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JACOB B. SHOHAN  
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June 26, 1945

July address:  
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My dear Dr. Silver:

For a variety of reasons I have preferred to remain for over twenty-five years a private in the ranks of Zionism. This despite the fact that I literally sat at the feet of Dr. Sokolow, at my home, in 1912 -- and have engaged in every form of Zionist work since babyhood. The needs of the UJA brought me into what is so easily called "leadership" in it, and the vacuum created by moribund UPA "leaders" sucked me into its Board of Directors. In the emergency council I was happy, in my town, to provide you with an energetic, new, non-ZOA, chairman, -- glad to do the footwork with him.

When the AZ Policy Committee was formed I offered Shapiro all I had to offer, for I had enough "facts" (Dr. Wise told me I didn't know "the facts") on which to make a choice. You, (and your talk at the NY Dinner confirmed my view) were leading a crusade on behalf of democracy and decency and vigor and courage--you needed support, and it was up to me to give it. I have no illusions about the power of my name, but when Shapiro asked me to let the committee use it, I didn't hesitate. People warned me "it wouldn't get me anywhere", to which I replied: "I have no place to go--I'm there, enjoying what Stuart Chase once called the "luxury of integrity". This afternoon I heard a report in AZPC headquarters of the "peace" negotiations. Due to unfortunate circumstances the report was not well rendered nor was the discussion well organized from the temporary chair. But the light finally shone through, especially when your "no deal" letter was read at the end.

I cannot urge too strongly the "no deal" policy. Thousands of decent men and women joined the issue. Let them not feel that their faith has been bartered away for some kind of "peace" which may be no peace. I don't know to what extent you and your policies will prevail in the new set-up--I wish I did--but I know your followers don't have to eat crow out of the hands of your defamers and theirs. Not vengefully but in the interest of all you symbolize, peace must be meaningful and not an invitation to another impasse. The ZOA must be made strong with new leadership. There the formula of augmentation cannot do. The parasites and barnacles must be removed--there are plenty of decent people not now involved who can be--if there is something at the top to defer to and to draw them in. (Thousands now stay out of what is called a "cheap Tammany machine"-- and what but the fate of our people suffers in the process?)

This is a Maccabean revolt against enemies within. Don't take the heart out of those who in righteous indignation followed you in the ranks.

This I pray you in all humility.

Jacob B. Shohan



June 29, 1945

Mr. Jacob B. Shohan  
62 Luddington Road  
West Orange, N.J.

My dear Mr. Shohan:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I enjoyed reading your letter very much and I am in hearty agreement with you. No deal has been made, or will be made. The opposition has capitulated with regards to the Emergency Council completely and decisively. The Emergency Council is to be re-organized in such a way as to place the active leadership of the political work of our movement into my hands which will be supported by a convenient majority in the Council achieved through the addition of members both to the Council as such, and to the Executive Committee. I fully realize that the opposition capitulated not because it was repentant, but because of the pressure from the rank and file of Zionists throughout the country.

I was sorry that I could not attend the meeting yesterday afternoon as I was unfortunately detained in Atlantic City by the Central Conference of American Rabbis where I was elected President, and was therefore under obligation to remain through the final sessions of the Conference and the meeting of the Executive Committee. I am happy to learn that our friends are determined to carry on an aggressive policy of vigilance and action with reference to the ZOA. I am heartily with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dear Dr. Silver:

As a member of the Board, I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the cornerstone laying of the Weizmann Institute of Science, which took place at Rehovot, Palestine on June 3rd, was a very successful and inspiring event. I am sending you a copy of a cablegram received from our Executive Vice-Chairman, Meyer W. Weisgal, which should be of great interest to you.

Those of us who have been associated with this project since its inception on November 28, 1944 have watched its development with a great measure of satisfaction. A glance at the enclosed clippings is proof sufficient that in the comparatively short time of a year and a half, the idea has been transmuted into a reality.

The purpose of this note, however, is not to indulge in pleasantries and mutual self-admiration. If the idea of the Weizmann Institute was considered meritorious in November 1944, intervening events have shown that it is not just a good idea but an absolute necessity. As indicated in Mr. Weisgal's cable and in other reports emanating from Rehovot, a goodly sum will be required before actual operations of the Institute begin in 1947. While we have the active cooperation and participation of Palestine as well as British Jewry, the major responsibility for carrying this project through to final completion is ours. In the coming months there is much that we can do to plan for our fall activities so that when our self-imposed period of restraint (in deference to the larger needs of the UJA) is ended, we can proceed to complete our fund-raising efforts.

With many thanks for your cooperation and all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Dewey D. Stone  
Chairman of the Board



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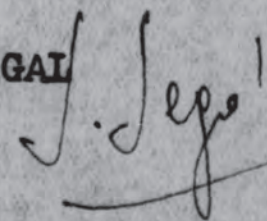
Je viens de rentrer à Paris et je m'empresse de vous exprimer mes plus vifs remerciements pour l'accueil cordial que vous avez bien me réserver pendant mon séjour aux Etats-Unis.

J'ai été très heureux du contact pris avec les dirigeants du Sionisme Américain et j'ai constaté avec le plus vif plaisir l'efficacité de votre action dans l'intérêt de la cause commune. J'espère que ce contact donnera, par la suite, une liaison beaucoup plus étroite entre les grandes masses du Sionisme Américain et les survivants d'Europe.

Conscients de notre tâche à remplir dans le moment décisif de notre lutte pour l'Etat Juif nous nous sentons liés avec vous dans l'effort commun.

En vous renouvelant mes remerciements, je vous prie d'agréer, Très Cher Ami, mon plus cordial Chalom.

S. SEGAL





July  
Fifth  
1946

My dear Sir:

The British loan is in considerable danger. I am sure that you will agree that it should be passed.

The enclosed statement has been sent to fifty-nine of the most prominent citizens in this country, including leaders in religion, industry, science, labour and the arts. It is to be released by itself, without the sponsorship of any organization or individual, on Tuesday morning. Please let me know by air mail or by telegram if you will permit your name to be added to the list of signatories.

Yours very truly,

*Michael Straight*  
Michael W. Straight

MWS  
CG  
Enclosure



-- for release Tuesday, July 9

We have been told that the loan to Britain may be defeated in the House of Representatives. We have been told this; we cannot understand it.

Since the passage of the loan by the Senate, and its approval by the House Banking and Currency Committee, some British actions may warrant criticism in this country; none, we believe, would justify the defeat of a measure vital both to British and to world reconstruction.

The defeat of the loan would undermine the operation of the Bretton Woods Agreement and weaken the efforts of the United Nations to secure a stable world. We support these efforts. We cannot believe that groups in this country which oppose certain acts of our wartime ally intend to use hunger as a political weapon and as a means of punishing an entire people. We believe in resolving political issues by political means, not by denying the British people access to the primary necessities of life.

The loan has already been long delayed. We call for its prompt passage by the Congress.



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New York City

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## MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date July 18, 1946

From B. Shwadran

1. I had a conversation with E. W. Hart, former military correspondent of the Manchester Guardian and a lieutenant-colonel in the Intelligence Division of the British Army. He claims to be pro-Zionist and approaches the entire problem from the military point of view. He is convinced that there is a definite clash as regards Palestine between the War Office and the civilian government. The War Office takes the position that Palestine, which is to become the military base of the British Empire in the Middle East, must be founded on Jewish cooperation. Not that they are convinced Zionists, but from the practical point of view they believe that the only people in the Middle East on whom England can depend are the Jews, and that a strong Jewish force in Palestine will reduce the necessary forces which would have to be sent from England. The military do not believe that any of the Arab states or the Arab peoples can be counted upon in case of military operations in that area.

The civilian government, on the other hand, is building its entire Middle East policy on friendship with and appeasement of the Arabs at the expense of the Jewish aspirations in Palestine. Mr. Hart claims that the statement of Mr. Bevin on June 12, that he was not ready to send another division to Palestine, was not meant so much for the benefit of the Jews, or even for the Americans, but primarily for the War Office. Mr. Hart further claims that Bevin was greatly outraged by the testimony given by the British military authorities in Palestine to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Mr. Hart put it that Bevin felt that he was doublecrossed by General Paget; that he had counted heavily on the testimony of the military to uphold the British claims in the name of security in the Middle East, that no further immigration of Jews could be allowed, while the testimony of the military strengthened the Jewish demand rather than weakened it, since it admitted the importance of the Jewish military forces in the military security of the entire Middle East. Mr. Hart feels that these issues of military security in the Middle East and its relationship to Jewish Palestine should be publicized more and brought out into the open.

2. Mr. Hart severely criticized the Jewish Agency in London as being completely ignorant of what is going on in the Government. He believes that never before was there such complete ignorance on the part of the Agency as to what the Government is planning and what is actually occurring in the various departments as regards Palestine. He feels that a well organized intelligence service, divided into two divisions - one to gather the information and the other to utilize it - must be established immediately if we want to carry on our cause. He told of an instance of a former Moseley follower being assigned by the Government to make a military survey of Jewish forces in Palestine - the Agency was completely ignorant of it.



3. Mr. Hart is of the opinion that the Arab propagandists both in the United States and in England are financed heavily by non-Arab sources. He did not want to commit himself, but by implication it appeared that he meant Russia. He told of his experiences both in Canada and in London with some of the Arab propagandists and their methods of approach to various officials, which would indicate that they have an inexhaustible financial source. Moreover, he discerned a definite object in each undertaking which makes him believe that money is being assigned for specific purposes in definite localities.
4. Mr. Hart did not impress me as a very careful person and some of his statements should be taken with a certain amount of reservation, but I would recommend that he be further approached and utilized for our cause.

bs:mg





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JUST RECEIVED POSITIVE INFORMATION FROM LONDON THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AMERICAN REGARDING PALESTINE A MAJOR DISASTER TO HEBREWS IN EUROPE AND PALESTINE STOP AMERICAN DELEGATES COMPLETELY COWED BY BRITISH AND TRUMAN'S ORIGINAL DIRECTIVES ABANDONED IN PLAN NOT TO ADMIT SINGLE HEBREW INTO PALESTINE PENDING NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS WITH ARAB STATES AND JEWS.

PROPOSALS CALL FOR PARTITIONING PALESTINE INTO SEPARATE JEWISH, ARAB AND BRITISH PROVINCES WITH MINIMUM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BOTH PROVINCIAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS APPOINTED BY BRITISH PROPOSALS INCLUDE POSTPONING ALL HEBREW IMMIGRATION UNTIL ARABS AND HEBREWS ACCEPT THIS ARRANGEMENT. SINCE PLAN WILL INEVITABLY BE REJECTED BY BOTH AS UNWORKABLE ONLY EFFECT WILL BE PROLONGED AGONY FOR 1,500,000 EUROPEAN HEBREWS AND FUTURE VIOLENCE IN PALESTINE.

FUTILE TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE AND NOT CONDEMN ITS BASIC CAUSES. A YEAR WASTED SINCE TRUMAN URGED



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ADMITTANCE OF ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND TO PALESTINE.  
EVERY CONSIDERATION WARRANTS YOUR PROMPT ACTION  
TO AVERT TRAGEDY INHERENT IN LONDON NEGOTIATIONS.  
SUGGEST YOU URGE PRESIDENT TO INSIST BRITISH COOPERATE  
MOVING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO COMMENCE THIS AUGUST  
OTHERWISE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE INDEPENDENT  
ACTION ASSISTING HEBREWS IN HEARTBREAKING EFFORT  
THEY ARE NOW MAKING TO ESCAPE EUROPEAN PROGRAMS  
BY GOING PALESTINE. URGE PRESIDENT ACCEPT NO  
SOLUTION UNLESS THE ACTUAL MOVING OF ONE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND COMES FIRST=

ANDREWS L SOMERS CONGRESSMAN.



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date September 3, 1946

From Sulamith Schwartz

Harold Manson and I were talking this over today, and wondered what you thought of it. We felt that it would be very good if a little note of appreciation from you would go to I. F. Stone after his really heart-warming and understanding series of articles on Aliyah Beth, which have meant so much to our cause during the last few weeks. We hope you have read them, and are sure that if you did get to seeing the conclusions expressed in three editorials, you must have noticed how far Stone has gone from the rather dogmatic bi-nationalism of his first series to the concept of a Jewish majority in Palestine and Transjordan, which would be part of a large Mediterranean Federation.

Do let us know if you want us to do anything about this. Harold knows that Stone is rather sensitive and would like to feel closer to the movement in this country.

SS:BR



September 6, 1946

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

My dear Sulamith:

Please send a note of appreciation, over my signature, to Mr. I. F. Stone. I did not read all of his articles, but those I did read were very fine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



September 9, 1946

Mr. Louis Segal  
2535 E. 22nd Street  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you for the copies of the exchange of cables between Epstein, you and Ben-Gurion, which I received this morning.

After you read me the exchanges of cables by telephone Friday evening, I was somewhat concerned by the general approach of the cable sent by Epstein to Ben-Gurion, and I tried to reach you Saturday but was unable to, and I requested Mr. Emanuel Neumann to convey my message to you, which was not to cable Ben-Gurion until I will have had a chance to study the Epstein cable. The following day I sent you a telegram to the same effect. I understand, however, that you sent a cable to Mr. Ben-Gurion right after our conversation on Friday. There is nothing wrong in all this, except that I would not wish Mr. Ben-Gurion and others to be under any misapprehension as to what was really in my mind when I spoke to you..

