Morris Lebowitz left last Tuesday for Bridgeport, Conn., where she will attend the wedding of her sister Sunday, Feb. 3. . . . Chaplain Sidney Berkowitz is on terminal leave in New York attending the chaplains' convention. . . . Hadassah Tatelman has accepted a position with Coronet-Esquire in New York City. . . . Mrs. C. Goodman has returned from St. Louis and Memphis, where she visited with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gross. She was accompanied home by Miss Lillyan Gross, of Indianapolis, who spent several days in Terre Haute visiting the Goodmans and Mrs. L. Bortnick and family.

serving as a pilot in the U.S.N. He now is attending the University of Michigan, and recently was elected president of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity there.

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Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

May I offer you my congratulations upon your election as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal?

Your eminent place in the Zionist and communal activities of Pittsburgh has been a source of pride to all of us. You have my sincere good wishes now that you have been called to larger responsibilities.

You may count upon my loyal support.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

STATEMENT ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THEODOR HERZL'S "JUDENSTAAT"

by

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
JOINT CHAIRMEN OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Fifty years ago, on February 14th, 1896, a book appeared in Vienna which was to revolutionize Jewish life and Jewish political thinking, as did no other book in the past two thousand years. A Jewish journalist, Theodor Herzl, wrote this book, Judenstaat (The Jewish State), which has become the basic expression of political Zionism. It was only natural that the author of The Jewish State should also be the founder of the World Zionist Organization, and its leader to the day of his untimely death in 1904. No other Jew in modern times has had such deep influence on the souls, thoughts and imagination of the Jewish masses as the author of Judenstaat.

The secret of Herzl's unparalleled influence -- and he was a man who up to the time of the Dreyfus trial stood aloof from Jewish life and took no part in Jewish affairs -- undoubtedly lies not so much in his fabulously charming personality or in his exemplary integrity and idealism, but in the wholeness of the Zionist political conception which Herzl and his Judenstaat brought to the dispersed Jewish people bereft of a normal national existence. To a people in Galuth, living in physical subjugation and psychological depression, the Judenstaat was the call to national renaissance, the great vision of Israel re-established as a free and normal nation in Palestine.

The storm created by the Judenstaat at the time of its appearance is now long forgotten. Some of those in Jewry, mainly German Jews, who were up in arms against Herzl's ideology, denying the very existence of a Jewish nation, claiming that they were full-fledged "Germans of the Jewish faith", were happy to find a haven in Palestine many years later, when Hitler's

henchmen sought to destroy them. Herzl's prophetic analysis of Jewish realities in Europe and his prognosis of Zionism as the only sound solution for the Jewish problem has been repeatedly confirmed by the logic of events and has become the political creed of an overwhelming majority of the Jewish people.

A noble vision of a Jewish journalist in 1896 is now not only the political program of the Jewish people but also a major issue in international politics. Herzl's Judenstaat was primarily responsible for all Jewish achievements in Palestine. The sweat, blood and idealism invested by Jewish colonists in Palestine were largely the result of the vision of Judenstaat.

The fiftieth anniversary of Theodor Herzl's prophetic book finds us in the midst of a life and death struggle for the implementation of Herzl's ideal and the survival of the Jewish people. Looking back to the difficult struggle of Herzl and to the long way we have come since 1896, we shall find in Judenstaat not only reaffirmation of our Zionist beliefs but also encouragement for the battle ahead of us. For now more than ever before, the Jewish people and mankind generally realize that the re-establishment of our statehood is the main prerequisite for securing our future in this world.

Frank Gervasi (book)

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Harry A. Steinberg

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Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, N.Y.

February 27, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am attaching some publicity releases of the Progressive Palestine Association which I received from Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Hadassah's Washington representative.

*must be ref'd
to Hadassah
Mrs. Halprin*

It would seem that the Shomer Hazair and similar minded groups are attempting to win support in the United States for a bi-national program. This will bring further confusion and may well appeal to the liberal elements who would find such an objective palatable.

Can we do anything to counteract these activities? Perhaps the matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin
National Political
Chairman

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February 27, 1946

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin
Nat'l Political Chairman
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mrs. Halprin:

I forwarded your letter of February 27, with reference to the Hashomer Hatzair, to Dr. Silver in Cleveland.

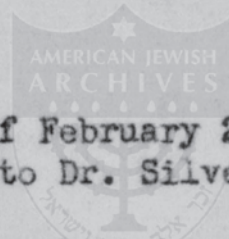
In a previous conversation which he and I had on this same subject, he requested me to place the matter on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

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Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director



March 7, 1946

Mrs. S. W. Halperin
1819 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Halperin:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of February 27 with reference to the Progressive Palestine Association and its activities in Washington.

