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June 3, 1947

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our staff member, Dr. Alfred Werner will leave for Cleveland on Thursday and I have asked him to interview you for a feature profile. Knowing how valuable your time is, I would not dare impose upon you were I not convinced that Dr. Werner is capable of doing the kind of biographical and personality close-up that has permanent value.

Thanking you for any courtesy you will be able to extend to Dr. Werner, I am with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Weiss-Rosmarin*  
Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin  
Editor

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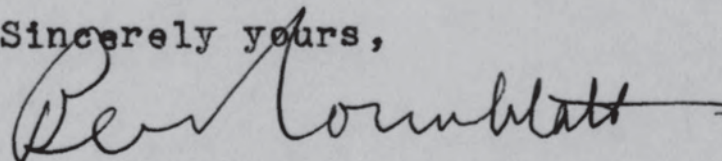
Dear Dr. Silver:

I tried to reach you yesterday before the meeting to emphasize the importance of starting a counterattack against the British loan, but I understand that my brother, William, spoke to Emanuel Neumann about it late yesterday afternoon. I was certainly gratified to see how you dealt with it in your speech and I want to plead with you to force that issue promptly by telegrams to every member of the House to oppose the British loan on the ground that we cannot trust their commitments any longer.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have just sent to my good friend Senator Mead and I want to volunteer my services to you in Washington or elsewhere, in this connection.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



BAR:RK  
Enc. (1)



BERNARD G. RICHARDS  
103 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

*Return  
July 2.*

June 24, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I intended to send you earlier the enclosed copy of my chapter on Zionism in The United States, but wanted to take advantage of the remaining time before the printer sets up the closing portions of Mr. Cohen's book, to check on certain dates and other points that remained somewhat obscure. I am sorry also that owing to the technical difficulties involved in the typing, this copy is not as clear as the original in so far as certain corrections and inserts are concerned.

In writing this brief outline I was confronted with two difficulties, first, the absence of records and minutes of the early stages of our movement and second, the necessity of condensing into such small compass a pretty long and rather involved history. However I believe I have given a fairly comprehensive sketch of the development of American Zionism.

I am hoping that when the strain of the present trying events is over and we see some clear daylight again the ZOA will give consideration to the publication of a whole volume devoted to American Zionism, not only to the organizational actualities of the movement but also to the intellectual development or the unfoldment of Zionist ideas on this soil. Meanwhile I am with all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Richards*  
Bernard G. Richards

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Am. J. Comm. for J. J.





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July 11, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was so upset by reading Chairman Sol Bloom's statement before Congress yesterday that I dispatched a telegram to him today, copy of which is enclosed herewith, as I thought you might possibly be interested in its perusal.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

*Herman E. Ries*  
Herman E. Ries, Pres.

HER:js



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CHAIRMAN SOL BLOOM  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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H. E. RIES



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL 1720 16TH NORTHWEST

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF BOSTON OVER THE SIGNATURE OF ONE ROBERT E SEGAL HAS SENT OUT INTIMIDATING LETTERS TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMITTEE. THE LETTER LISTS THE ZOA AND HADASSAH AS AFFILIATES. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS A PARTY TO WHAT THE COMMUNITY COULCIL HAS SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH, NAMELY TO DISCREDIT AND INJURE THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF ITS OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN. WE DOUBT THAT THE ZOA WOULD BE A PARTY TO SUCH A DASTARDLY SCHEME. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE A NOTE FROM YOU DISCLAIMING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY MR SEGAL=

MAJOR NATHAN RUBY MURRMURRAY K JOSEPHSON EXECUTIVE  
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August 1, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am herewith enclosing copy of the memorandum that I had Flynn present to President Truman, which I went over with Tuvim and Shapiro before handing it to Flynn. Of course, I took full personal responsibility and Flynn understood that I was talking to him as a Democrat and not as the representative of the Emergency Council, for I may have indicated a possibility of a compromise for which I and not the Emergency Council, in any event, would be responsible.

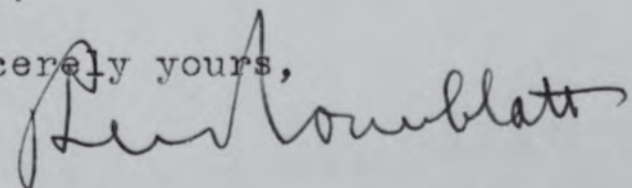
I am writing to you now because it seems to me clear that we will get nowhere in becoming classified in Washington as "protest Rabiner". I feel very strongly that either we should say - or better still someone else should say - that we might be ready for a compromise, but not a fake Federalism. We should indicate that if a real Federal scheme was offered involving the larger area of Palestine as the Jewish district plus full control over immigration, we might be ready to discuss the matter.