Epstein's "proposals" read very much like a deal to be made between Mr. Ben-Gurion and myself. This, of course, was furthest from our minds and was not a part of our conversation. In the course of our conversation I made certain suggestions which I thought would help to get our movement out of the dilemma in which it finds itself at the moment. I think that Mr. Ben-Gurion would have a clearer picture of what is in my mind if Mr. Epstein had permitted me to pass on his cable before he sent it to Mr. Ben-Gurion. What I sought to convey to you was the following:

The denarche which was made by the Agency through Goldman in Washington was a failure, as subsequent events have proved. The American Government refused to advance the partition proposal as its own, and the Bevin Government has refused to make it the basis of the London Conference discussions. My personal reaction to the action of the Executive in Paris, and to the manner in which its partition proposal was presented to the American Government, were fully set forth in my cable of resignation and is well known to Mr. Ben-Gurion. This criticism still stands. But that is water over the dam. It will be difficult to retreat now. The American Government knows now that the Jewish Agency will accept a partition proposal, which carries with it the establishment of a Jewish State in a part of Palestine. We will not any longer be able to go to Washington



and ask for more than that! It is now important that we use all of our strength to get at least that and to see that our Government determinedly presses for that, since it has approved of it. This is the most that we can do now, or in the future for that matter.

In order that we might succeed in this final effort in Washington, it is important that we avoid the tragic mistakes of the past, the working at cross purposes, and the getting in each other's way. There must not be two Agencies working on the political scene in Washington. I therefore suggested that all activities connected with the Washington Government should for the next period at least, until the World Zionist Congress in November, be channeled through the Emergency Council, and that the Agency Office do not act independently in these matters but with and through the Emergency Council. This was the request which I made to the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Paris before Goldman came to the United States. I furthermore suggested that Dr. Goldman should not carry on any political work for the Jewish Agency in the United States until the next Congress. (I did not suggest that "Goldman's sphere of activities until the Congress should be the European scene." I believe that he is equally bad for the European scene. But that is another matter).

With a unified and determined effort on our part and a powerful campaign of public pressure on the Administration before the next election, it might yet be possible to save the situation and achieve the objective of the Agency Executive. But if our efforts in Washington are to have a fair chance of success, the authority of the American Zionist leadership, so severely undermined by the Goldman mission to Washington and his ignoring of the American leadership in approaching the Government, must be restored by the Agency itself. Furthermore, the inspired propaganda about the "moderates" in the Jewish Agency and the "extremists" among the American Zionist leaders must be publicly repudiated by the Agency. The officials in Washington must not be given the excuse that the spokesman for the organized Zionist bodies in the United States, represented in the Emergency Council, really do not speak for the World Zionist movement and that serious negotiations need not be carried on with them, because the Agency itself ignores them when such negotiations are to be carried on.

I do not recall stating that all activities relative to the UN should be undertaken exclusively by the Agency. The UN will meet in the United States <sup>and the U.S.</sup> as a member of the UN. Some close cooperation will be necessary even there. But that is something which can be worked out as we move along.

The statement concerning my attitude towards Palestine labor, its achievements, and my primary objective, is of course entirely correct.

To sum up; we would like to help in this difficult situation which has developed. Even though we cannot assume responsibility for what has



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happened, it is nevertheless our clear Zionist duty to do all we can to help. But the Agency must make it possible for us to work on the American scene without the disastrous frustrations and checkmates which have time and again undermined our work in Washington.

I shall be very happy to hear from Mr. Ben-Gurion. I shall be grateful to you if you will transmit by air mail a copy of this letter to him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Eliahu Epstein.





Los Angeles, California  
September 13, 1946.

Mr. Bevan  
LONDON, ENGLAND.

Dear Sir:

After reading the enclosed article and my letter, I wish you would answer me - one question, "In what way are you better than Hitler?"

If you have read history, you should know that the Jews have outlived countries larger than England. In every war that you have had any hand in, it has ended with some profit to you, either in money or land.

But this last war is the first one that has almost bankrupted you. You still owe the United States money from World War I, on which you have not even paid the interest, and in this recent war you came begging for more money. You have the nerve to put a lot of helpless Jews in Concentration Camps -- Hitler style! And you want to give them a little land - no bigger than the concentration camp.

I am along in years, but I yet hope to see the end of England - under your management.

I am sorry to write you in this strain, but there is so much that I could say about your acts, but I know there is a God in Heaven who will take care of you.

The enclosed clipping gives a true story -- and I am quite certain it won't be long before you will come begging to the United States for more money, and I hope the United States will not be so foolish as to give you any further assistance.

L. Sands,

3198 West Seventh Street  
Los Angeles-5, California

P.S.: I can still remember the Boer war.



*Copy*

September 19, 1946.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine,  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Attention: Director in Charge.

Gentlemen:

May I offer my observations on the subject of the locale of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. I have been elected a delegate to the Congress and am also a deputy member of the Actions Committee.

It is now definitely established that the United Nations Assembly meeting has been postponed and will definitely be convened in New York City on October 23, if not at some later date. The Assembly is apparently scheduled to meet for six to eight weeks. Before it passes beyond the stage of formal opening speeches, etc., it probably will consume a few weeks. In all probability all of the important heads of government will be in the United States during a period of time which would seem to coincide with the duration of the World Zionist Congress, which now is scheduled to convene November 24 in Switzerland.

From the foregoing, it would seem wise that the Congress be held in the United States, for at least the following two compelling reasons: (a) all of the top-flight leaders of our movement should not be absent from the scene of the United Nations Assembly where all of the top-flight leaders of the world's great and small powers will be present, and (b) the meeting of the Zionist Congress close by the United Nations Assembly meeting place may have a desirable effect upon any deliberations on our problem, which now seems destined to appear either directly or indirectly on the Assembly's agenda. To me, it appears absolutely imperative that this change be made, however much inconvenience and cost might be entailed in doing so.

This thought may have occurred to the persons in charge of the World Zionist Congress operations, including the Executive of the Jewish Agency. I, nevertheless, presume to offer this suggestion and urge that it be transmitted to the appropriate persons for consideration.

I trust I may hear from you on this matter at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Ezra G. Shagrir*

ES:A



Serezhin (K)

see article called

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September 19, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope to leave within a few hours for California on the assignment about which we spoke when you were in New York last. You will remember our talking about some letters from you to prominent people in the film colony which might serve as door openers for me. Specifically, you mentioned Harry Warner.

Letters to others also would, of course, be helpful. Perhaps I should apprise you of the fact, in the event that you are not aware of it, that Harry Warner is considered by all reports reaching me to be not particularly sympathetic to our cause. As an after-thought, how do you feel about writing to Magnin?

In view of the five-day limit at all Los Angeles hotels, it would be best if copies of your communications be sent to me c/o Sid Mintz, 858 N. Mansfield Avenue, Hollywood, California.

With all good wishes,

Most cordially,

*Harry A. Steinberg*

Harry A. Steinberg

HAS: jm



September 23, 1946

Mr. Harry A. Steinberg  
c/o Sid Mints  
858 N. Mansfield Avenue  
Hollywood, California

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I wrote to Rabbi Magnin. Please communicate with him upon your arrival. If you then feel that I should write direct to Mr. Harry Warner, I shall be pleased to do so.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



September 23, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Kindly send Dr. Silver a check for the  
following: Long Distance calls and telegrams --  
home phone -- to September 15 -- \$18.75.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY COUNCIL



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To Staff, American Zionist Emergency Council

Care of or Apt. No. 342 Madison Avenue

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I SEND YOU ALL MY WARMEST GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL  
FOR THE MAGNIFICENT YEAR OF SERVICE WHICH YOU RENDERED OUR GREAT CAUSE. I PRAY  
THAT OUR EFFORTS DURING THE COMING YEAR WILL BE BLESSED WITH A LARGE MEASURE OF  
SUCCESS. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

Abba Hillel Silver

Sender's name and address  
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DR AND MRS ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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SINCEREST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR MAY  
THIS YEAR SEE AT LEAST THE BEGINNING OF THE FULFILLMENT  
OF YOUR HOPES REGARDS TO YOUR SONS=  
ANNE AND DEWEY STONE.



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THE TEMPLE=

THE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL IS  
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MOST THOUGHTFUL ROSH HASOHNNAH GREETING  
MAY WE IN TURN EXTEND OUR MOST CORDIAL AND SINCERE WISHES  
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.  
WE SHALL CONTINUE TO TAKE ADDED INSPIRATION IN YOUR  
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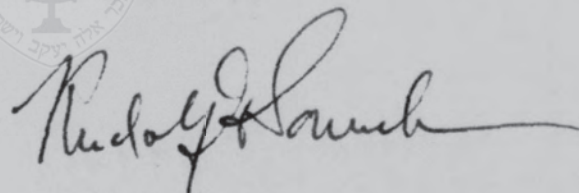
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September 27th, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your telegram today asking my attendance at a meeting on Monday afternoon at the Biltmore relative to the present political situation. A conflicting conference at that hour concerning the possibility of the inclusion of the J.D.A. in our 1947 Metropolitan United Jewish Appeal Campaign precludes my being with you. However, I shall be seeing you later that evening and if I can be of any special service, please feel free to instruct me.

Sincerely yours,



Rudolf G. Sonneborn

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



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October 2, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

Several days following the receipt of your letter I telephoned Rabbi Magrin. He was most discouraging. Firstly, he claimed preoccupation with other matters which would preclude his seeing me for about two weeks. Secondly, to quote him: "As far as introduction to the film colony is concerned, that's out. They don't want it and I don't want to push things on them".

You remember what I wrote you last about Harry Warner, but a letter to him from you certainly can do no harm and possibly can help.

I do not think we will win over Warner, through a brief note from yourself and a talk from me. However, we maybe successful in jarring him a bit, so that he will be easier prey for other film leaders here, who later on will be enlisted to approach him. It is conceivable that in the final analysis he will come along with us, but only if he is impressed by the strength of the names that we have been able to garner and not because he has suddenly seen the light.

The first ten days here have<sup>VE</sup> been fairly discouraging, due to a number of factors, not the least of which is the current film strike. However, some of the rays of the California sunshine are now discernible through the political, if not the labor, clouds over Hollywood.

G'mar Chasima Tova.

Most Cordially yours,

*Harry A. Steinberg*  
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C O P Y

Oct. 16, 1946

FROM  
PARIS

NEUMANN 521 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

JTA REPORT ENTIRELY WRONG STOP OUR REPRESENTATIVES DEMANDED RELEASE  
DETAINEES STOPPING SEARCHES RETURN STATUS AGENCY TO THAT PREVIOUS JUNE  
TWENTYNINTH IMMEDIATE WIDENING SCOPE IMMIGRATION ABOLITION LAND RESTRICTIONS  
ALL ABOVE AS PRECONDITIONS TO DISCUSSION ON MAJOR ISSUE STOP OTHER SIDE PUT  
FAR REACHING DEMANDS AGAINST ALIYAHBETH AND BETACHON WHICH WERE FORTHWITH  
REJECTED BY OURS STOP THEIR ANSWER WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE WEEK END STOP IN  
MY OPINION NO PROSPECT MUTUAL AGREEMENT IN THIS CASE DISCUSSIONS WILL  
DEFINITELY ~~CEASE~~ CEASE AND APPROPRIATE STATEMENT BE ISSUED BY US STOP  
MANY THANKS YOUR EFFORTS MY VISA NACHUM PROMISED TRY AS WELL

SNEH





November 4, 1946

Statler Hotel  
Washington 13, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Kindly send Dr. Silver a refund for  
the enclosed credit.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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Nahum Goldman report

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To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Care of or Apt. No. The Commodore Hotel

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Received the following telegram dated Nov. 13: "YOUR SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER

JUST RECEIVED. HAVE CONFERENCE WITH TAUBMAN FOR TOMORROW." Signed Sidney L.

Herold, Shreveport, La.

Bessie Kline

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
number



Stanley

858 N. Mansfield Ave.  
Hollywood, Calif.  
November 18, 1946.

Harry L. Shapiro & Abe Tuvim  
342 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Following our conversation of last week, am sending this account to give you a fuller picture of the situation here:

1. Schary meeting was attended by 18 men- mostly producers and directors. A good deal of enthusiasm was generated and a steering committee appointed to assist me. Only sour note of the evening was surprise move by Dafni (Hagana) who went out of his way to belittle all value of public-relations work and it became necessary for me to take issue with him. (Incidentally, until this meeting which I had arranged, Dafni was completely unable to "crack" Hollywood. As a result of the Schary meeting, several meetings for Hagana fund-raising were set up)

2. Steering Committee has met several times and statement announcing formation of AMERICAN ARTS COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE was finally approved. People most active on this committee are Dore Schary, Lewis Milestone (both in New York at present) Mendel Silberberg and Sam Spiegel. (He is Shalom Spiegel's brother). One or two others join in from time to time. At present we are obtaining signatories to the statement which should be published in about a week.