I have requested Mr. Shapiro to place this matter on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive, which will be on the afternoon of March 19. I should have wished a meeting a little earlier but I have been traveling about the country a great deal, and Dr. Wise will also not be available before that time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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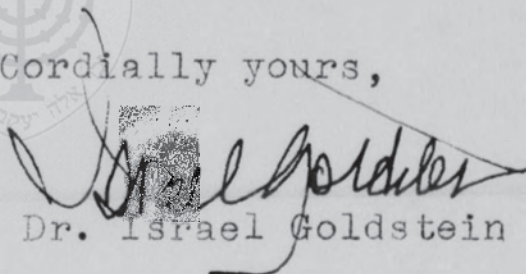
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

The ZOA-Hadassah Committee on General Zionism will meet at dinner next Tuesday evening at 6:15 immediately after the Emergency Council and before the Executive Committee meeting.

We would appreciate it very much if you would sit in with us for our discussion.

Cordially yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

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March 18, 1946

Hon. Joseph Hutcheson and Sir John E. Singleton, Co-Chairmen
Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine
King David Hotel
Jerusalem
Palestine

American press reports that the stenographic transcripts of your session in Jerusalem on Tuesday, March 12th, were edited to exclude those portions of the testimony of Auni Bey Abdul Hadi and Jamal el Hussein which admitted the wartime association of Amin el Hussein, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, with Hitler and Mussolini. Clifton Daniel, in a dispatch to the New York Times of March 16th, reports that two British members of your Committee tried to justify this omission from the transcript on the ground that "the Mufti's activities were irrelevant to the inquiry." This in itself confirms the fact that such an intentional deletion from the text of the testimony has taken place.

We vigorously protest against such irregular procedure, amounting to suppression of evidence. This ~~would~~ undermine all faith in the correctness and impartiality of your inquiry. We furthermore find in this incident additional proof of the intrigue aimed at exonerating Amin el Hussein, a war criminal whose active association with the Axis was depicted even by members of your Committee.



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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
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March 26, 1946

Mr. J. A. Goodman
National Hosiery Mills, Inc.
502 N. Davidson St.
Indianapolis 7, Ind.

My dear Mr. Goodman:

Let me thank you for your letter which you addressed to me on November 30 and which you brought to my attention recently. Some day when you are in Cleveland or in New York, I shall be very happy to talk over the contents of the letter with you. Surely it is not a matter which can be discussed in a letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Hadassah

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It is clear from the letter addressed by the President of the Hadassah to Rabbi Miller on April 5 that the Hadassah, while it wants to be assured of parity of delegates to the Congress, appropriate representation on the Jewish Agency Executive, and equal representation with the ZOA on all Congress committees and commissions, it nevertheless insists on reserving for itself complete freedom of action at the Congress. It will not be bound by any caucus and no majority vote taken at a caucus of all the delegates ZOA and Hadassah would be mandatory upon Hadassah delegates. Furthermore, Hadassah insists on freedom to have its own caucuses at the Congress.

To all intents and purposes, this is to come to the Congress as an independent party. A united shekel campaign and a joint slate in this country is meaningless if at the Congress the ZOA and the Hadassah act independently, and if there is to be no General Zionist bloc.

The sole purpose for a joint ZOA Hadassah slate is to send to the Congress a large and well organized General Zionist bloc who will at the Congress through concerted action if possible with other General Zionist bodies, exercise decisive influence upon all action at the Congress and the organization of our movement in the future. If the General Zionists of America ~~will not~~ are not to be bound by the resolutions of their bloc, and if each delegates will act for himself as his spirit moves him, the General Zionists will be as helpless at the forthcoming Congress as they were at all previous Congresses. Their numbers will be raided by other parties, scattered and completely neutralized. Furthermore we will throw confusion in the ranks of other General Zionist groups who will come to the Congress from other countries.

The ZOA cannot agree to such disintegration which would render us utterly ineffective at the Congress. It is far better for us to go our own way than to be confronted at the Congress with a split in the ranks of General American Zionists, with the Hadassah delegation being played off against the ZOA delegation. Some political ~~steps~~

strategists are counting on just this maneuver.

It is a very strange and anomalous situation that the Hadassah should wish to set itself up as an independent political party on the basis not of any ideology economic or political, but on the basis of sex. Such a condition exists nowhere in the world. It is also an anomaly that a woman's organization which has always been regarded as philanthropic the woman's/auxiliary of the General Zionist Organization, holding the same relationship to the ZOA as the Pioneer Women holds to the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi Women holds to the Mizrahi, should set up an independent political slate and on the basis of its large membership demand parity in Congress representation. The majority of the United States citizens who voted at the last Federal election were women, and yet neither the Congress nor the Senate of the U.S. is made up of anywhere near parity as between men and women. In fact there are no women in the Senate of the United States, and only four or five in the House. And this holds true of all other legislative bodies in the world.