You know that I have been a protagonist of the Federalist scheme for nearly a decade and one of my personal grudges against the British is the fact that they are subverting while misappropriating the name. However, that is beside the point.

I respectfully urge that we should enlist our best non-Zionist forces, even non-Jewish forces, for the best possible compromise which will insure the Jewish Commonwealth over an area in which the Jews of Palestine would constitute a majority. That last point is of the utmost significance, because even such good friends as Senator Pepper was so impressed in Palestine with Arab majority, that they waived in support of our cause. If we talk about a Federal district where we are the majority, even by only 51%, we are on solid American ground.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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Enc.

*See Truman  
file for report*



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September 3, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just received word from Senator Mead  
based upon the suggestion made to me by Shapiro as follows:

"I know Mr. McDonald and visited the White  
House with him recently and shall be pleased to recommend  
him to the President of the United States. Personally,  
I am enthusiastic over this idea."

Sincerely yours,

*Bern Rosenblatt*

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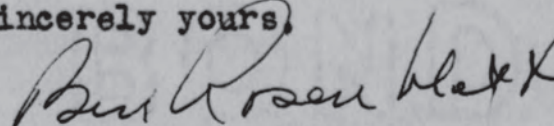
Dear Dr. Silver:

This morning's paper carried an account that several proponents of bi-nationalism may appear at the London Conference. I regard this as a dangerous move which may be utilized merely to defeat partition by something much worse, for bi-nationalism inevitably implies limitation of Jewish immigration and consequent minority status of Jews in the "National Home."

It was largely for that reason that I have championed a Federal solution since 1938, when, with the knowledge and consent of the Jewish Agency I appeared before the Woodhead (Partition) Commission in London to present the case on behalf of a "Haifa Committee" on a plan for a "Jewish Commonwealth in a Federated Palestine".

I want to take this opportunity of reiterating that program as it appeared in booklet form, in 1941, which I am sending you under separate cover, in the hope that it may lead to some fruitful discussion at the Emergency Council Meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard A. Rosenblatt

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# 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

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October 7, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received your welcomed telegram this afternoon and put in a phone call to you for which I am now awaiting. I want to tell you that at the UPA Meeting yesterday, I presented the whole legal argument for the right and the duty of the President to intervene, on the basis of the Anglo-American Convention of December 3, 1924, in which Great Britain ~~has~~ made account to the United States with respect to Palestine, and warning that the British are likely to delay it until after the election. I, therefore, called upon the President to act promptly and immediately. Frieda Kirshway took up that point and made the most of it. You can rely on us here in the office to make that a telling matter in the next few days.

I just received a telephone call from Elliot Janeway, former editor of Fortune Magazine and the campaign manager for candidate for Governor Snow. He offered to endorse the second ad which we will insert and promised that Snow would call for making Palestine a bi-partisan issue in line with Governor Dewey's demand.

Unfortunately, Dr. Wise made a wholly irrelevant talk on "Partition" which, in my opinion, was totally out of place even though it got the headlines.

I now want to make a suggestion to you for very careful consideration as it may give us an opportunity to rescue a good deal of what the London Conferees may have surrendered. The President practically pointed for a compromise between the so-called "Partition" view and the British offer of "Federalism". It seems to me that if we now present what will be the American Zionist point of view, we may get considerably more than any possible compromise and yet, in my opinion, it might be practicable for Great Britain to accept it. My thought is this: That two sister states be set up in Palestine (possibly including Trans Jordan) with strictly limited federal authority, under the control of a Federal Council, in which a Jewish Commonwealth and the sister Arab state will be equally represented, under the chairmanship of a British High Commissioner (who would have control over the Holy sites). Each state would control its own immigration policy and have all their autonomous rights, except a few like customs, which might be assigned to the federal authority. The area of the Jewish State should be the maximum possible, provided that no less than 51 per cent nor more than 55 per cent of the population within that area would be Jewish. (This would



be an answer to those Liberals who fear that as a minority we would ~~leave~~ <sup>dominate</sup> the majority of Arabs, while at the same time, it would give us the opportunity to secure the maximum of territory - in my opinion enough to include the whole of Galilee, the whole of the Negeb, including the Coastal Plain.)

The advantage of such "an American plan" would be that it would not close the frontiers for all time but would give us a chance to develop from time to time by agreements with the Arab state, while it would give us the full opportunity to bring up the population within the Jewish area from 51 percent to 80 or 90 percent by quick and prompt immigration.

If we press for such an American plan as a compromise between the Jewish-Arab plan of Partition and the British plan for Federalism, there may be a chance for our Government to back it since it fulfills all the elements of democracy and self-government.