3. No officers have been selected. The feeling of the Committee, with which I concur, is that it would be a mistake to limit the Committee exclusively to Hollywood names. It should be truly comprehensive of all the Arts: Stage, radio, music, painting, etc.. Therefore it is imperative that a key figure from the field of stage or music join as co-chairman with a Hollywood name; that another one or two serve as vice-chairman; and that about a dozen or so serve on the Executive Committee along with about 20 Hollywood names.

If there is no one in our office who can concentrate on this for the next two weeks, it will be necessary for me once our statement is published here, to return briefly to New York to do it. Please advise.

There is still another very important reason why this should be done. One Hollywood name is not terribly impressed by other Hollywood names. They are impressed, however, with the world of music, stage, literature, etc.. If we want to sustain their interest, we must couple their names with people like Stokowski, Lunt, etc..

4. Our Hollywood group is ready to go to work. And we must have things for them to do immediately. I feel



more optimistic than ever about a Hollywood delegation to the White House and to the State Dept. within the next 4 weeks. If you want ~~in~~ such a project to be timed with the London Conference, please advise immediately.

5. We have also discussed a coast-to-coast radio program, with the biggest stars participating. I know we can get the talent free but we may have to buy the time. The format of this one-hour show has been discussed here but it needs a writer who is thoroughly familiar with Jewish and Zionist lore. It would probably take such a writer about two weeks to put such a show together. I suggest you contact Morton Wishengrad who is the logical choice as scripter. If you can commission him for it, please send me his telephone number so I can discuss this with him ~~xxxxx~~ which would be preferable to writing him.

If the script needs further polishing, we can get writers here to do that.

6. We should begin to think immediately of a statement to be published in the public press by the AMERICAN ARTS COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE. This statement, in advertisement form, (for the New York Times, Washington Post, etc..) should not only ~~xxx~~ announce the Committee, but should take a stand on a current issue.

Please send the draft of the Statement for final editing here. After talking to hundreds of people in the industry here, I am in a position to know what they will sign and what they won't sign. This Committee here, you must know, is not a "paper" committee but very much alive to the point where they argue ~~xx~~ about commas. Of course, I hope eventually to win them over to our complete program, but in the meantime, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that we shall be forced to drop some of them from time to time. In the meantime, we shall work with anybody who can help us advance from step to step.

PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IN RE PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, and 5.

Have also met again with Elsie Jensen, Bishop Stevens, Dr. Von Kleinsmidt (president of USC) Bill Ludwig, Max Band (painter), Arthur Lubin, Mike Levee, Al Blum, B.P. Shulberg, John Garfield, Robert Rossen, Dr. Maurice Karpf, Leon Lewis, Ross Hunter, Lucia Snyder, . and with Sam Spiegel and Mendel Silberberg independently of the Committee meetings.

Received "To ~~XXXXX~~ Whom It May Concern" letters from Drs. Silver and Wise. I could still use one from Monsky.

Please inform LeSourd and Voss of what is going on here. Would you ask LeSourd if he can arrange for Dr. Sockman to write to Y. Frank Freeman and for Senator Brewster to write to David O. Selznick.

I would like Voss and LeSourd to meet with Schary



and possibly Milestone for lunch this week.

I am writing to Dore Schary to that effect and he will probably call LeSourd. But it isn't necessary for them to wait. Ask them to contact Dore immediately.

Cordially,

Harry A. Steinberg.

P.S. Schary is stopping at the Sherry-Netherland.





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November 20th, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since the obvious is sometimes the most obscure to those entangled in a complex problem, may I suggest that you and an outstanding Protestant and Catholic leader visit President Truman and make this simple proposal:

That Christmas Day, 1946, be designated by the British and American Governments as the day when the 100,000 homeless Jews, be given final permission to enter Palestine...

That the Christian nations could, by this Christian gesture, give proof to a doubting world that they practise as well as preach the "brotherhood of man"...

That no other act by the Christian nations at this time could do more to dispel the cynicism and decadence which are gnawing at the foundations of world morality and which threaten to engulf us eventually in world destruction.

If, for any reason, you feel that it would be inadvisable for you, as the leader of Zionism, to make the suggestion, would you be willing to ask another important American Jew to participate in this Christmas appeal to the conscience of Christendom, which should be made early in December?

It is time that a date be set for the liberation of the Jews. What better gift could the Christian world make to these desperate Jews on Christmas Day than the gift of Life?

Sincerely,

*Louis E. Shecter*

Louis E. Shecter

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE=

~LEVE=

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SEND MESSAGE OF GREETING TO 23RD ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR LABOR PALESTINE HOTEL COMMODORE NEW YORK NOVEMBER 28. DELEGATES FROM ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE GATHERING TO AID PALESTINE LABOR MOVEMENT HISTADRUT. YOUR MESSAGE FAVORING DEMOCRATIC PIONEERING FORCES AND ESTABLISHMENT JEWISH COMMONWEALTH WILL ENCOURAGE REMNANTS JEWISH PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND LIBERTY. CORDIALLY=

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR PALESTINE 45 EAST 17 STREET NEW YORK JOSEPH SCHLOSSBERG NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ISSAC HAMLIN NATIONAL SECRETARY.



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RABBI SILVER=

:THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO:

=FURTHER TO OUR TALK MUST STRESS WE SWORN TO ABSOLUTE  
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DR ABA HILEL SILVER=

HOTEL COMMODORE=

DUE TO GRAVE ILLNESS AM STILL IN THIS COUNTRY STOP WOULD  
HIGHLY APPRECIATE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING YOU IN A VERY  
IMPORTANT URGENT MATTER STOP PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN AND  
WHERE COULD SEE YOU. THANKS

DR EMIL SOMMERSTEIN CARE HOTEL CHURCHILL 252 W 76  
NEW YORK TEL ENDICOTT 2-4455

DR ABA HILEL SILVER. 252 W 76 2-4455!



January 9, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Shwadran:

At Dr. Silver's request, I am returning  
to you herewith the report, "Review of the Year."

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver



January 14, 1947  
22nd Day of Teveth, 5707

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

Dear Abe:

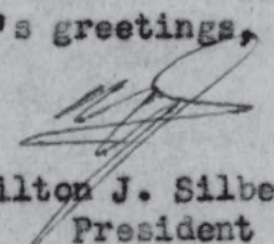
In reply to your inquiry of recent date regarding contacts to General Marshall, I have communicated with my good friend, Colonel Julius Klein, and have found out from him that the most intimate friend that General Marshall has among our Jewish people, outside of himself, is Mr. Bernard Baruch and he spends a great deal of time with him.

I was also told that he has manifested to the Colonel a keen interest in the Zionist Movement. Amongst his gentile friends he values highly the friendship of Senators Brewster and Taft.

As I told Harry Shapiro previously, I believe that Colonel Klein can be of assistance to us in important contacts, and I would suggest that you ask Dr. Silver to communicate with him during the week at the Carlton Hotel in Washington or at his Chicago office in the First National Bank Bldg.

I shall await hearing from you if there is any further service we can do from here.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,

  
Milton J. Silberman  
President

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cc: Dr. Silver  
Dr. Sidney Marks



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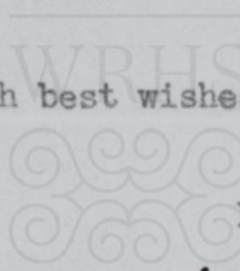
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The excerpts I read from your speech of  
January 26th in Chicago, were so interesting that I want  
to read the full text. Will you be good enough to send me  
a copy.

With best wishes,

Faithfully,

  
*Herbert Bayard Swope*

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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February 5, 1947

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

My Dear Dr. Silver:

You will surely recall our exchange of letters in June, 1945 both as to content and spirit. While the subject now is different, the spirit remains the same; and as then I now ask reassurance in a matter that troubles me greatly.

I am not one of those who accept any of the circulated stories about your activities now any more than I did then. When a few years back Dr. S. S. Wise challenged me on the facts in his controversy with you, I told him that while I was not in your confidence, I could but judge the matter historically and take my chances on supporting the "right" side (I was one of the 146 signatories on the famous memorandum of 2/13/45). When in yesterday's meeting of the U. J. A. Administrative Committee, one of "the little foxes" sat as chief spokesman for the U. P. A., I was heart-sick beyond description.

I feel it is my duty to tell you something about the only organization in the movement of which I have intimate and detailed knowledge of the facts: It took the same kind of perseverance and courage partially to set that house in order as it did to win your battle. The U. J. A. Administrative Committee, only because of the determination of a few decent people, changed its com-



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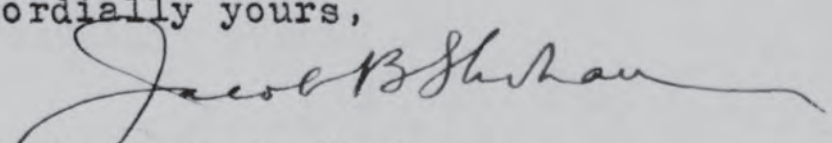
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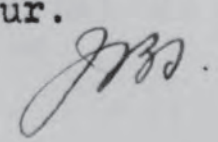
plexion. It was slowly becoming no longer a conglomerate in which one group of philanthropic "Yahudim" glared at another group tainted with Tammanyism and double-dealing. Without hesitation, I assure you, sir, that a great contribution was made to our cause when the indifferent, if not hostile, Warburgs and Morgenthau were confronted by men with deepest Zionist conviction and loyalty who played the game straight, earned and commanded their respect. Are all these precious gains now to be lost? Is your position so weak that you must open the flood-gates and let into U. P. A. the "inane", the "inactive", those who always preferred to "wait a little longer"? Are they to have your sanction to vitiate all the good that has been accomplished? Are the Sonneborns and the Grosses to be kicked out because they fail to toe some party line, despite the fact that they have rendered our cause service of incalculable value?

I could go on, but I run the risk of basing my anxieties on false premises, if not sheer rumor. I suppose I am one of the few who did not come to you for the pay-off, so you may be sure that my own rumored removal from a post of duty gives my ego no concern. You will understand therefore the spirit in which I now ask you, sir, for some kind of reassurance.

Very cordially yours,

  
(Dr.) Jacob B. Shohan

P.S. My thanks to you for extending to my son at Oberlin the hospitality of the Temple on Yom Kippur.





1706 G St.  
MEMORANDUM

FROM Hyman A. Schulson

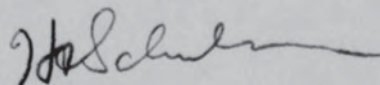
DATE: Feb. 6, 1947

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

Pursuant to your instructions of February 5, I telephoned Samuel Goldstock, Pittsburgh, Pa., to contact Philip Murray to urge him to send a cable to Bevin regarding British threats of martial law in Palestine. Mr. Goldstock told me that he would take along with him a labor contact who knew Murray well and would advise me the results of this conference. I have not yet heard from him.

I telephoned Joseph Padway, General Counsel of the AFL in Miami, and he told me that William Green would send such a cable. I sent him a suggested text of a cable. I.R. Goodman, who happened to be in Miami and Shepard Broad of Miami are following through to make sure that Green, Dubinsky and other labor leaders attending the executive meeting of the AFL send similar cables to Bevin. They promised to send me the actual text sent. Upon receipt, I will forward you copies.



HAS:ME

Copy to Mr. Harry Shapiro  
New York Office.



1706 G St. N.W.

MEMORANDUM

FROM Hyman A. Schulson

DATE: February 7, 1947

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

Enclosed is text of cable sent by Philip Murray, as President of the CIO.

I should receive others from William Green and other labor leaders from Florida very shortly.

Murray released his cable to all the press services and utilized his CIO publicity machine for this purpose.

HAS:ME





COPY OF CABLE MAILED FROM PITTSBURGH, PA.

Feb. 7, 1947

Ernest Bevin

London, England

I appeal to you and to the British Labor Government not to impose martial law in Palestine. Such a policy would be dangerous in its reaction on the American public. The steadily deteriorated situation requires action in accord with British Labor promises to Jews. The threat of martial law and the evacuation of British women and children have increased tension and does irreparable harm. The CIO recently reaffirmed its consistent policy towards Palestine and urges similar action by you.

(Signed) Philip Murray  
Congress of Industrial Organization



HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE  
745 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

7 February 1947

My dear Doctor Silver:-

~~There is a great deal in what you~~  
~~say.~~ I am impressed by your letter of  
February 6th, *There is much in what you*

~~If it is possible, I may get some~~  
~~action on it.~~ *see try to get*

Faithfully,

*action along*  
*the lines*

*You suggest.*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street - Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

*COPY* — from Washington Office — *for* \_\_\_\_\_

February 11, 1947

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

Dear Harry:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I received from Shepard Broad giving me the text of the cable which William Green sent to Mr. Bevin. The contents of this cable have not yet received any publicity and I suggest that you turn it over to the Anglo-Jewish papers and Yiddish press, and other services you might want to carry it.

May I suggest that you write a letter in Dr. Silver's name or have Dr. Silver do it personally to Philip Murray and William Green thanking them for their cooperation. A similar letter should be sent to Shepard Broad for helping to get Green's cable and to Samuel Goldstock and Alex Lowenthal of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. You might also drop a note of gratitude to Joseph Padway, General Counsel of the A. F. of L., a good Zionist who has always pitched when I called upon him to do so. His address is: 815 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

Hyman A. Schulson



February 12, 1947

Dr. Jacob B. Shohan  
J. B. Shohan Laboratories  
78 Wheeler Point Road  
Newark 5, N.J.