I suppose that there is nothing that we can do about it. But certainly the ZOA ~~xxxxx~~ ought not to commit itself to an arrangement which is bound to embarrass it at the Congress.

I would suggest that we do not accept any of the other conditions contained in the letter of the President of the Hadassah. We shall welcome Hadassah if it wishes to go along with us in mutual confidence for common action. Otherwise we must go our several ways.

In this connection I should like to express my deep disappointment at the fact that the request of Rabbi Miller, Chairman of our Interim Committee, to appear before the National Board of Hadassah to discuss this matter with them, was not granted. Bearing in mind that a representative of Hadassah has always been in attendance at the meetings of our Executive, this rejection of Rabbi Miller's request is even more incomprehensible.

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April 15, 1946

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your circular letter of April 9th asking us to urge our members to join the Zionist Organization, I wish to state that I have already embodied such a request in our congregational bulletin for the Passover season.

I shall also utilize the Passover service to enlist support for the Z. O. A.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Harburg

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April 29, 1946

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Emanuel:

I didn't have a chance to discuss one point with you this afternoon, and as I am going to be away for two days in Canada I am dispatching this letter which will be signed by my secretary.

There are, as I see it, an enormous number of details that have to be worked out in connection with the movement of 100,000 from Europe to Palestine. If they are to be moved with dispatch governmental assistance of course will be necessary. I am given to understand that that assistance will only be forthcoming if there is a specific directive from the President. I know that there will be a lot of people and organizations working on this and perhaps, as has been suggested, this is not entirely within the province of the Council. Nevertheless, it seems to me that some measures must be taken to coordinate the work that is to be done on this problem and to work out all the details with speed, boldness and resourcefulness.

I would suggest, therefore, that a small committee of the Council be appointed to devote its time and energy to this one problem while the other aspects of the report are studied by the special committee which was appointed this afternoon. If you think there is any merit to this idea I'd appreciate it if you would give it a push. Even on this one recommendation it is not unlikely that we will find we still have an uphill fight to wage.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Milton Handler

May 2, 1946

Mr. Adolph Hubbard
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hubbard:

I am returning herewith the correspondence which you permitted me to read and which I found most interesting. I shall have occasion to talk it over with you when I see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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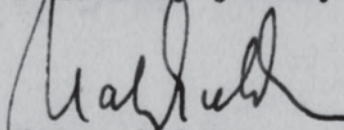
Dear Dr. Silver:

You are cordially invited to attend a dinner in honor of Mr. S. Hoofien, Managing Director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, to be held at the Waldorf Astoria, Carpenter Suite, on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM.

This dinner party, which is limited in number, is intended to be an informal off-the-record discussion of the current economic situation in Palestine.

I should be delighted if you would find it possible to join me.

Sincerely yours,


Nahum Goldmann

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JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
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Dear Dr. Goldmann:

I shall (shall not) attend the
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on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 P.M. at the
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May 29, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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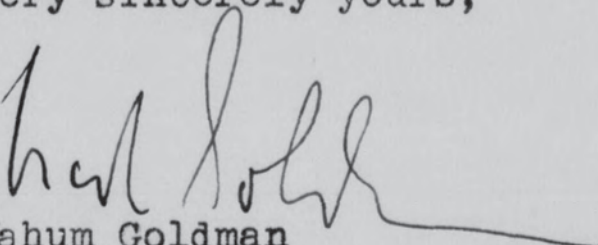
Dear Dr. Silver:

On Monday, June 3rd, at 12:30 P.M., the Committee of Eight will tender a luncheon in honor of Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, Cuban Diplomat and President of the Cuban Pro Palestina Committee, who has just returned from Palestine and will shortly carry a message from Palestine to the Latin American countries.

The luncheon will be held in Room 133 of the Biltmore Hotel, 43rd and Madison Avenue.

Looking forward to your presence on this occasion, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Nahum Goldman

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

MEMORANDUM

To Bessie Kline

Date June 13. 1946

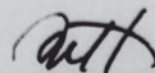
From Mitzi Hager, Secretary to Mr. Shapiro

There were a few messages for Dr. Silver which I was unable to give him. Will you please transmit those you think he should see?

