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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you as chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council to call to your attention a situation which I and many like me believe to be wrought with great peril to our entire Zionist movement.

We feel that our appearance before the United Nations under the conditions under which we are appearing is placing our entire position in jeopardy in that no reservations were made officially or semi-officially by the World Zionist Congress or the Jewish Agency to any decision that might be reached by the said United Nations.

You are undoubtedly aware that both Great Britain and the Arab League have made such official reservations, and in the absence of reservations on the part of the Jewish people it would appear that we would be bound by any decision that the U. N. would make in the matter.

This seems to be the view of many prominent lawyers and statesmen with whom I have discussed the matter from its legal implications.

From the moral or public relations stand point, it would also appear that we would have to accept an unfavorable decision no matter what same might be, because we asked for the hearing and decision by the UN; apparently we received a very fair hearing in that the Jewish Agency, a non-governmental agency, was permitted to appear and testify, and careful hearings were held in Palestine and elsewhere. To 90% of the Christian world any refusal to accept such an unfavorable decision in view of the record would appear to be welching or squealing on our part.

My dear Rabbi, it seems to me and to many others that we dare not permit ourselves to be placed in such position. We must reserve our rights in advance of a decision, since both Great Britain and the Arab League have already announced that they will not accept a position unfavorable to their view point. It must be understood clearly by the responsible Jewish authorities that the United Nations can only decide to carry out and implement and enlarge the Jewish rights, but that there is no authority in the world, Jewish or non-Jewish, that can deprive the Jewish people of that to which they are entitled both under the laws of God and man. I think this is obvious and failure



to do so in due time might lead to grave consequences for the future.

I have discussed this matter with many of our leading Zionists and it was upon their suggestion that I am addressing this letter to you as head of the Zionist Emergency Council. Won't you please give this matter your early consideration and please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience both as to your own reaction and as to what disposition the Zionist Emergency Council has made of this recommendation.

With Zionist greetings, and assuring you of the high personal esteem and regard in which I and millions of fellow Americans hold you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nathan H. Brodsky





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October 28, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that the Liberal Union of Princeton University has extended an invitation to you to be a guest speaker at any of its Forum meetings you could conveniently accept. Doubtless you are aware that Princeton University is one of the centers of the Arab League, whose chief spokesman, Professor Hitti, has exercised considerable influence on faculty as well as students. Not only liberal Christians, but also many of our Jewish students have become converted to the Arab cause.

I feel that your presence here would not only effectively present some phase of the Zionist ideology which would counter-effect the pro-Arab bias, but would serve the general Jewish cause at Princeton, also. You may know, Dr. Silver, that Princeton has traditionally admitted very few Jews. Only recently has its admission policy become more generous. This year it has even sanctioned the establishment of a Hillel unit, known here as the Student Hebrew Association.

I know that you would attract a wide audience, including faculty, students, and townspeople of Princeton, and, apart from enlightening them on the Zionist issue, you would find your experience here a stimulating and rewarding one. The Liberal Union, incidentally, has had speakers of national repute in the past, among them prominent senators and distinguished scholars. We should therefore be delighted to have an illustrious Jewish representative included in their list.

Trusting that you will be able to accept this invitation, I remain with all good wishes,

Most cordially yours,

*Saul Kraft*

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May 19, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mazel Tov. Israel owes you an inestimable debt of gratitude and I am one of those who would like you to know personally that I share that sense of indebtedness.

I quite agree with you that the fight is still on and we should do everything possible in Chicago to support you in that fight. While I am writing to you I should like to make a suggestion. Many men may claim credit for their part in securing formal recognition by Truman but I do know that Colonel Arvey in response to my request acted immediately to persuade the President. His letter which included a withdrawal from his own opposition to the President must have played a great part in bringing forth the President's statement. I am sure that a personal note from you to him expressing official Zionist appreciation of the immeasurable role that he played, would be greatly appreciated.

Senator Lucas of our state was also moved by Colonel Arvey to intercede with the President for us. A note to Senator Lucas telling him of our appreciation for his help will mean a great deal for our cause. Once again heartiest congratulations and may you soon see peace established in our State.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*Morton M. Berman*

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June 6, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 E. 66th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the annual convention of Bnai Zion, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 19, 20 and 21, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Bnai Zion sends its greetings to our militant leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as chairman of the American Jewish Congress and as chairman of the Jewish Agency, has very much to do with the course of Zionist policy and as chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Emanuel Neuman, and sincerely for their selfless work for our cause."

*Jacob Ish-Kishor*  
Jacob Ish-Kishor  
Secretary



July 9, 1948

Mr. Harry A. Pine, President  
B'nai Zion  
220 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of June 6th conveying the resolution which was adopted by the B'nai Zion at its Annual Convention in Atlantic City. I need not tell you that I am profoundly grateful for the sentiments expressed in that resolution. It is heartening to have such words of encouragement, and it strengthens one for the hard work which lies ahead. Please convey to all the officers and members of the B'nai Zion my warmest greetings and good wishes.

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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