My dear Dr. Shohan:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 5 which I read with much interest. I fail, however, to understand just what it is you are troubled over. I wish you would be a little more specific. I am not aware of any effort being made "to kick out" such men as Sonneborn and Gross. My impression was that Mr. Sonneborn was offered co-chairmanship of the UJA, but refused. Am I wrong about it? I am not aware of any drastic changes which have been made in the composition of the UPA official family except the election of Dr. Goldstein as President. I would be grateful to you if you would write to me in fuller detail.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

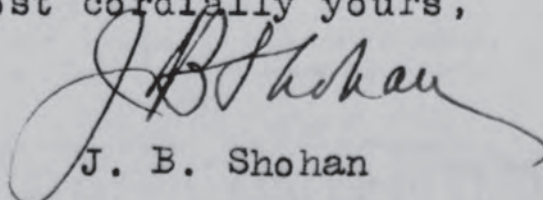
Your letter of the 12th was most welcome, for it reassured me no end. It is obvious to me that I lent some credence to stories coming from people whom I had hitherto considered reliable.

In answer to your specific question... With regard to Mr. Sonneborn: (I assume that "UJA" in your letter referred to UPA for the co-chairmanship of UJA is a post which he has held for years and is not directly related to UPA.) He was offered an associate chairmanship of UPA (as he was last year), but preferred to serve in an unofficial capacity. I now learn that Dr. Goldstein has personally urged him to accept chairmanship of the board of UPA, and this Mr. Sonneborn has accepted.

While I can with some stretch of the imagination conceive how preoccupied you are with the gravest crisis our people has faced in modern times, I am glad to know that you are deeply interested in a phase of our activities which bears closest attention.

I am grateful to you for sparing what it takes to reply to my letters and assure you that I shall not further impose upon you except under conditions of great urgency.

Most cordially yours,

  
J. B. Shohan

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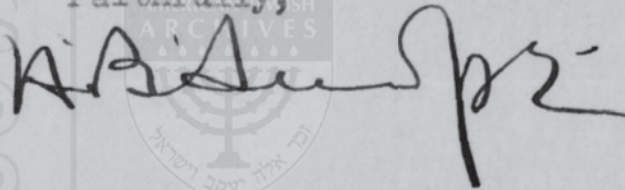
18 February 1947

My dear Doctor:

The telegram I sent you the other night had some typographical errors that somewhat changed my meaning. But I am sure you understood that I continue ready to help whenever help is indicated.

With warm regard.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. B. Swope', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street-Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio



AS

February 18, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

As you requested, I am sending Mr. Schapiro a written memorandum of our conversations with the Maryland Senators and Congressmen. I served as spokesman for the Maryland Delegation of about thirty people and we received the promise of complete support from all our congressmen. I am sending each of them a written notation of our meetings in the hope that they will carry through on their offer to bring pressure as a United Maryland Group on the State Department. It was a very satisfactory experience.

May I add that you conducted the conference superbly? A spirit of unity prevailed and we Baltimoreans returned home greatly encouraged. You may be sure that you can count on my cooperation to the fullest extent. I regarded it as a genuine privilege to head the Maryland Delegation and to be its spokesman.

I hope to see you in Montreal at the C. C. A. R.  
Fondest personal regards.

Faithfully yours,

Abz

Abraham Shusterman

DGB

I am writing to Mr. Schapiro, asking if there is anything else we can do avant Washington. We are near enough to the Washington offices to be able to do things in a hurry. Any of us can be there in 40 minutes —



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WASHINGTON, D.C.  
FEBRUARY 26, 1947

Statement of Mr. Moshe Shertok, Chief of the Political  
Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, at  
Press Conference - February 26, 1947

1. The announcement of the British Government's intention to bring the Palestine problem before the U.N. marked a new turning point in the tortuous road along which the problem had been dragged for so long. The British Government can hardly relish the prospect of having to throw the problem in its present unsolved state into the international arena. In his statement yesterday, Mr. Bevin indicated his preference for a solution which would obviate that necessity. What we may therefore be facing is not a decision to refer the matter to the U.N. but merely a move intended to bring about an otherwise unattainable compromise which would render such reference unnecessary.
2. It should therefore be emphasized that the Jewish Agency has no quarrel with the underlying principle of the new departure and is quite prepared to face up to it. The principle is that Britain is in control of Palestine by virtue of an international trust and is accountable for its policy to international authority. If the matter is re-



ferred to the U.N., the Jewish Agency will do everything in its power to uphold and defend the internationally recognized rights of the Jewish people and its present-day interests in Palestine before the new political tribunal of the world.

3. The Mandate recognizes the right of the Jewish people to reconstitute its national home in Palestine. Such reconstitution, if it be true to its historic context, must signify the re-establishment of the Jewish State. This is the logical conclusion of the free and unfettered development of the Jewish National Home. This is the only form in which the primary purpose of the Mandate can be fulfilled today in conformity with the needs of the Jewish people, its present position in Palestine and the new political set-up of the Middle East, characterized by the emergence of six Arab countries as sovereign states. It is not the perpetuation of the Mandate that we are not primarily seeking but the achievement of independence; not a new tutelage under the U.N. but a place for the Jewish people in their councils.

4. Time is of the essence. Reference to the U.N. will take months. An ultimate decision and its implementation may take years. Meanwhile the position in Palestine and among the Jewish survivors in Europe is untenable and calls for an immediate remedy. A quarter of a million Jewish Displaced Persons in Europe are on the brink of despair. The question of interim policy, pending the submission of the major problem to the U.N., is of crucial urgency.

5. The strain in Palestine, both for the population and the Government is unbearable. The roots of the evil are the arbitrary throttling



of immigration and the maintenance of a racial, anti-Jewish land regime. Both provisions are in violation of the Mandate. To both the uncompromising opposition of the Jews is pledged. Terrorism is a hideous outgrowth of the present pernicious policy. The only way out of the present impasse is by attacking the evil at its roots.

6. The immediate raising of the immigration quota so as to bring in, as quickly as possible, the first 100,000 from Europe, was urged in yesterday's debate in the British House of Commons by supporters of the Government and the opposition alike. That measure, and the abrogation of the racial land law, would be no more than an act of restitution on the part of the Mandatory Government. They owe it to themselves. They owe it to the U.N. They cannot in one and the same breath flout international authority by violating the Mandate and swear allegiance to it by submitting to the judgment of the U.N. He who seeks equity must come with clean hands. If Britain desires to lay its trust before the high international body, it must restore it intact, unsullied and undistorted by all the violations contained in the White Paper of 1939 and enforced today.

7. There is little hope that those of the British Cabinet who are in effective control of Palestine policy will easily be persuaded to effect these changes. Playing for time has been their guiding principle, pursued with inexhaustible ingenuity, at the expense of the peace of Palestine and the rescue of our European remnants. They have probably thought, and may be still thinking, that they would exhaust the patience of our DP's and make them turn their backs on Palestine, that they would



the Jews of Palestine and make them put up with the White Paper regime, that they would break the spirit of the Zionist movement and make its leaders accept any solution dictated to them. All these calculations have miscarried, but the attitude remains unchanged. It is characterized by a stubborn refusal to face realities. Only yesterday we were told by Mr. Bevin that there was no place for us, the Jews, in the United Nations because we are merely a "religion." The Jews have never empowered Mr. Bevin to decide on their behalf what they are. So long as he is unwilling to recognize that the Jews as a collective unit are a people, entitled to a position of equality among the nations of the world, so long as he fails to grasp that what we are engaged in in Palestine is nation-building, it is idle for him to tackle the problem rooted in these basic facts. It is not surprising that, thinking as he does and advised as he is, he cannot solve the problem. What is odd is that he should blame his failure on others.

8. Mr. Bevin argued yesterday that the White Paper of 1939 was in the nature of a binding agreement concluded between the British Government and the Arab States. But the Arab States have no locus standi in relation to Palestine. They were brought into the picture by the British Government itself. According to Mr. Bevin, the assumption in 1939 was that the National Home had already been established and the pledge of the Balfour Declaration fulfilled. This was not the view taken in 1939 by Mr. Bevin's Party, which fought the White Paper policy tooth and nail. Moreover, it was not for the British Government to judge its own case. The issue had to be decided by the League of Nations, and the competent organ of the League, the Mandates Commission, did decide at the time



that the White Paper was a violation of Mandate.

9. Mr. Bevin asserted that if the Jews would give up their claim to Statehood, the Arabs might agree that 100,000 more Jews should be admitted, provided that thereafter it would be up to the majority of the population to decide whether immigration should continue, which means in effect that thereafter all Jewish immigration would stop. Alleged potential readiness of the Arabs to accept another 100,000 Jews is quite a revelation. Why has Mr. Bevin so far stubbornly refused to grant any increase whatsoever of the current monthly quota? Was it not because he was under a pledge to the Arabs in that regard? But irrespective of whether the Arabs might or might not agree, the Jews will never accept the position that their return to Palestine should be subject to Arab consent. Nor will they ever be ready to barter national freedom against human lives. It seems that Mr. Bevin does not even realize the insulting character of the offer. Did the British people stop to think for one moment of such a barter when they stood the Blitz and faced alone the danger of Nazi invasion?

10. The fundamental issues of the Jewish rights and status in Palestine, and of international responsibility for the solution of the twin problems of Palestine and the Jewish people, have now been raised afresh. Today more than at any time in the past, the attitude of the United States Government is of far-reaching importance. As a major victor in the First World War this country shares responsibility for the fate of Palestine. The Mandate was entrusted to Great Britain with its concurrence. Today, it is second to none in the councils



of the United Nations. Its traditional policy of sympathy to the Jewish National Home was reinforced by recent official pronouncements urging the immediate admission to Palestine of 100,000 European Jews and favoring the establishment of the Jewish State. The eyes of Jews throughout the world are turned to the United States. Palestine and the Jewish problem is a world responsibility and only a great and progressive world power can show the way.

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February 27, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I feel that I should direct myself to you personally regarding a very important matter.

Due to lack of sufficient funds, the office of the Los Angeles Emergency Council has never been able to operate the way we should have wanted it. Yet, with the growing importance of Southern California, and its steadily growing Jewish population it is of vital importance that the greatest efforts be made to fortify and expand our influence over public opinion.

We have come to the conclusion that our office cannot operate unless a minimum budget of 24,000 dollars is provided for. The local constituent organizations, however, can by no means contribute more than half of the said sum, which means that it is imperative that we get a subsidy of 12,000 dollars, per year, from the national body.

The retiring secretary of our Committee, Mr. Flatau, will be east next week, on his way to Europe and I hope he will be able to see you personally in New York or Washington and report to you on the situation, our difficulties and our possibilities, and I should appreciate if you would give the matter your serious consideration. He will of course discuss the matter in detail with Harry L. Shapiro.

In my opinion, it would be a real disservice to the Zionist cause if we were compelled to curtail our activities for lack of sufficient funds.

A properly financed and strong Emergency Committee in Los Angeles is also essential in order to have a properly functioning Arts Committee for Palestine and a Christian Council on the west coast.

It is imperative that a favorable decision, on this matter, is reached as soon as possible.



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With great admiration and complete confidence in your great leadership,  
I remain with warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Strimling*

THEODORE STRIMLING

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*COPY* — from Washington Office — *for* \_\_\_\_\_

March 3, 1947

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

Dear Shapiro:

Enclosed is the article by Wallace R. Deuel which appeared in the Chicago Daily News on February 28, 1947. Pursuant to your instructions through Leo Sack, I spent an hour with Deuel regarding his articles on Palestine and pointed out to him that he was not helping our cause by dealing with internal Zionist politics, the political party pressure approach, etc., but should deal with the broader issues, such as fulfillment of the Mandate on the part of Great Britain, our program regarding the interim period between now and UN, and analyze Great Britain's actions. I left him some material for this purpose. I feel that I persuaded him to lay off the line he had been taking and to concentrate on the broader and more basic issues involved.

I asked him where he got his facts regarding "maximalism" and "minimalism", political party pressure, the World Zionist Congress, Taft and Silver and other details, and he replied that he had been following these political developments very closely for the last year, and particularly during the last campaign, and that he has many friends who are in a position to know and pass on information to him regularly. He would not reveal his sources, but I gathered that he knows a number of people both in the British Embassy, Jordan of the British Information Service, and has talked to David Niles and other State Department officials, and is quite familiar with the general Zionist picture.

Deuel, in my opinion, did not intend to do us any harm by his approach. He is very much bothered and concerned as to why the United States government has done very little for the Jews and Palestine and has not fulfilled its promises made through both party leaders and other announced policy of our government and has given us a run-around. He had hoped by his article to bring home to the American public that our government ought to fulfill promises made through party leaders and in announced policies.

Sincerely yours,

Hyman A. Schulson

HAS:ew



March 5, 1947

Mr. A. M. Spanel, President  
International Latex Corporation  
Room 603 Empire State Bldg.  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Spanel:

May I take this opportunity to thank you and the International Latex Corporation for the real service which you rendered in reprinting the Washington Post Editorial which appeared on February 27. The Post Editorial was a notable contribution to clear thinking on the vital issues which Mr. Bevin and his agents have done so much to becloud and to confound. In making this Editorial available to a larger reading public you have again, as in the past, served the highest interests of the American people and of international justice.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 6, 1947

Mr. Theodore Strimling  
Los Angeles Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs  
664 Paramount Bldg.  
323 West Sixth St.  
Los Angeles 13, California

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 27 which I read with much interest. I am referring your letter to the office of the Emergency Council in New York and the matter will of course be given the most careful consideration.