- 1) Dr. Naiditch phoned - 6/12/46
- 2) Mr. Bernard Gittelson, phoned 6/11/46 as well as on many other days. Very anxious to speak to Dr. Silver. Phone number of Circle 6-1900
- 3) Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld phoned 6/12/46 to give us a message from Dr. Louis Newman of New York. Dr. Newman has been a close and personal friend of Mr. Henry Grady for the past 35 years. In fact they were schoolmates at the University of California. Dr. Newman has offered to do what he can to be helpful sofaras Mr. Grady is concerned.

I gave this information to Mr. Shapiro but as far as I know nothing has been done in this regard.

So that's that for what it's worth.



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June 14, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose a copy of the letter sent to the
President today.

As you will note, we have found it possible
to include the two emendations suggested by you without inter-
fering with the general flow of the letter.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Gass

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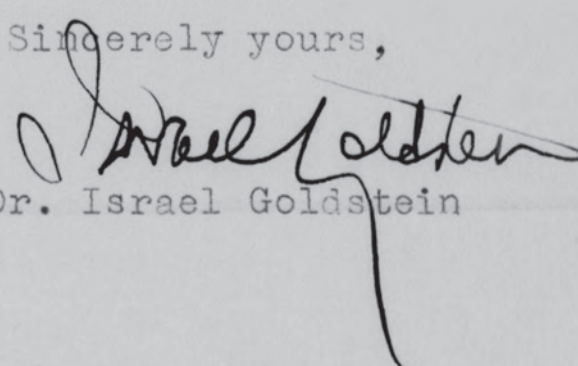
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you that at the last meeting of the ZOA Executive, you were named together with Judge Levinthal and myself to go, on behalf of the ZOA, to the Zionist Conference which is to be held in London commencing on or about July 30th.

I earnestly hope that you will accept the designation.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

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*My father's family will be happy
meet with you Tuesday morning
at 11 Commodore Hotel. Kindest regards*

Leon Gellman

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TRANSLATION

For Dr. Goldstein

Yarblum has publicly insulted the organization of general Zionists of France. His article in "Unser Wort" is an insult in our opinion. We shall bring this question before Congress and we shall ask for suspension of Yarblum in every respect.

Zionist organizations will not recognize Yarblum, representative of the Jewish Agency, until he stands trial. We will not tolerate Yarblum in any of the Zionist organizations.

From the Comite Dentrail des Sionistes Generaux

47 Rue de Chabrol

Paris, France



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Gedalia Bublick



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SENATOR HAWKES ANNOUNCES SUPPORT

FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOMELAND

Senator Hawkes today commenting on Senate Resolution 247, introduced by Senators Taft and Wagner, calling upon the United States to use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth, announces his support of this Resolution.

Twenty-six years ago, in the midst of a world at war, the government of the British Commonwealth of Nations, looking to the day when peace would be restored and inspired with the desire to right an ancient wrong, issued the Balfour Declaration.

This solemn covenant and undertaking to help in the reestablishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine was subsequently endorsed by 52 Nations, including the passing of a Resolution by the Congress of the United States by unanimous vote.

Thousands of Europe's Jews found refuge and a home in Palestine in a land of past glory, but present decay, whose natural fertility had been denuded of trees; and whose cities had dwindled into mean and stagnant townships. In the course of a pioneering achievement, unequalled in present day colonization, its Jewish immigrants drained swamps and planted forests. They irrigated the dry land, developed agriculture and industry, and built modern cities.

While in Palestine itself the idea of a Jewish Homeland was being vindicated in the transformation of a people as well as of a land, the world at large was facing a crisis which gave Nazism its opportunity to prepare its assault on civilization, and as in Europe so in Palestine, principle was sacrificed for expediency.

The issuance of the Palestine White Paper of May, 1939, by restricting Jewish immigration and land settlement, and prohibiting all further Jewish immigration as from April, 1944, threatens the very existence of the National Home at a time when millions of Europe's Jews have perished at the hand of the Nazi oppressor, and when it has become clear, as never before, that the solution of the problem of the homeless Jewry is in their reestablishment as a nation in Palestine.

This Palestine White Paper was condemned at the time by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations and was endorsed as a breach of trust by many who later led Britain in her hour of darkest trial.

I, therefore, firmly believe that the passage of this Resolution, announces that the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National home for the Jewish people, it clearly being understood that nothing shall be done which may jeopardize the civil and religious rights of Christian and all other non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected. The ruthless persecution of the Jewish people in Europe has clearly demonstrated the need for a Jewish National Homeland as a haven for the large numbers who have become homeless as a result of this persecution.

The United States shall use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

This will show clearly that the people of the United States recognize that the hope of a sound peace, after the winning of the war, is as important as the winning of the war itself, if we are to set an example to the peoples of the world of the need for tolerance and understanding of the needs of our fellowman.