Please give this your best thought and I shall be glad to discuss it further with you if necessary.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard A. Rosenblatt*  
Bernard A. Rosenblatt

BAR:RB

*P. I. This was dictated hurriedly, but  
so that the main points are clear  
Ber*



*Roosevelt*

# American Zionist Emergency Council

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October 16, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just finished reporting to Tuvim, Shapiro and Manson about my trip to Washington and the talk with Judge Douglas yesterday morning (as arranged rather suddenly early Monday afternoon for the meeting yesterday morning by my brother, who had a mutual personal friend, and at the cordial invitation of Judge Douglas).

I spent about an hour and a half with Judge Douglas in his chambers and was agreeably surprised to find someone who was familiar with our Zionist movement through long association with Judge Brandeis. Judge Douglas was very sympathetic and offered to help in any way he could provided it would not be anything that would subject him to possible criticism of a pre-election campaign. He inquired particularly as to what we wanted done, and at one point offered "to put on his hat" and go over to see the President and let ~~him~~ <sup>me</sup> explain the situation to him. I told him that this was not the approach and that if anyone should see the President must be yourself as the leader of American Zionism. After considerable discussion we came to the conclusion that because of political effect it might be more advisable that Senator Mead should see the President with that end in view.

Judge Douglas was particularly interested to know what we had in mind as the ultimate settlement of the problem. I told him I could not speak officially of such a program, but that we were all agreed that if the 100,000 Jewish refugees could be started moving "before election", it would be an indication that the Administration would be helpful. At this point I suggested that perhaps the President could be induced to appoint him as a special emissary to go to London at once as the presidential representative to solve this problem. (I made that off-hand suggestion because of my knowledge of how close he is to the progressive wing of the Democratic Party and as the "heir" of the Roosevelt tradition).

Judge Douglas thought that this would be inadvisable for any Supreme Court Justice on an eve of election and expressed concern whether the Chief Justice would give his consent. In the way this question was answered it left the distinct impression upon my mind



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

October 16, 1946

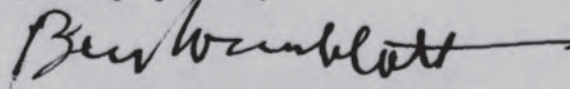
that after election he would be as helpful as possible, and I added that Senator Mead might fill in the gap until that time. I am convinced from the manner of Judge Douglas that this was not a mere political move but entirely the interest of a high-minded jurist who wanted to help to right a wrong. He went on to ask whether we had any proposals for a far-reaching settlement of the Palestine problem. I told him that there were, of course, differences of opinion <sup>and</sup> that referred to "partition", but that there was unanimity on the question of moving the 100,000. I added that I had a personal view about this matter that might be a possible way out that the British might approve, if it had the solid backing of our government, but I emphasized that there was no Zionist decision on the larger aspects for a settlement beyond the moving of the 100,000. I then outlined to him what I conceived as a possible "federalist solution" giving the Jews the maximum territory where they would have 51% of the population, and indicating that this should include Galilee and the Negeb as well as the coastal plain or about 2/3 of Palestine, (along what I wrote you recently).

Judge Douglas seemed to be impressed particularly because this would remove the charge that we were trying to get possession of a land in which we were a minority, while it would permit immediate self-government with the control of immigration in Jewish hands. I emphasized, of course, that this was far from the fake federalism of the British proposals, but he felt that this was certainly something which the American government should approve together with the immediate moving of the 100,000 refugees.

I did not want to pursue this matter further, and told him that I would prefer to get in touch with Senator Mead for a possible meeting for you with the President.

After my brother and I left Judge Douglas, I telephoned to Senator Mead, but he was out of Washington and I spoke to a close associate who was really managing his campaign. I emphasized the importance of time and was promised that I would get an answer within a day or two. As soon as I hear from him, I shall, of course, be in touch with you.

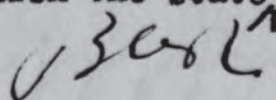
Sincerely yours,



BAR:EB

Bernard A. Rosenblatt

P. S. I discussed with the Judge the whole legal argument which was the basis of our claim against Great Britain, and I must say that he was very much impressed and felt that ~~he~~ offered a new solution which the state had to take into account.







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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

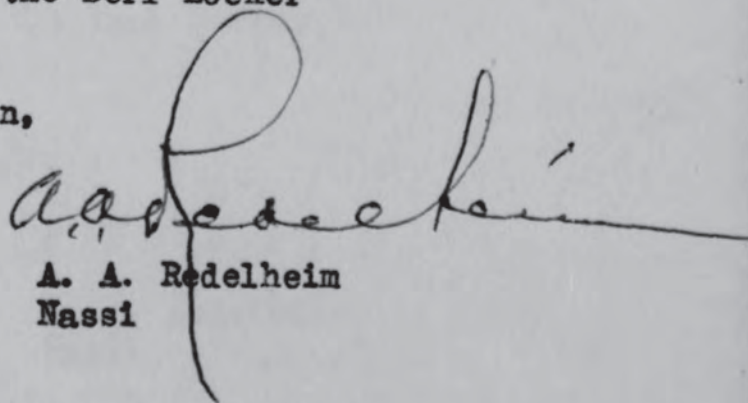
On my return to New York, I found a note from Mrs. Florence Eitelberg, secretary to Dr. Wise, in reply to my letter regarding the Berl Locker Reception. I am quoting herewith, in full, for your guidance.