We have not been in the practice of subsidizing Emergency Councils. We simply haven't the funds for it. Emergency Councils through the country have been raising their own funds and in some instances very substantial funds to carry on their local programs. It is surprising to me that Los Angeles, with so large and well-to-do a Jewish community, cannot raise a maximum budget of \$24,000 annually. It is particularly surprising since all the four parties are members of the Emergency Council.

You know, of course, that the American Zionist Emergency Council does not conduct any campaign of its own and that its budget is strictly limited and entirely derived from the UPA. I am wondering whether a real effort should not be made in your community not alone for the Emergency Council Fund, but also for the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America, which is also lagging in Los Angeles.

I shall be very happy to hear from you. In all probability I shall leave for Palestine in a few days to attend the meetings of the Jewish Agency.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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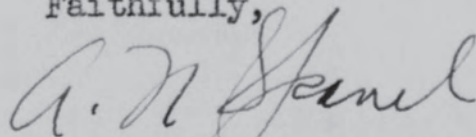
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your gracious letter of March 5th in which you so generously approve our editorial advertisement.

We believe there is a big job for all of us in these reconstruction days, and we hope to be able to contribute our full share to the general welfare, for we are convinced that in the long run, personal happiness, every human activity, every business, is only as good as the general welfare is good, and no better.

Again thanking you for your friendly interest, I remain

Faithfully,



A. N. Spanel, President  
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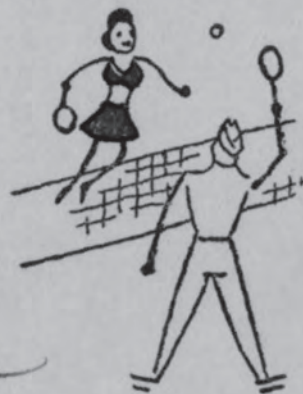




March 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Rabbi;

I am here seeking a  
little sunshine after  
Seattle's severe winter  
in a long time, and your  
letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> was forwarded  
to me here.



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It was good hearing from you.

cordially  
Max A. Silver





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שמחתנו רבה להזדמנות המיוחדת שנחנה לנו לקדם את פניו  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I send this communication to you for your consideration in your capacity both as chairman of the Emergency Council and as head of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

I have today been approached by Mr. Dario Sabatello - who comes well recommended as to both character and ability - as a spokesman on behalf of a group of motion picture people interested in producing a film dealing with the Jewish situation in Europe and the determination of the D.P.'s to get to Palestine. This full-length feature film, as planned, would be shot mostly in the camps, in Italy, and also aboard ship on the Mediterranean.

This producers group has already raised \$65,000. from Italians in this country, both Jewish and non-Jewish, and would require subsidization for an additional \$65,000. to cover the complete costs. Financial sponsorship of this amount on the part of the Agency or the Council would in no wise be regarded as a philanthropic or purely public relations gesture but would be strictly an investment action with all profits of the film accruing to the investment parties on the basis of their proportionate subsidy. Under the agreement the \$65,000. would be deposited in escrow in a New York bank and would not be paid until a print of the film is ready for a showing on a New York screen.

I should like to point out that the motion picture "The Open City" - the kind of fictionalized documentary upon which the Palestine film would be based - has already netted over \$1,000,000. and there is reason to believe that a picture dwelling upon the underground to Palestine might hope for a similar return.



April 3, 1947

Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Chairman Executive Committee  
American Jewish Conference  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My Dear Mr. Lipsky:

I fully realize that the Labor Day Week-end for the fourth session of the American Jewish Conference, has been selected for the greater convenience of the delegates, especially those from the east, to utilize the holiday week-end to attend this very important meeting.

I wonder whether the convenience of the delegates living west of Chicago, has been taken into consideration? I know many of those delegates will certainly be anxious to attend the convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in October, and it will be difficult for them to spare a week, or as much as two weeks in September and again in October.

I urgently suggest that the fourth session of the American Jewish Conference be held either before, or right after the convention of the Z. O. A.

With highest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Strimling*  
THEODORE STRIMLING

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The producers of the contemplated movie are fully aware of our program and ideology and would be prepared to co-operate in every way both in the preparation of the script and in the actual filming and editing of the picture. They also realize that we are working against time and that it would be necessary for us to have the picture on the screens of the nation by September, which they are prepared to do provided we start at once. Considering that the writing, shooting, editing, recording and dubbing - wherever a foreign language is spoken in the film - would require close to a year's time, this represents a major effort and concession on their part. In addition to production skill, what is most important for this kind of picture is that these people also have good distribution contacts.

The script they have tentatively chosen is called "The Promised Land" (to be published by Doubleday-Doran in the fall) written by newspaper woman Claire Neikind. It was my suggestion to them that I.F. Stone's "Underground To Palestine" be used as the basis for the picture with Stone himself possibly taking part in the film and this suggestion will be taken under consideration. There are several production difficulties which yet have to be worked out but these are relatively minor to the important decision to be made by you: to sponsor or not to sponsor the production.

My own feeling is that we have here a rare opportunity for an unprecedented public relations job offered to us for practically nothing. The reason for the relatively small budget of the picture - \$130,000. - is because the key personnel are taking practically no salary, are interested in the cause, and are ready to gamble on a per centage of the profits. The public relations potentialities, you will recognize at once, are vast and can cover every member nation of the United Nations. The financial risk is practically nil inasmuch as the film could probably gross close to a million dollars in the six key cities of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit and Los Angeles.

Much depends on getting started quickly. May I ask you to bring this to the attention of the proper parties (not overlooking the UPA) for immediate decision and I anticipate your early reply.

Most cordially yours,

Harry Steinberg  
Harry Steinberg



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



In reply refer to  
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April 11, 1947

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have received your telegram of March 6, 1947 with regard to current developments in Palestine. It is regretted it has not been possible to reply to your telegram sooner. You may rest assured that the United States is keeping in close touch with all developments relating to the problem of Palestine and has fully and currently informed the British Government on its attitude concerning the various aspects of that problem.

With regard to the imposition of martial law in Palestine, it is understood that the regime of statutory martial law has now been terminated and that the inhabitants of Palestine are no longer subject to restrictions which this regime required.

On April 2, 1947 the British Government requested the Secretary General to place the question of Palestine on the agenda of the General Assembly at its next regular annual session and also requested the summoning of a special session as soon as possible for the purpose of constituting and instructing a special committee to prepare the question of Palestine for consideration at the regular session in September.

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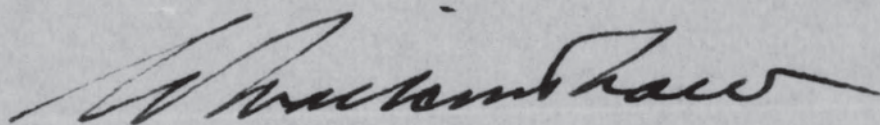
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman,  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.



It would appear that the United Nations will shortly be in a position to consider the question of Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:



Walter Walkinshaw  
Chief, Public Views and  
Inquiries Section  
Division of Public Liaison





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April 12, 1947.

Mr. Harry W. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Harry:

Relative to the letter sent by Irving Miller to Max Nussbaum enclosing a report on Ben Hecht submitted by Yale Goldberg to Sidney Marks, (a copy of which material was sent to me) I send you the following information:

Ben Hecht was sounded out on this matter while in California by his close friend Max Band, one of California's most noted painters, a good Zionist, and nephew of Shmarya Levin.

Hecht has no aversions towards co-operating with the Zionists - provided any reconciliation to be effected ~~must~~ be made with Dr. Silver and his group and not with any other faction - but is not ready for any break with the League whereby he would have to repudiate them. He would prefer to work out some arrangement of cooperation but on what basis is not exactly clear.

If you feel this is worth pursuing further, Hecht can now be reached at Nyack and will probably remain in New York until June. Any approach to Hecht should be made independently by the Zionists and without using the name of Max Band.

I assume Max Nussbaum will send this information to Irving Miller.

Cordially,

Harry Steinberg.

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April 18, 1947

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
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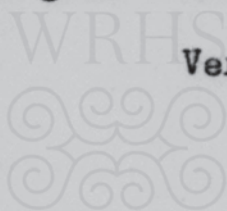
My dear Mrs. Shepard:

I am enclosing a letter which is self-explanatory. Please arrange to send the Kiwanis Club an effective speaker. It is decidedly a well-worthwhile meeting. Please communicate with Mr. Harry Gellin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
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*Rabbi Silver*

April 22, 1947

Mr. Harry Gellin  
2021 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gellin:

Your letter of April 14th, addressed to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, has been referred to this Speakers Bureau of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

We are very pleased to learn that through your kind offices the Kiwanis Clubs of Westlake and North Ridgeville have set aside Friday, May 2nd, 8:50 P.M. for a meeting on the Palestine question. I write to suggest that Baron Hans de Meiss-Toufflen of Switzerland on whom we have received uniformly enthusiastic comments from service clubs, colleges and American Christian Palestine Committee meetings, could be made available to you.

Baron de Meiss-Toufflen is described in the enclosed reprint of a feature article which appeared in the New York Post last Fall. I also send you a glossy photograph and two photo mats which you may wish to provide to the Kiwanis for publicity purposes. We would appreciate your returning to us the attached Speakers Information Form in duplicate for the guidance of the speaker and for our own records. Your early confirmation will indeed be appreciated inasmuch as we are holding May 2nd open on Baron de Meiss-Toufflen's calendar.

Cordially yours,

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April 22, 1947

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Harry  
Gellin is self-explanatory.

You may have heard that Baron Hans de Meiss-  
Teuffen is scheduled to address the American  
Christian Palestine Committee Luncheon in Cleveland  
on Saturday, May 3rd. This Kiwanis date therefore  
ties in with it very conveniently.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Blanche J. Shepard*  
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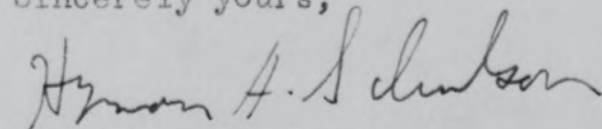
Dear Dr. Silver:

I had lunch today with Rabbi Philip Bernstein, who had just returned from an hour's conference with Dean Acheson and with General Hildring. He described to these gentlemen the situation of the D. P.'s in Europe and urged these gentlemen to do everything in their power to see that the White Paper is abrogated and that the D. P.'s are admitted into Palestine. Rabbi Bernstein suggested to Dean Acheson that the United States Government utilize this opportunity at UN for an interim order to get Great Britain to open the doors of Palestine to further immigration. Dean Acheson told Rabbi Bernstein that in his opinion it would be unwise at the present time to raise the question of immigration in UN. He did not elaborate on this point and Rabbi Bernstein did not press him any further.

Dean Acheson also indicated that he had recently told Moshe Shertok the same thing in a conference he had with him recently. Dean Acheson also told Rabbi Bernstein that he had instructed Mr. Douglas, our Ambassador to Great Britain, to keep on pressing through diplomatic channels for re-opening of the gates of Palestine to increased immigration. Later this afternoon, Rabbi Bernstein is seeing Secretary of War Patterson. He will then fly to Rochester.

Rabbi Bernstein told me that he would be willing to spend the next two or three weeks while in this country to working with UN representatives from European countries, if he is asked by you to do so. I suggest that you telephone Rabbi Bernstein in Rochester on Friday and get from him a complete report of his conversations with Acheson, Hildring, and Patterson.

Sincerely yours,



Hyman A. Schulson

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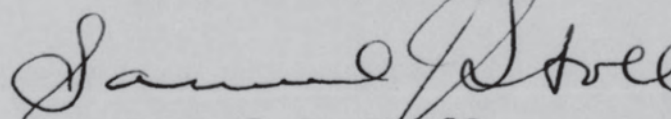
April 24, 1947

Dr. A. Silver  
c/o American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a paper which discloses  
a viewpoint on Partition which I should like, if possible,  
to discuss with you.

Very truly yours,

  
Samuel J. Stoll

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## PLAN FOR A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

1. Neither the Balfour Declaration nor the League of Nations Mandate provides for a Jewish State occupying all of Palestine. Nor does either document provide for a Jewish State occupying a part of Palestine. The Balfour Declaration must be interpreted against the background of the events which preceded it. The original discussions with the British government relating to Palestine dealt with "the only satisfactory solution -- a Jewish Palestine under British protection." The tentative draft of the Balfour Declaration which was approved by the Foreign Office and the Prime Minister and submitted to the war cabinet read in part as follows: "H.M. Government accepts the principle that Palestine should be reconstituted as the national home of the Jewish people." But the Balfour Declaration as finally approved by the war cabinet stated merely that "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish race" and it went on to declare that "nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

A judicial interpretation of the Balfour Declaration may well coincide with the British interpretation of its own Declaration.

2. Reliance on the United Nations for a more favorable interpretation of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate than the British have given to these documents must in the end prove futile. It should be realized that British influence in the United Nations is extremely strong and that the Arab group of representatives to the United Nations are not only in themselves numerically strong, but that they have powerful support on the part of the Latin American representatives with whom they have heretofore voted on matters of mutual interest and on other matters as well. Nor should it be forgotten that even the United States



has at no time espoused the cause of a Jewish State occupying all of Palestine.

3. Nor can we rely on force of arms for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. However heroic the Jewish underground may be, and it is heroic in the highest sense of the term, it cannot prevail against the British occupation forces nor can it prevail against the Arabs.

The British army is well capable of strangling the entire Jewish community in Palestine by the simple expedient of imposing martial law and a strict curfew upon the entire population.

It would not take long before the Jewish community could be starved into submission. And this step is entirely aside and apart from such active military steps as the British army is quite capable of taking in Palestine.

Insofar as the Arabs of Palestine are concerned, perhaps the Jewish armed forces are capable of holding their own and even taking the initiative. But as long as the Jews are engaged in mortal combat with the British, they are certainly in no position to deal with the Arabs. Nor do the Arabs of Palestine stand alone. An armed conflict between the Jews and Arabs of Palestine would transform Palestine into a second Loyalist Spain. The Arab countries surrounding Palestine would undoubtedly pour men and materials into the Palestine Civil War. The very presence in these Arab States of great numbers of Jewish hostages would necessarily preclude Jewish action against the Arabs in Palestine.

Hitler made the mistake of engaging both the East and the West at the same time. The Jews of Palestine must not make the same mistake.



4. We must not think in terms of armed conflict either with the British or with the Arabs. Our efforts should be directed toward an amicable settlement of the Palestine problem. We have tried without success to effect a fair solution of the Palestine problem by negotiations with the Mandatory Power. We have yet to undertake corresponding negotiations with the Arabs of Palestine. Lest we forget, the Arabs of Palestine are in Palestine to stay. The Palestine problem cannot be solved except by agreement with the Palestinian Arabs.

5. The interests of the Jews and the Arabs of Palestine are much more closely aligned than are the interests of the Arabs and the British. British occupation of Palestine is as distasteful to the Arabs as it is to the Jews. And an agreement between the Jews and the Arabs of Palestine would necessarily solve the entire Palestine problem and by the same token it would compel British withdrawal from that country.

We must therefore enter into an amicable settlement of the Palestine problem with the Arabs of Palestine. Not only must we do so, but it is to our best interests to do so.

6. An Arab-Jewish settlement of the Palestine problem requires that both states yield on their respective claims and counterclaims. The Jews cannot consent to the establishment of an Arab State occupying all of Palestine, and the Arabs will not consent to a Jewish State occupying all of Palestine. A so-called democratic state in which the Arabs by virtue of their large population would hold two-thirds of the votes can hardly meet with Jewish approval in the absence of a provision for unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine. The Arabs will not consent to a provision of this kind and they will also not consent to equal representation of the Jews and the Arabs in the government of that state.



7. There remains, therefore, but one possible solution to the Palestine problem and that is partition. A partition agreement which would have a fair chance of success is one which would give to the Jews who constitute one-third of the population of Palestine, one-third of the land of Palestine; and to the Arabs who constitute two-thirds of its population, two-thirds of its land.

8. There are strong signs that influential Arab groups both inside and outside of Palestine are in favor of a settlement of the Palestine problem in terms of partition. Especially should it be noted that the powerful Moslem League of India is in favor of partition in India. Partition of Palestine would constitute a strong precedent in support of partition in India. A partition proposal relative to Palestine should have the support not only of partition-minded Arabs but also of the Moslem League of India. We should actively and energetically seek and develop such support.

9. We must not lose sight of the fact that there are deep cleavages and conflicts among the several Arab states who constitute the Arab League and between the Arab League or some of the members thereof and the Palestinian Arabs. There are also deep cleavages between the several groups of Arabs who comprise the Arabs of Palestine.

10. It must be apparent from the foregoing that the Jews must play the international game of power politics. They are in a strong position to play the game well.

It is not enough to point to Jewish losses and sacrifices in the second World War or to Jewish contributions to the success of the allied arms. Nor is it enough to point to the



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misery and suffering of the Jewish survivors huddled in displaced persons' camps. And it is certainly not enough to plead for a just peace in Palestine and a just settlement of the Palestine problem. Only the weak cry and the more we plead, the more tears we shed, the weaker will be our position. Nor is it enough to reduce our claims in Palestine as by offering to settle the Palestine problem in terms of partition. The less we ask for, the less will we get. And if we reduce our demands to a minimum, we shall have even less than that: We shall have nothing. We must deal with the world on the same terms that the world deals with us, and we shall then succeed in our efforts to establish a Jewish State in Palestine.

11. We must not consider partition solely in terms of our willingness to <sup>be</sup> satisfied with less than the whole of Palestine. A partition offer on our part is an offer to the Arabs of that part of Palestine which we are willing to yield. As has above been indicated, there are several claimants to Palestine, and our offer to yield a part of Palestine to one of these claimants is tantamount to insuring possession of that part of Palestine to that claimant against the claims of the other claimants. We are therefore in a position to give a substantial part of Palestine to that Arab claimant with whom we wish to deal.

12. It is suggested that we first approach the Arabs of Palestine as distinguished from the Arabs who live outside of Palestine and who constitute the Arab League. It is not material that the Mufti is a leader of the Palestinian Arabs. Remember the Stalin deal with Hitler at the time of Munich.



13. Our offer to the Arabs of Palestine should include, if that be deemed necessary, an offer of financial assistance in the form of an outright grant of a substantial sum of money. We expect to raise and spend \$200,000,000 this year for Jewish relief and to further the Zionist cause in Palestine. This sum can also be raised next year and the year thereafter. \$600,000,000 is a very substantial sum of money and not even Great Britain would be willing to subsidize the Arabs of Palestine to such extent. If we can get by with a smaller sum, so much the better. But we should be prepared to pay the larger sum if that be found necessary. In the last analysis our gains would far exceed this cost.

14. Our agreement with the Arabs of Palestine should also provide for joint efforts to reclaim and recover Trans Jordan as an integral part of Palestine, the ultimate purpose being to effect a partition in Trans Jordan corresponding to the partition of Palestine.

15. If it appears that an agreement cannot be effected between the Jews and the Arabs of Palestine, a similar agreement should be sought with other Arab claimants to the soil of Palestine. For example, the King of Trans Jordan has designs on Palestine, and he wishes to form a Greater Syria, including Trans Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and possibly Iraq. At one time it was reported that he was in favor of the partition of Palestine. Although he has recently declared against it, it is quite likely that he would give his approval if he could thereby acquire a substantial part of Palestine which today is denied him.



16. It is evident from the foregoing that there are ways and means of effecting a solution of the Palestine problem without recourse either to Great Britain or to the United Nations.

17. It has been recognized of late that the Palestine problem is not coextensive with the Jewish problem and that therefore a solution of the Palestine problem would not necessarily constitute a solution of all aspects of the Jewish problem. The Zionist leadership has begun to realize that Palestine cannot accommodate all of the Jews who wish to go there or who cannot live normal lives in their present environment. Efforts are being made to improve the station of the Jews in Europe and to facilitate the immigration of Jews into more fortunately situated countries such as the United States. But these measures cannot possibly solve the Jewish problem to the extent that that problem remains unsolved by the solution of the Palestine problem. Although it will be difficult for the Zionist leadership to do so, it must accustom itself to thinking in terms of an autonomous Jewish community outside of Palestine -- not a settlement such as was formed in the Dominican Republic or such as is projected in Dutch Guiana by the Freeland League, but a settlement corresponding in magnitude to the Kenya settlement which Herzl proposed and to the Madagascar settlement which Georges Mandel proposed. An autonomous Jewish community outside of Palestine must not be viewed as a threat to the Zionist cause or as a rival of a Jewish Palestine. It must be evaluated in its true light: as a supplement to Palestine to accommodate those Jews who cannot enter Palestine.



As Zangwill once said, if the Kenya plan had been adopted by the Zionist Congress, the Jewish Kenya which would have resulted would have been in a position to claim and take over the Mandate for Palestine. It could certainly have saved hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of the ten million Jews who were doomed to die in Russian, Polish and Romanian progroms and in Nazi concentration camps. It could most certainly have influenced the Mother Country, England, in favor of a Jewish Palestine. And today it could certainly have voiced the Jewish viewpoint in the United Nations.



Dated: April 23, 1947

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May 1, 1947

Mr. Saul S. Danaceau  
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1560 East 21st Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Danaceau:

You know from the copy of my April 25th letter to Mr. Shepherd L. Witman that Mr. Eleazar Lipsky has been scheduled to participate in a symposium on Palestine planned by the Council on World Affairs, on Monday, May 12th.

We have just received from Mr. Witman a Speakers Information Form advising that Mr. Lipsky will share the platform with Mr. Robert Cass, Vice President of the White Motor Company of Cleveland, who will present the British point of view, and with Mr. Aounay de Jany from the Arab office in Washington, who will present the Arab point of view, and that Mr. Witman will chair the meeting.

We are advised further that each of the three speakers will be allotted twenty minutes for the presentation of his case plus five minutes for rebuttal, and that there will be thirty to forty-five minutes for audience question period.

You can see that our Zionist spokesman will have but five minutes in which to refute forty minutes of anti-Zionist argument, while the opposition will have ten minutes for refuting twenty minutes of the pro-Zionist presentation.

What do you think should be done, if anything? May I suggest that you discuss this with Dr. Silver, who referred this to me over the long distance telephone in the first place.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

BJS:HK

Blanche J. Shepard  
Director



FROM: Solomon Sagall  
851 Madison Avenue  
New York, 21, N. Y.

May 8, 1947

"A BLUEPRINT FOR VICTORY"

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A review of Zionist policy and strategy of recent years is now imperative. We relied on world opinion to open for us the gates of Palestine ... and we failed... Therefore, a radically new approach is required... The time has now come to evolve a new conception of Zionist policy, a policy to embrace in its orbit the Near and Middle East, a policy that would offer the Arabs concrete benefits, and thus - at last - make Zionism acceptable to them....

Now is the time for the Jewish Agency to come forth with such a new constructive plan. A plan dramatic, bold, and grand in its conception. A plan that would have undeniable advantages for our opponents... A plan that should appeal to world imagination, and to the little that is left of world conscience... Presented at the time when confusion -- deliberately created around the Palestine issue -- is greatest, the plan would have to commend itself to the United Nation Inquiry Commission... The right "timing" is all important ... The right time is now...



The following is a basic outline of the plan:

1. The Jewish Agency declares that pending the establishment of the Jewish State, the Jewish Agency is now creating the Palestine and ~~Middle~~ East Reconstruction Organization, an economic instrument which will subsequently be transferred under the control of the Jewish State.

2. The Palestine and ~~Middle~~ East Reconstruction Organization will arrange for the transportation to, and resettlement in, Palestine of all Jewish refugees and displaced persons from Europe, as well as of Jews from Arab countries who desire to immigrate to Palestine.

3. The P. ~~M~~. E. R. Organization will enter into agreement with neighboring Arab States who may desire to absorb Palestinian Arabs and resettle them in their own countries. The organization will finance such voluntary transfers of population, and offer long term financial assistance in connection with such resettlement.

4. The P. ~~M~~. E. R. Organization will offer loans for economic rehabilitation and reconstruction, building up of industry, irrigation, electrification, intensive agriculture, and general raising of the standard of living in such neighboring Arab countries as will sign a treaty of friendship with the Jewish Agency, supporting the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine -- politically, economically, and in every other manner at their disposal.



5. The P./M. E. R. Organization will offer financial assistance for the raising of the cultural, educational, and health levels in such neighboring Arab countries as will by treaty actively support the establishment of the Jewish State.

6. The Capital of the Palestine and ~~Middle~~ East Reconstruction Organization will be three billion dollars.

Note: The transfer of the Jews to, and their settlement in, Palestine, and the transfer of possibly a few hundred thousand Arabs from Palestine, and their settlement in other Arab countries would probably require \$500,000,000. Various irrigation and electrification projects including the Jordan Valley Authority, may require another \$500,000,000. The P. N. E. R. Organization should assume responsibility for the regular annual budget of the Jewish Agency. All this, and financial assistance to the Arab countries, as enumerated under 4. and 5., may over a period of years require another billion dollars. The figure of "3 billion dollars" is recommended, in order to make the project as impressive as possible in the eyes of the Arab world, but activities could, and would commence on the first billion dollars raised. There are valid psychological reasons in favor of a figure almost as large as the American Loan to Britain. We need a large sum in order to show the Arabs that we are willing to spend money in the Near East on a scale that Britain could not and America would not do today.

7. The American tax payer is not now in a mood to provide funds for a foreign cause, however noble. Requests for a loan from the American Government would lead to weeks and months of debate in Congress. A smaller sum perhaps in the amount of 250 to 300 million dollars, might ultimately be granted, but such



a smaller sum would not be impressive enough for the objectives in mind. The larger sum is necessary to kindle world and Arab imagination, and to convince them that what the Jews have in mind is nothing less than to turn the centuries old desert of the near and middle east into one of the prosperous areas of the globe.

8. The three billion dollars would have to be raised by P. *M*. E. R. Organization in the form of a loan for say ... 100 years. The loan to be guaranteed by the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi, while provision would be made for the Jewish State when established to take over the ultimate liability for repayment of the loan. Jewish communities throughout the world, would be asked to act as co-guarantors for the loan.