"Dr. Wise is out of town and will not be home until tonight or tomorrow, but I know I can say this for him: that he refused to be one of the sponsors of the meeting of which you write. He may have accepted when he thought it was purely the Berl Locker Reception. However, Mr. Locker is not coming for the present, and Dr. Wise does not approve of the dinner of November 12th nor of the purposes of the dinner. He disapproves of it most highly."

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as you have had an opportunity to take this matter up, as you have promised, with the Poalei Zion, or whoever the motivating powers might be behind the Berl Locker Reception.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

AAR:vp

  
A. A. Redelheim  
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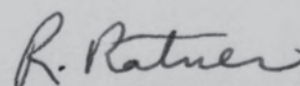
November 1, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed, for your information, are a number of statements published by our organization in recent weeks in connection with the November elections.

Sincerely yours,



R. Ratner,  
Secretary



Cunard White Star  
R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"  
Nov. 1, 1946

Dear Mr. Silver,

I arrived in London yesterday, and have just returned from a lunch appointment with Beryl Tocher, who is waiting for his air reservation for N.Y. (expecting to leave in about a week).

According to reports, the London atmosphere is permeated with resentment against Truman for being too friendly to the Zionist cause, attributing it to mere electioneering, and even among Jews here it is thought that we are too critical of England — at least in our methods.

On the Zionist political front, Tocher seems to feel that Wignall would be ready to accept nominal leadership as Hon. President, if "others" would relieve him of the main work and permanent obligations. I had the feeling, although he did not say so in words, that he and his friends were looking with favor



upon some coalition for the next Jewish  
Exposition, with Ben Gurion "who is now  
on very friendly terms with Weizmann," as a  
mainstay.

I shall write you more fully after Ben  
Weizmann and the rest — and if necessary  
send you cabled information — but it is  
certain that the Congress will be held not  
Bordeaux. Dr. Zocher feels that the expense  
of bringing a large delegation to America  
makes the holding of a Congress there im-  
practicable.

Should you want to communicate  
with me, I can best be reached at the  
Midland Bank, 196 Lefford St. London,  
since I shall remain here until the early  
days of December.

With kindest regards, and best wishes  
for a renewed year of accomplishment  
under your Presidency of the J. O. A.!

Sincerely yours,  
Ben Kreulatz



Rosenblatt

Cunard White Star

R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"

Nov 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Silver,

I am rushing this airmail off you, because of things I learned on the Jewish political scene here, and which you should know. There will be a clear effort at the Congress to line up Palestine vs. America & tie that up with the Partition issue on the theory that Americans can wait & Palestine not.

This seems to me to be a dangerous procedure for we shall be the hard hearted ones who care not how much Palestine will suffer, etc. We must not permit the question of proper procedure & methods on the part of the Agency Executive to be mixed up with a fundamental issue which is not before us at the present time.

Beryl Locker reports today his conversation with Harold Laski in which the latter was very optimistic, but Locker himself puts little faith in this optimism, but it looks as if the London Conference will be off until



If we can make such an alternative offer at the Congress, I am convinced that we can secure an overwhelming majority, for I know that to Palestine this is far preferable to Partition. You can check on this in your talks with Neumann.

I have talked with others at 77 Great Russell St, which I visit daily. There seems to be general agreement that Goldsmid for the partition issue on the executive, and now Weizmann seems to desire to play an active part (despite ill health) to carry it thru.

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November 6, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am rushing this airmail off to you, because of things I learned on the Zionist political scene here, and which you should know. There will be a clear effort at the Congress to line up Palestine vs. America and tie that up with the Partition issue on the theory that Americans can wait and Palestine not. This seems to me to be a dangerous procedure for we shall be the hard-hearted ones who care not how much Palestine will suffer, etc. We must not permit the question of proper procedure and method on the part of the Agency Executive to be mixed up with a fundamental issue which is not before us at the present time.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Ben Rosenblatt





November 7, 1946

Mr. Adam Rosen  
1186 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosen:

I had been hoping to hear from you as to whether you were able to obtain reservations for me on the Queen Elizabeth, sailing on the 29th. I should also like to make definite return engagements on a plane either on December 31 or January 1. Please let me know what the situation is.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 7, 1946

Mr. R. Ratner, Secretary  
United Zionists-Revisionists of America  
55 West 42nd Street  
New York 18, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Ratner:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of  
November 1 and for the statements of your  
organization in connection with the November  
elections, which I read with great interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



# JEWISH JOURNAL AND DAILY NEWS

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PHONE CANAL 6-7200

M. RIVLIN

Nov. 7, 1946

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Dr. Silver,

Rumors are circulating to the effect that you are or have become an outspoken <sup>opponent</sup> of the Histadruth and of its Gewerkschaften Campaign here. Where and how these rumors have originated I don't know. But I do know that they began to circulate since the last J.O.A. Convention.