9. Under no circumstances would I suggest asking the United Nations to guarantee the loan, because even if they would, they would then be in control of the situation, and of the funds. "He who pays the piper calls the tune."

It is my conviction that the P. *M*. E. R. Organization will be the decisive means towards an early establishment of a Jewish State, and in order to achieve this, absolute control of the Jewish Agency over the purse strings is essential. On the establishment of the Jewish State, the latter will assume control of the P. *M*. E. R. O.



10. Three billion dollars amortized over 100 years means repayment at the rate of 30 million dollars a year, as far as principal is concerned. The question of interest would have to be considered. The United Jewish Appeal raised last year the sum of approximately 100 million dollars, and at least a similar amount is likely to be raised this year. I am of the opinion that the annual repayment of the principal - as well as of interest, if any - would not be too formidable a task.

11. The United Jewish Appeal should, and no doubt would, play the leading part in raising the loan now, and later on the annual obligations under the loan.

The Palestine Jewish Community, and ultimately the Jewish State, would similarly make an annual contribution towards the annual obligations, while Jewish communities in other parts of the world, particularly in the British Empire, would be called upon to contribute annual quotas.

12. There is no doubt whatsoever that this plan would appeal to the more enlightened part of the Christian world. With proper organization the Pro-Palestine Christian bodies all over the world would help in the raising of the loan.

No doubt a sympathetic resolution could be passed by the Congress of the United States. Governors and legislatures of the various states of the Union would be approached to pass favorable resolutions and spearhead campaigns in their states on a quota basis.



With efficient publicity, Jews and Non-Jews alike would participate in making the Palestine Liberation Loan a success. Non-Jews would consider it a privilege to share in one of the worlds greatest constructive efforts towards the political and economic re-establishment of the Jews in their ancient homeland, and the economic rehabilitation of the areas bordering on the crossroads of civilization.

Three billions may seem a large sum, but if 200 million dollars can be raised over a period of two years for charity, then it should be possible to raise a sum fifteen times larger -- from Jews and Non-Jews alike, the world over -- for one of the greatest constructive tasks humanity has ever witnessed.

I do not propose in the course of this memorandum, to enter into the organizational, financial, economic, or political aspects of the plan. A complete and comprehensive "blueprint for victory" would have to be worked out with the aid of experts in the various fields.

The plan would not please the Mufti, and some of the more fanatical elements in Palestine, and neighboring countries. That, however, is where a program of well conceived propoganda in the Arab countries is now required. We have to counteract the concept of an "Arab League" with the concept of a "Semitic League". Let's make clear to the world at large, and to the Arabs in particular, that the Jews -- a Semitic people -- who have already materially raised the standard of living of the Palestinian Arab to a level higher than that in any other neighboring Arab country, are now going to perform the same service for the Arabs in other countries.



Money is a powerful factor at all times, particularly so in dealing with oriental peoples. The dazzling billions at the disposal of the P.**M.** E. R. Organization, would make Zionism palatable to the vast majority of the Arabs. The Arab non-oil-producing countries are looking with envy upon their richer neighbors, and would not fail to see the financial gains to be obtained from cooperating with the now "rich Jewish cousin". The masses and intelligensia of even the richer oil-producing Arab countries, would find it advantageous to cooperate with the P.**M.** E. R. Organization, since the oil royalties flow only into the pockets of a privileged few.

For the first time since the Balfour Declaration, the Jews will have something concrete to offer to the Arabs -- gold -- and not Zionist Congress resolutions of sympathy; the Arabs -- for the first time since the Balfour Declaration, will see direct and immediate benefits, and not merely promises for the future -- from working with the Zionists instead of against them. Arab intelligensia will find lucrative openings for themselves in this new set-up, and no doubt the P.**M.** E. R. O. will make a point of engaging Arab lawyers, doctors, engineers, etc., in the regional offices which will be established as soon as the organization starts functioning.

The political boundaries of the Jewish State are outside the scope of this letter. At the very minimum it should be the whole of Palestine west of the Jordan. Personally, I am in favor of the Jewish Agency now declaring, once more, that the separation



of Trans-Jordan was one of the innumerable breaches of the Mandate, and demanding that the Jewish State should comprise both sides of the Jordan. The Jewish Agency should declare that a separate puppet Trans-Jordan State of some 350,000, mostly illiterate Arabs is a joke which the British Government is trying to impose upon the United Nations. However, it should be quite possible to make a deal between the Jewish Agency and the Emir Abdulla, under which he would undertake to support a Jewish State incorporating both sides of the Jordan, in return for which he should retain a spiritual chieftainship over Trans-Jordan Arabs, and the P. N. E. R. O. would continue to pay Abdulla the same annual salary that he now receives from the British, if, and so long as, he behaves.

The plan should satisfy all those members of the United Nations who have no personal axe to grind.

The plan should satisfy the United States. The oil interests may have to be cultivated, and reassured.

The plan ~~might~~ satisfy, if skillfully handled, Soviet Russia and her satellites.

With an intelligent publicity campaign, the plan should win the support of India.

The plan would not satisfy the British Government, British Imperialists, and British Colonial Administrators. A special propoganda campaign will have to be evolved.

On the one hand we must continue attacking the British Labor Government for breaking its own pre-election pledges and promises, and on the other hand, we ought to appeal to the conscience of the British people, to save the remnants of European



Jewry, and open immediately the doors of Palestine. Simultaneously it must be impressed upon the British that Palestine is going to be costly to them in men and money, and that a settlement with the Jews would be the most prudent policy.

Without going into details, I believe that the time should now be ripe for a series of broadcasts to England from neutral European countries by Zionist leaders, and for a visit by representative delegation of American Jewish and Non-Jewish leaders to all of the large cities in England. "A Jewish State in Palestine is Britain's best friend and a guarantee for British security in the Near East", should be the slogan of the campaign.

Generally speaking, an immediate gigantic propoganda and publicity campaign, practically on a global scale, handled in different ways, to meet different situations, in different countries, will have to be undertaken in the next several months to come, in conjunction with, and as a part of the "blueprint for victory". I am not going into the details of what would constitute an effective campaign. The next several months may decide Jewish History for generations to come. Let's therefore, coordinate all our efforts, let's concentrate all our propoganda resources, let's mobilize all the funds that we can now muster for a dramatic all-round campaign in the next several months.

The adoption by the Jewish Agency of this "Blueprint for Victory", at this juncture, would have a salutary effect on the United Nations and its Inquiry Commission. It will prove conclusively to the world that whatever the outcome of this 19th Palestine Commission of Inquiry, the Jews are inexorably determined



to go ahead with the building of the Jewish State, and that no power on earth will stop them. The dogged determination of the Jews to get Palestine and the consequent inevitability of the Jewish State, may be decisive factors with the U. N. Inquiry Commission, in making recommendations, and with the United Nations in adopting the recommendations.

The plan if adopted by the Jewish Agency would raise the prestige of the Agency in the eyes of the Non-Jewish world. No less important is gain in prestige with the Jews themselves. Small and irresponsible groups have cashed in, in this country, in recent years on public support and sentiment, because of lack of drive and aggressiveness on the part of official Zionism, and the Jewish Agency as its spokesman. It is not too late, for the Agency -- by a bold and imaginative stroke -- to regain lost prestige and influence.



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May 9, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

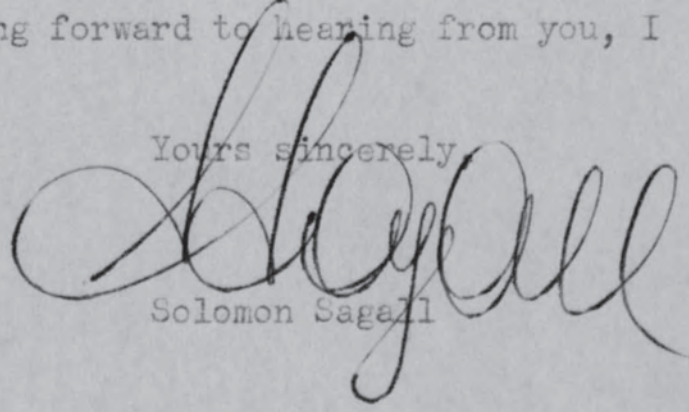
It isn't easy for an outsider, lacking necessarily in up-to-date information, to give competent advice. One sometimes feels in the position of our ancestors in Eastern Europe, who used to sit "ב'אמרי" in the Synagogue and settle world affairs. I consider, however, the plan formulated in the enclosed memorandum, of such decided importance, as not to have the right to remain silent.

I suggest that the Jewish Agency appoint forthwith a committee to examine the plan in all its aspects. Following the old maxim of "אין אדם ערנא", "אין אדם ערנא", I will be pleased to serve on such a committee.

I am forwarding copies of the memorandum to Mr. Ben-Gurion and a few other members of the Executive.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

  
Solomon Sagall



May 12, 1947

Mr. Samuel J. Stoll  
24 West 40th Street  
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stoll:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 24 and for the plan for a Jewish State in Palestine which you sent me. I read your manuscript with a great deal of interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President  
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was certainly delighted with your kind note of May 12 in answer to mine prior to your appearance before the UN. I did not really expect an answer, I merely wanted to have been one of the many who are most eager to hold up the hands of our great leaders.

I knew intuitively that you would be called upon to speak, and thank God that you were and we are delighted that you were the first to present our case and I was thrilled to see how your address was featured throughout the country--the New York Times gave it in full and the Yiddish papers outdid themselves in the presentation of your address. The reaction has been superb throughout the land; your appearance was a most historic occasion for the history of our movement and the history of our people. It is certainly a glorious development of our case before world public opinion to see how far our movement has advanced from the visionary dreams of Herzl and Judenstaat to the actual presentation of the crying need of our people for a State as formulated incontrovertibly by your own good self.

It has been a joy to see the reaction, especially as this morning's press announced the turn of Russia by the address of Gromyko. Apparently it seems to be clear that the committee cannot help but bring in the demand for a Jewish State in Palestine, whether England likes it or not, especially since Russia is now on record as being in favor of it. This eliminates all would-be fear of the Soviets by the so-called Anglo-British block which the British have played upon since the end of the war, and no doubt your firm convincing and powerful statement must have made a tremendous impression on all members of the UN including powerful Russia.



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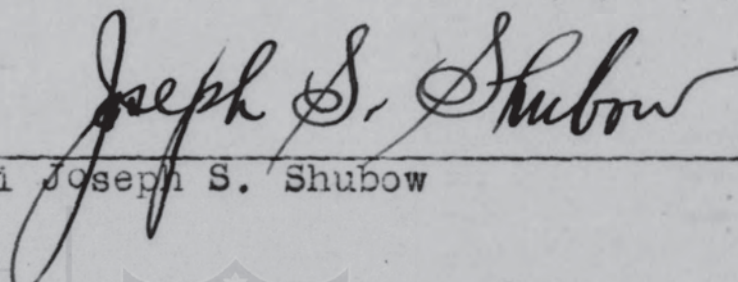
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Let the Arabs squirm and squeak; it was a riot to see recorded in the press that Moshe Shertok's reference to the Mufti's <sup>being</sup> a murderer and accomplice of Hitler was countered by the statement that the Jews killed Christ! Could there be anything more hideous or hypocritical than to have the head of a Mohammedan State defend the sanctity of Christdom against Israel! (sic!).

These are certainly extraordinary days, <sup>we hope</sup> be-Ezrath ha-Shem, that out of it all there will undoubtedly emerge Mamle Keth Yehudah, and your children and your children's children will be proud to know that you have been one of its great architects. Shalom ve-hatzlalah.

Ever cordially and devotedly yours,

  
Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

Please do not bother answering this letter. I know how you are pressed for time in answering the endless letters that must come to you.



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May 22, 1947

Mrs. Blanche J. Shepard  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Dr. Silver requested me to send you  
the enclosed letter from Rabbi Moses Leiter.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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June 2, 1947

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

Dear Miss Kline:

Your letter of May 22nd to Mrs. Shepard  
arrived in her absence from New York.

As soon as Mrs. Shepard returns from  
the Highland Park Seminar, it will be called  
to her attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Harriet Klotz*  
Secretary to Mrs. Shepard

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June 5, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You probably have heard the name of Hans de Meiss-Teuffen of Switzerland (the Baron) who, since last January, has covered a great part of the country under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Christian Palestine Committee. Reports from our Zionist and Christian contacts have been so uniformly enthusiastic as to permit us to describe the Baron's peregrinations as a "triumphal tour".

Recently he told me that he was thinking of going back to Palestine for fresh material. It was his intention to go back via his thirty-four foot yawl, which means that we would have no guarantee as to the date of his return, which should be no later than October 1st if we are to begin advertising and scheduling him. The Baron is our most colorful personality among the new people we have been developing. Naturally, we would like to have him stay on with a view to doing an intensive job next season.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Tuvim, Dean LeSourd and Dr. Voss. All recommend that the Baron dry-dock his yawl for the time being and use commercial means of travel. The program for his activities would be, first, go to Switzerland where he has good contacts, where he could meet with Rappard (whom he knows), and where he could carry on for the Agency and for the World Christian Committee. Dean LeSourd has some definite ideas as to how Baron de Meiss-Teuffen could be helpful in Switzerland, as well as in France, Belgium and Holland.