I personally refuse to believe them, but since several readers have inquired about them, I decided - as I always do in such cases - to inquire at first hand. Hence this letter. and I believe that I'll be rendering both you and the Histadruth a great service by establishing the facts.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to inform me as to whether or not there is any basis at all for these rumors. I hope they are entirely unfounded, and will be only too happy to inform my readers to that effect.

Respectfully yours

M. Rivlin



November 11, 1946

Mr. M. Rivlin  
Jewish Journal and Daily News  
77 Bowery  
New York 2, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rivlin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of November 7. You write that rumors are circulating to the effect that I have become an "outspoken opponent of the Histadruth and of its Gewerkshaften Campaign here," and you ask me whether there is any basis at all for these rumors.

I made it a practise a long time ago not to pay any attention to rumors or to any partisan attacks. Life is too short, and it is not good for one's peace of mind.

I hold myself responsible for what I actually say or write, which those who are interested in the truth can easily ascertain. I always try to express myself fully and frankly, though of course one does not always succeed.

Inasmuch as you have taken the trouble to write to me about the rumor, I will state to you that I am not and have never been an opponent, either outspoken or covert, of the Histadruth and of its Gewerkshaften Campaign. I am opposed to no worthy organization or



Mr. Rivlin

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November 11, 1946

campaign which contributes to the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael. It is not important that I see eye to eye with them on all their ideologies or procedures. Palestine is being built by Jews of many classes and of many shades of opinion. Palestine needs them all. What is essential is that there be integrity and great devotion to the common goal, and certainly the Histadruth fully meets these requirements.

I send you my warmest greetings.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





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report 11-7-46





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November 21st, 1946.

Dr. A.H. Silver,  
c/o, American Zionist Emergency Council,  
342, Madison Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I cabled a few days ago in connection with a visit of Congressman Baldwin, and received a cable reply from Lourie. It is a pity that these "non-representative" representatives come to London and are able to obtain appointments with the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, and know literally next to nothing about the Palestine problem. I purposely went to see him and found that he talked like a typical bi-nationalist - indeed worse because he argued even for an "independent Palestine". I finally persuaded him that this must result in "restricted immigration", and would be totally unacceptable to all Jews. He is to see me tomorrow and I will know full results, but it certainly cannot do us any good.

Arthur Greenwood has made an appointment for me to meet the Colonial Minister Creech Jones, and I hope to emphasise as I did with Greenwood, the vital interest of American Jews, and Americans generally, have in the Palestine issue. I discussed the situation with Sneh yesterday afternoon, since he is the only Member of the Executive, outside of Brodetsky, who is here now, and you can rely on me to make it strong enough to get the possible maximum commitment at this time.

I don't know just when you are expecting to leave New York, but I shall try and send you another air mail letter from here after meeting the Colonial Secretary.

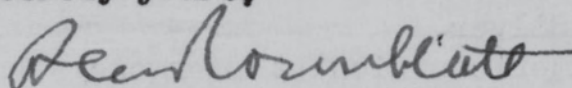
I want to make one radical suggestion, which has the approval of Sneh in connection with the work of the so-called Independent Committees, like Berksen and Korpff. All their advertising campaigns in the newspapers and with an appeal for funds, while we never ask for contributions. I think it would be worth while for us to run one ad. on behalf of the Emergency Council, urging Jews not to contribute to Independent Committees, since the proper method for financing legitimate Palestine work is through the United Palestine Appeal via the United Jewish Appeal. This may be the only way to curb their power based on income from ads, while it cannot help but have a good effect upon our work when we advise people not to give to irresponsible agencies.



Please give this your best consideration.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard A. Rosenblatt





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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am herewith enclosing copy of  
a letter to Emanuel which is self-  
explanatory. If there is any  
suggestion you have along that score  
please let me hear from you.

With kind regards,

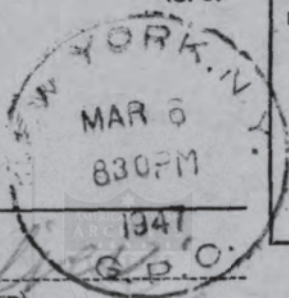
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16th Jan., 1947.

Mr. Emanuel Neumann,  
c/o Palestine Survey,  
527 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Emanuel,

I arrived in Palestine only a few days ago after a miserable boat trip from Marseilles.