I have been in touch with some of Shlomo's friends and they will try to facilitate his passage to Palestine via a European port. In the event that passage on Shlomo's boat would not materialize, the Baron would have to either fly or take a commercial vessel to Palestine, where we feel that several months stay and observation would return him to us more valuable than ever.

We hope that you will approve of this program and that you will authorize the following expenditures: First, round-trip passage to be paid by the Agency, about \$1,000 (less, if Shlomo's boat comes through). Maintenance, \$50 a week, to be borne by the Emergency Council.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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June 5, 1947

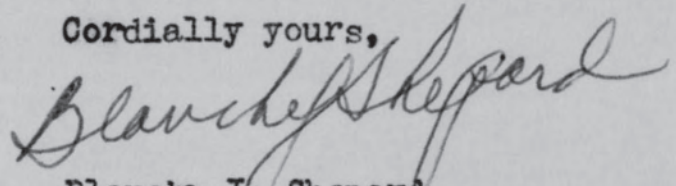
If you approve,--when the Baron returns we plan to use him, first, for American Christian Palestine Committee and general public relations. Second, Zionist Organization of America groups. Third, for Shlomo's program.

Mr. Tuvim, who has authorized me to write this letter to you, has been kind enough to affix his signature below.

Your early reply would, indeed, be appreciated.

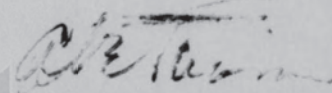
With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Blanche J. Shepard  
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June 11, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I heard from Mr. MacMurray, Senator Wagner's secretary, that Frieda Kirchwey of the Nation yesterday had a luncheon meeting at the Senate with Senators Chavez, Green, Hatch, Magnuson, McGrath, McMahon, Murray, O'Connor, O'Mahoney, Pepper, and Taylor, and Congressmen Celler and Helen Gahagan Douglas, and Miss Lillie Schultz and Miss Madeline Karr of the Nation, and a Mr. Rosenblatt. The meeting was called by Senator Murray at the suggestion of Frieda Kirchwey. They discussed the Palestine question and possible action to be taken by the Senators present. I was told that the group decided to send a Senatorial delegation headed by Senator Murray to see either the President or the Secretary of State regarding American policy on Palestine.

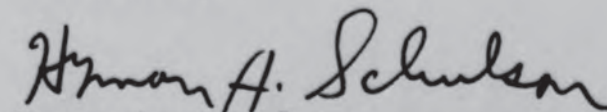
I tried to ascertain from Mr. Manson whether the American Zionist Emergency Council of New York had anything to do with this meeting or knew about it, and he told me that they had no knowledge, but that it was possibly instigated by the Jewish Agency.

I suggest that a complete report be secured from Frieda Kirchwey regarding the decisions reached at this meeting, and that she be advised what our position is and what we would want to have her ask the Senators to do.

Certainly both Mr. Sack and I should have known about this meeting in advance, for we could have suggested other important Senators who would have attended and could have been very useful. I do not know how much control you have over the situation, but there certainly should have been better coordination between whomever was behind this meeting and the Washington office of the Emergency Council.

I trust that you have seen the letter we succeeded in getting Senator Wagner to send to Secretary Marshall regarding the publication of the State Department documents on the Mufti. It appears in the June 11th issue of the New York Herald Tribune, page 6, and has received excellent national publicity.

Sincerely,

  
Hyman A. Schulson

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June 13, 1947

Mr. Hyman A. Schulson  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
1706 G Street N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Mr. Schulson:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 11. We knew nothing of the meeting, and I have requested Mr. Lourie of the Agency Office to obtain for me from Miss Kirchwey a detailed report of the meeting.

I am very happy that you succeeded in getting the letter from Senator Wagner on the subject of the Mufti. I hope that we shall be able to smoke out the State Department on this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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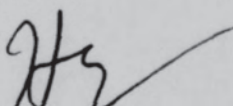
June 20, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is the latest revised draft of  
the Palestine Resolution by Congressman Javits.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Hyman A. Schulson.



# American Zionist Emergency Council

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Sulgrave Hotel  
40 East 67th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mazel Tov!

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your great and courageous leadership in bringing about the fulfillment of what we have prayed for for two thousand years.

It has been a great privilege for me to work under your command, and I want you to know how deeply I feel about our close relationship in our work. I am thankful that I have had an opportunity to contribute my little bit to the creation of the State of Israel. You have been a source of great inspiration to me.

I hope that you will find it possible to write letters of thanks to the following people in Washington who have contributed substantially in helping us to achieve our objectives:

Senator Owen Brewster  
" Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.  
" J. Howard McGrath  
" Brien McMahon  
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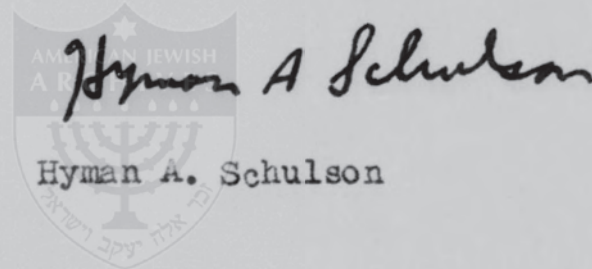
You may be interested to know that Max Lowenthal was very useful during the last few critical days, and is one of President Truman's most trusted Jewish friends.

I am enclosing copies of letters I received from some Senators and Congressmen, which I am sure will interest you.

The above names I listed are the more important ones who really pitched for us during the last few critical days.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,



Hyman A. Schulson

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# *I Have Seen the Exodus*

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*Conclusions on  
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In these two editorials from PM, I. F. Stone, Washington correspondent of that paper and THE NATION, probes to the heart of the Palestine situation today. His conclusions are made memorable not only by his understanding of the political factors involved but by his unique knowledge of the human aspects—knowledge gained by the participation in an "illegal" journey to Palestine made by a representative group of European Jewish "DPs" early this summer. These editorials followed upon a series of articles describing that journey in telling detail.



*PM, August 28, 1946*

## "Yet a Remnant of Them Shall Return."

*•Isaiah x:22*

WHEN I reached Cairo after leaving Palestine I had luncheon with a group of friends I had made on my previous trip to the Middle East. The conversation turned, of course, to Palestine and the Jewish problem. Some of my friends have the Arab point of view, some the British. Some favored one supposed solution, some another. I found myself curiously uninterested in all their talk.

I had begun to feel like a DP myself on my underground trip to Palestine, and I found myself reacting like a DP during that luncheon debate. In presenting these conclusions to my trip, I hope I may be par-



doned if—in taking leave of a memorable journey and memorable comrades—I speak first as one of them.

For my comrades, for the Jews waiting in the DP camps of Germany and Austria, for the Jews fleeing across the borders of eastern and central Europe from new persecution, there is no longer a problem. Palestine is not a matter of theory.

Have they any choice? Is any country opening its doors to them? Has anything come of the endless conferences on refugees—the months of talk before the war, when many of the dead 6,000,000 might still have been saved; the endless negotiations and investigations since, when there are so few left?

Not all my comrades were heroes or idealists. Many of them would prefer life in a settled country like America or England to the hardships and struggle of the frontier in *Eretz*. But for most of them, Pales-



tine is not merely the one possibility for a new life, is not merely a place of refuge, but *the country to which they want to go*. I met people in the DP camps and I talked with people on the boat who had relatives and affidavits for the U. S. A., but were going to Palestine instead.

Is this so hard to understand? They have been kicked around as Jews and now they want to live as Jews. Over and over again, I heard it said: "We want to build a Jewish country . . . We are tired of putting our sweat and blood into places where we are not welcome . . . We have wandered enough." These Jews want the right to live as a people, to build as a people, to make their contribution to the world as a people. Are their national aspirations any less worthy of respect than those of any other oppressed people?

I paid tribute in my series to the vitality I found among these, my brethren from the East. What is the source of this vitality and strength?



The source is twofold. The first lies in the Zionist idea, in this romantic dream of a Viennese journalist in the late nineteenth century, the dream of a Return. This has given them a goal, their lives a purpose, their shattered selves a focal point around which to reintegrate their personalities and to recover their moral health.

The second source of their strength is simpler. It is that lack of alternative to which I have already referred.

“For us,” one of my friends said to me on shipboard, “Palestine is the last stop. We can go no further.” They have nothing to lose, hardly life itself—for life for Jews in Poland and Rumania and Hungary today is too precarious to be worth much, and life in the DP camps is hardly life at all, but a kind of waiting day after day in an open grave, from which one may or may not arise.



Such people, in such a mood, are not easily defeated. They who knew the SS are not terrified by the British. They who saw the gas chambers are not frightened by a naval blockade. They are going to *Eretz*.

I say here what I said in private to Azzam Bey Pasha, head of the Arab League, over coffee in Cairo. I did not say it in defiance, for I respect Azzam Bey, and I would far rather deal with that Arab statesman and patriot on behalf of the Jews than with Ernest Bevin. I said it as a simple statement of fact when he asked what I thought of the current situation: "*Nothing will stop the people I traveled with from rebuilding a great Jewish community in Palestine.*"

That, for me, is the Conclusion No. 1 I brought back from my trip.



*PM, August 29, 1946*

## "They Have Taken Crafty Counsel Against Thy People."

*\*Plsams LXXXIII: 3*

I CAME back convinced that the Jewish people can expect nothing whatsoever from the British government except disappointment, betrayal and attack. I say that with apologies to the good friends the cause of the DPs and of Palestine has in each of the three British parties in England and even among British officialdom in the Middle East.

I want to set down in all soberness the simple statement that the British Empire is now waging a war designed to smash what the Jews have accomplished in Palestine and to break the hearts of the homeless in the DP camps and elsewhere by shutting off their one hope—the so-called illegal immigration.



I say so-called illegal immigration because the only right Britain has to the control of Palestine and Transjordan lies in a League of Nations mandate and a separate treaty with the United States giving Britain temporary trusteeship in order to establish a Jewish national home. To bar Jews from the Holy Land is to violate the mandate and the treaty.

I would not be reporting accurately if I left the impression that any such legalistic argument lies behind the determined migration of my old comrades across dangerous frontiers and blockaded seas. The British foreign office may consider this another bit of stubborn Jewish foolishness but Jews—who have long historical memories—instinctively think of Palestine as a place in which they have rights older than a League of Nations mandate, embodied in a document which Christian Britain respects, though sometimes only on Sunday.



When I was in Jerusalem, I was told in one of the best informed sources in the Middle East that the British military had drawn up a three-part plan which was to culminate—if sufficient excuse could be found—in an offensive operation designed to smash Jewish settlements and cities. One high British military official told a Jewish leader frankly—I assure the reader this is not gossip—, “The world took the killing of six millions Jews and if we have to destroy half of Tel Aviv, the world will take that, too.”

The British are too humane a people to send the Jews of Europe to gas chambers as the Nazis did, but their government can be very cruel in an absent-minded and complacent way when the supposed needs of the Empire are at stake. The British government doesn't intend to kill the homeless Jews of Europe—it just wants to destroy their hopes, but that amounts to the same thing in the end. As one Jewish ex-par-



tisan said to me on shipboard, "The Germans killed us. The British don't let us live."

The British are not playing a pro-Arab game. I have heard the amused contempt with which British officials in Cairo react to talk of Arab aspirations. The British are trying to build an alliance with the Moslem upper classes in the Middle East against the Soviet Union, and also against France and the United States. They want to keep the whole area under their control and they are prepared to sacrifice not only the Jews but the Christian minorities of the East in that program.

I am not making demagogic flourishes. I know how fearful the Christian minorities in Egypt, the Lebanon and Iraq are of present British policy.

The Moslem upper class on the whole—with the exception of some far-sighted men—share with the British:



¶ The phobia about the USSR.

¶ Fear of unrest among the miserable Arab masses, and,

¶ Dislike for the modern ideas and methods brought to the ancient East by the returning Jews.

The British are shrewder than the pashas and the effendis. The British realize the need for development in the East. But development is now only possible with American capital and they want to keep the Middle East as their private preserve. Developments also would antagonize the reactionary ruling class elements who are the only allies the British can muster. One distinguished British oriental expert said to me, "If we urge social reform of the effendis, they will say, 'What difference is there, then, between you and the Bolsheviks?' "

The clue to this aspect of British policy is that instead of asking an American loan to develop the Jordan Valley and water possibilities



in Egypt, Syria and Iraq, they are asking us to provide a \$300,000,000 loan for the Arab potentates who rule those countries. There are no more corrupt rulers in the world today and the money will go straight into their private treasuries. This is the politics of "baksheesh."

The British government wants the Middle East to remain an area of backwardness, a territory of "natives" and "native rulers" whom they can handle in the traditional way. They want Palestine to be their military base in the Middle East, and they offer freedom neither to the Arabs nor the Jews. They who pride themselves on sportsmanship and gallantry are prepared to use overwhelming force—as they did last Monday when they ludicrously mobilized 5,000 troops with tanks against the 160 villagers (50 of them children) in S'doth Yam, near Haifa.



I know the Jews of Palestine and I know how they must have chuckled at the unconscious tribute to their bravery and fighting power. The world will yet see that this is a struggle from which Britain will emerge with shame, but not with victory.



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