I want to take this first opportunity to congratulate you most heartily upon your election to the Zionist Executive and sincerely hope that the whole new administration may be able to speedily lead the way for a solution of our problem.

For the present I want to write to you about something that we can do to strengthen the General Zionists' situation in this country. I have just come from a talk that I have had with Mr. Rappaport of the Kupath Am Bank. It struck me that while the Mizrachi have a bank of their own and the Labour Party has the Workers' Bank, the General Zionists in this country are left with no distinct financial institution, over and above the Anglo-Palestine Bank, of course, which serves all interests.

As you know the Kupath Am Bank was organized by the General Zionists and still derives its main support from the middle class. In my talk with Rappaport I discovered that because of the peculiar setup they would probably welcome such cooperation which would virtually mean sponsorship by General Zionists of that institution, for under their charter each shareholder is permitted only one vote irrespective of the number of the shares held. Accordingly, their capital of LP 100,000 and the two million pounds of deposit - about as much as the Workers' Bank - might be compromised if a strongly organized effective minority would come at an annual meeting and try to seek control, whereas if it was sponsored by the General Zionists movement, I have reason to believe that it would be more than welcomed by the present management. You know Mr. Rappaport and you know that the Kupath Am is a careful, conservatively managed institution and might be a great help for us in building up sentiment for the General Zionists in this country.

I would ask you to please think it over and discuss it with Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein and let me hear from you if there is anything that I can do to promote anything along this line.



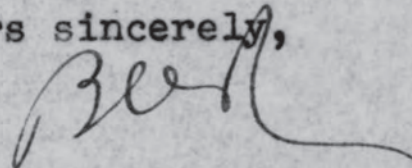
I need hardly add that I have no personal interest in the matter, being only a small stock holder, but occasionally a substantial depositor in the Bank.

If there is anything further you would like to discuss with me please do not hesitate to write as I shall remain at my home at Mount Carmel - 24 Panorama Road, Haifa, until April, when I shall go for a short trip to the States (while Gertrude remains here awaiting my return).

With personal regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,





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February 14, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was pleased to see your recent public statements and especially to read your address delivered in Chicago.

Some Zionist friends ~~of mine~~ and myself have a feeling that the Emergency Council should be heard from more frequently now and, if necessary, in paid-for advertisements.

It also seems to be high time to come out with a bold and wholesale demunciation of the Bergson crowd and of Congressman Baldwin's duplication fraud. I felt especially outraged by Isaac Zar's ~~Eulogy~~ of the Free League National Conference published in the Jewish Morning Journal of last Tuesday and the advertisement inserted yesterday in the New York Post by Baruch Korff's outfit.

<sup>not</sup> I don't know whether our people have ever tried to argue it out with Dorothy Schiff Thackeray but perhaps there is merit in such a suggestion.

Anyway, I hope that we will in some form or other and, if necessary, at our expense, issue a final and devastating blast against the unspeakable meddlers and racketeers.

The enclosed is sent for your information.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Richards*

Bernard G. Richards,  
~~Chairman~~

BGR:iy  
Encl.



February 20, 1947

Mr. Bernard G. Richards  
The Jewish Information Bureau  
103 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Richards:

Thank you for your letter of February 14.  
The Emergency Council has been considering advertisements  
but the political situation has been shifting so lately  
that it was thought advisable to wait a while.

Dorothy Thackeray has been seen and argued  
with on the subject which you raise in your letter without  
much success.

"The unspeakable meddlers and racketeers"  
to which you refer have been repudiated time and again, but  
it is not possible to liquidate them by public denunciation.  
It does not take much money to put an ad in the public press,  
and with the money raised through such an ad, you pay for new  
ads. This is how they thrive. And the Jewish cow, as you  
know, stands for a lot of milking...

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 5, 1947

Mr. Adam Rosen  
Rosen Travel Agency  
1186 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosen:

I am enclosing herewith my passport and five photographs such as you requested.

I should like you to make plane reservations for me at once for return to the United States. I should like to leave Palestine Monday or Tuesday, March 24th or 25th and I should like to have confirmation of these reservations before I leave the United States.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



DR. SIMON RUBIN

542 SARATOGA AVENUE

BROOKLYN 12, N. Y.

TEL. DICKENS 2-0909

March 5, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you in regard to a matter that has been on my mind for some time, the organization of a boycott against British goods and services. I am convinced that the boycott of English goods would be a powerful weapon in our hands, and if organized and publicized properly on a large scale it would have a tremendous material and even greater psychological effect on the disintegrating English cadaver.\*-

The consumer rather than the dealer must be convinced of the urgency of boycott. For competitive reasons many dealers would be forced to stock British goods; only if the consumers will refuse to accept English goods, could the dealers be forced into line. Later, dealers who provocatively patronize English goods could be picketed or black-listed. The boycott movement should be a strictly Jewish and non-partisan affair, although I am sure that many of England's Irish and other "friends" will be glad to participate.

I am sure that there will be a great many difficulties and heartaches in organizing the boycott. Especially do I see



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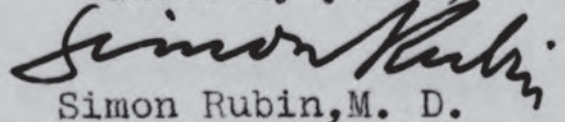
difficulties on the part of our Jewish "moderates" and Jewish super-patriots. We will have to hear arguments like: "How are we going to get back our loan from England", "England is America's ally", "If England withdraws from Palestine, the Jews will be exposed to the violence of the Arabs", and similar nonsense.

Our slogans in promoting the boycott could be about as follows: "Buy British and beat our brothers in Palestine", "Britons flog Jews in Palestine, don't buy British", "The English shot a four-year old Jewish girl, if you buy British they will have more bullets for children."

I am convinced that a great deal could be accomplished by a well organized boycott. Besides being a moral booster to our fighting brothers in Palestine, it would, I believe, have a definite detrimental effect on Britain's international financial position which is already wobbly, to say the least.

I would like to hear your reaction to my suggestions soon and would be glad to cooperate in any way that I can to get the movement started.

With kind regards,  
sincerely yours,

  
Simon Rubin, M. D.

SR/jw

P.S. An exact copy of this letter is sent to Colonel M. Mendelsohn.



AIR MAIL

B. A. ROSENBLATT,

Lev Hacarmel Hotel,

Mt. Carmel,

HAIFA.

18th April, 1947.

Dr. A.H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

The Land Case, which has kept me in Palestine longer than I expected, has again been postponed from the middle of April until the beginning of May, and while the attorneys and I rather welcome it because it will mean that the Chief Justice will sit in the Case, I have a feeling that the Government has been endeavouring to delay matters perhaps beyond the U.N. Session. In any event, there will be no further delays and I hope to come to America next month with some decision in the Case one way or the other.

I say one way or the other, because frankly I am less interested in a victory than are the local lawyers here, because in any event the Case is bound to go to the Privy Council.

What I would like to do in America, with your very important help, is to make this an issue with our State Department. You know that I have been consistent in the last few years in emphasizing the legal scheme which we can peg out against the British over the Mandate, and the Anglo-American Convention of 1924-25 specifically provides that where there is a dispute between the two Governments, the United States may take the issue before the International Court of Justice. What greater issue can arise than the lives of 100,000 immigrants that President Truman requests and which has been now a matter of dispute for nearly two years? I know perfectly well that the State Department has endeavoured to restrict this Treaty so as to interpret it as affecting only American citizens, but under our system of government it is not any clerk in the State Department who is clothed with the authority to interpret Treaties. Treaties are ultimately interpreted by the United States Supreme Court, and we certainly have a right to insist on the President's interpretation of the Treaty instead of some underling in the State Department. Under the Mandate, Britain is to "facilitate" Jewish immigration and that is why President Truman had the right to ask for 100,000. That is a clear point of dispute in which the Jews of America have the right to call upon their Government, much more than the Irish ever did in the dispute over the Free State, for there no Treaty rights were involved.

If the United States should become the complainant in this matter the initiative will remain in our hands instead of in British hands, as it has in the U.N., and it would be most interesting to get a decision that, while the U.N. is debating the matter England as a trustee must carry out her obligations in the interval.

I know that I am right in law, as I am in justice, but you might



Dr. A.H. Silver

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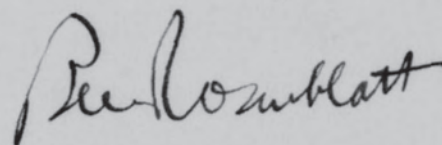
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check up this matter in a discussion with Judge Rifkind or any other competent authority. In any event, when I come back to the States, I want to get in touch with you and see if we can't make this an issue even more important than the Zionist Actions Committee last year.

With kind personal regards and best wishes.,

Sincerely yours,



B.A. Rosenblatt





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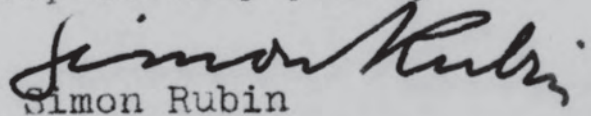
April 22, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A few weeks ago I wrote to you concerning the organizing of a boycott of English goods and services. I have not received an answer from you to-date. I know that you were in Palestine and that you are quite busy ; however I consider this matter important enough to receive your full attention and I expect an answer from you.

Respectfully yours,

  
Simon Rubin



April 24, 1947

Dr. Simon Rubin  
542 Saratoga Avenue  
Brooklyn 12, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Rubin:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of April 22. The subject of the boycott of English goods is under consideration by the Emergency Council. A sub-committee was appointed to make a study of the subject and to bring in recommendations. There is, as you may well imagine, a sharp division of opinion about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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B.A. ROSENBLATT  
Lev Hacarmel Hotel,  
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Dr A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am rather surprised that I have heard nothing from you since my arrival in Palestine, after our talks in Basle, but I presume that you have been preoccupied with the political problems rising out of London. Something that I have started last week, however, may have consequences even on the political front, and I feel I ought to inform you about it and give the background.

As you may remember, for some years now I have been urging that the White Paper should be attacked also on the legal front, and when I was in Palestine in October 1945, I pleaded with the Agency that the time was ripe for a test case before the Courts of Palestine which could be taken to the Privy Council in London, if necessary, since there was nothing to hope as the result of the London conference that summer. Unfortunately, the Agency took no action, and when I came to Palestine last month I determined to grasp the first opportunity in order to make ~~the~~ a test of the Land Laws which are clearly in violation not only of the Mandate, but also of the Anglo-American Convention. Last Thursday we concluded a two days argument before the Palestine Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court to pass upon a mandamus proceeding to compel the Land Registry to register a small tract of 15 Dunam not far from Haifa, from an Arab individual to me, as an American citizen, and "an inhabitant of Palestine", against whom no discrimination may be made both under the Mandate and the Anglo-American treaty of 1924. The crux is that the land in question is situated in Zone "A", the prohibited zone - and if we succeed, it means that all the land-laws under the White Paper become null and void. I have, of course, informed Goldie Meyerson, so that the Agency may join in the action, if it goes to London.

The interesting part in this whole issue is that if even we should be beaten all the way through, I can still insist that our Government should bring the matter before the International Court of Justice in Hague, as provided for in the Anglo-American Convention. That the matter is of vital importance may be understood from the fact that the Chief Justice reserved decision, and that the Court has been studying our case, which was very carefully prepared, for a full week now.

I shall, of course, keep you advised and would be glad to hear from you for any suggestions that you may make.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*B.A. Rosenblatt*



AIR MAIL

B. A. ROSENBLATT,

Lev Hacarmel Hotel,

Mt. Carmel,

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14th May, 1947.

Dr. A.H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland,  
O h i o, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have just returned from Jerusalem where the final proceedings in the Land Case, testing the Mandate and the Ordinance in Council, were concluded. The decision has been reserved, but I can tell you that after two days in Court there is no question in my mind that if the law-suit were in America we would win hands down. Under English procedure where Treaties with the League of Nations or with the United States are simply discussed as "political", there is much doubt as to the outcome, although the Palestine lawyers who ably argued my case feel that even on that score we ought to win.

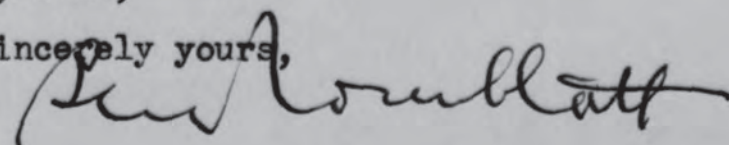
However, I have laid the foundation deliberately for an appeal ~~from~~ the United States and have so informed the American Consul with whom I have been in touch. We have cited the Anglo-American Convention and if the Case is lost here I shall certainly make every effort immediately upon my return to the States to insist that the State Department intervene. This is no longer only a Zionist matter but one involving American rights - as I have argued time and again when I headed the Zionist Political Action Committee in America. However, I shall make it my first business on my return and discuss it fully with you before any action is taken.

Because of the Land Case my return to the States has been delayed in the last few weeks but I expect to sail by the end of next week and should be in the United States by the middle of June, since I may have to go through London for a possible appeal to the Privy Council, if necessary.

I have just learned that the Convention is to be held in the beginning of July. I should like very much to be permitted a short report not only in connection with the Land Case but also with the situation of general Zionism here, for I have made trips to the various outposts and had conversations with all the leaders in General Zionism here. I hope you can afford me the opportunity to say something at the Convention.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,





Quoddy, Maine

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June 2, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

This morning, Mr. Cook, New York correspondent of the London Daily Standard, called me up in connection with an article he was writing on the Jewish newspapers and magazines of New York. He wanted to know about their circulations, their attitude toward Jewish questions, especially Palestine, etc.

He was under the impression that the Bergson-Hecht people had considerable influence with the Yiddish press and thought that they controlled one or two of these newspapers.

While checking a list of some twenty periodicals, I explained the situation to him fully and I believe entirely disabused his mind of any false notions about the League for Free Palestine. I rather think that this conversation was somewhat useful to us.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernard G. Richards*