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

## MEMORANDUM

**To** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**Date** July 28, 1947

**From** Eliahu Ben-Horin

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I am not sure whether you saw Buxton's letter which accompanied his message for the mass demonstration. I enclose a copy of it as well as a copy of my reply.

My very best regards.

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Harbor View Hotel, Inc.

Gloucester, Massachusetts

July 22, 1947.

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin,--I am a trifle tardy, I am afraid, but I was not able to get to the job until this morning. It's longer, I think, that you care for, but you are at liberty to trim it as much as you care to. I have not said in the opus that I am speaking for the Anglo-American Committee. I have no such sanction. But I am positive that each of my five colleagues would give it his blessing. If a statement to that effect would be of any benefit, go to it!

I hope that I shall see you soon in Boston or Gloucester. The weather here is delightful, the surroundings would please you and I can promise you an enjoyable period if you come.

A letter from Crum this morning suggests a gathering of the A.A. Committee and a proclamation by Judge Hutcheson.

My best to you and to Rabbi Silver.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank W. Buxton

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July 28, 1947

(EBH letterhead)

Mr. Frank W. Buxton  
Harbor View Hotel, Inc.  
Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Buxton:

I hope you will forgive the delay in my answering your letter of July 22nd, which accompanied your admirable message. I was on my vacation which ended this morning.

There is an old Hebrew expression "Meat Hamakhzik Et Hamrubeh". In plain English, it means: "The little that contains much". It is supposed to be the highest praise for the ability to express a great deal in a few words. I thought of this expression when I read your message to the New York demonstration. You did not speak officially for the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, but unofficially you spoke, I am sure, for every decent American and every decent Christian on the earth. Many thanks for responding so kindly and so wholeheartedly to our request.

This week I shall be busy clearing up my desk after several weeks of vacation, but I hope to be able to visit with you in Gloucester early next week. I shall contact you before hand to make sure that the time of my visit meets with your convenience.

With my very best regards to you and Mrs. Buxton,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

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# American Zionist Emergency Council

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July 29, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o Dr. Greenberg  
R.F.D. #1  
Northport, Long Island.

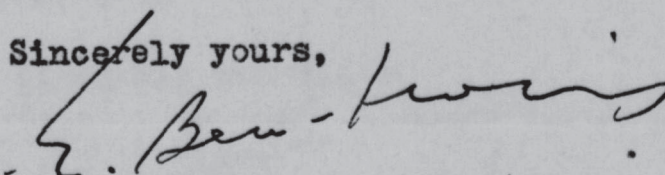
Dear Dr. Silver:

Yesterday Sidney Herold phoned me from Shreveport asking me whether I would accept to be the main speaker at the convention of the Southwest Region of the ZOA, which will take place in Shreveport, Louisiana, on August 31st and September 1st. After I accepted the invitation, Herold went on to say that a good many of our oil men, who participated in the St. Louis Conference, will attend the convention, and that we shall try to have a private discussion of the oil developments there. To this I gladly consented.

I wanted you to know this. You will be out of the country by then, but if you have any suggestions for our oil discussion, kindly let me know.

With my very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Eliahu Ben-Horin

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August 11, 1947

(EBH letterhead)

Mr. Frank W. Buxton  
Harbor View Hotel  
Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Buxton:

Many thanks to you and Mrs. Buxton for your hospitality. I greatly enjoyed my visit with you, and I wish I could have prolonged it. Upon my return to New York, I visited Dr. Silver yesterday in Long Island, where he and his family spend their summer vacation, and had a long talk with him, giving him a complete account of the conversations which I had with you, and Mr. Welles and Mr. Feis. He was, of course, greatly interested.

I forgot to give you the copy of the last issue of the Commonweal containing Dr. Awad's article on the Lebanon. I now enclose it with this letter. I also enclose a copy of that quotation from the English magazine of Hartley Grattan's article in Harper's, which I mentioned to you. I hope that you will agree that this quotation is a masterpiece.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the book ONE HOUR OF JUSTICE by Cecil Alport. This is the book by the British professor of medicine in Egypt of which I told you. I am sure you will find it of interest.

I will say this much about the piece I borrowed from you. The author is undoubtedly a very intelligent man. It is about the most sound and well-thought out summary of the problem which I have read in a long time. This I say regardless of whether I agree or disagree with his unvoiced conclusions.

With my very best regards to you and Mrs. Buxton,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Elisha Ben-Horin

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August 11, 1947

(EBH letterhead)

Hon. Sumner Welles  
Bar Harbor,  
Maine.

Dear Mr. Welles:

Upon my return to New York, I spent a few hours with Dr. Silver yesterday in Long Island. I gave him a full account of our conversation. He was, of course, greatly interested. Should you hear from Norman Armour, in reply to your letter, before Dr. Silver leaves for Europe (this coming Saturday, August 16th), he would very much like to know the trend of his thoughts on Palestine.

Both Dr. Silver and I feel very gratified at your response to the "Middle East Trends" project. You will be interested to know that Herbert Fels and Frank Buxton, whom I visited after leaving Bar Harbor, wholeheartedly approved of the project and promised their cooperation. Dr. Silver will return from Europe on October 10th, and the luncheon in New York which I discussed with you will probably take place late in October or early in November, prior to your departure for Europe.

I read in today's Tribune the announcement of your column of tomorrow, and I look forward to reading it. Judging by what you told me, it will be a welcome word of sanity in an otherwise insane situation. I enclose a reprint of Dr. Silver's statement which you wanted to read.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and with my very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

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(EBH letterhead)

August 11, 1947

Mr. Herbert Feis  
York Village,  
Maine.

Dear Mr. Feis:

As you see, I am back in New York - without any additional adventures worth mentioning. To complete my tour of resorts, after visiting Frank W. Suxton for a few hours on Saturday, I spent Sunday with Dr. Silver in Long Island where he and his family are vacationing. I gave him a full account of the conversations I had with you, Sumner Welles and Frank Suxton. He was, of course, very much interested.

With regard to Lovett, Dr. Silver thought that the best thing to do would be for you first to talk to him, and then, if you will, introduce me to him so that I could call on him in order to discuss the Palestine problem. Dr. Silver thought, and I agree with him, that your talk with Lovett will have a good softening up effect. He will undoubtedly talk to you more frankly than to a complete stranger like me.

As promised I enclose a reprint of Dr. Silver's statement which you wanted to read. I also attach a reprint of a quotation from the English magazine mentioned in Hartley Grattan's article, to which I referred. This quotation is a masterpiece.

Many thanks to you and Mrs. Feis for your hospitality and my very best regards to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Klisha Ben-Morin

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Kindly hold this for Dr. Silver's attention  
upon his return from Europe.

## MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

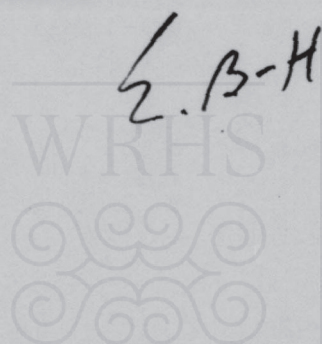
Date August 18, 1947

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

I know that you are no admirer of Dr. Taraknath Das. I am, therefore, the more pleased to send you the enclosures which prove that the fellow can be useful. John Haynes Holmes' letter to Gandhi might be helpful. We are arranging here for Emanuel Celler and Dr. Akzin to see Holmes before he leaves for India.

Best regards.

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*see letters of  
John Haynes Holmes  
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Sept. 12, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

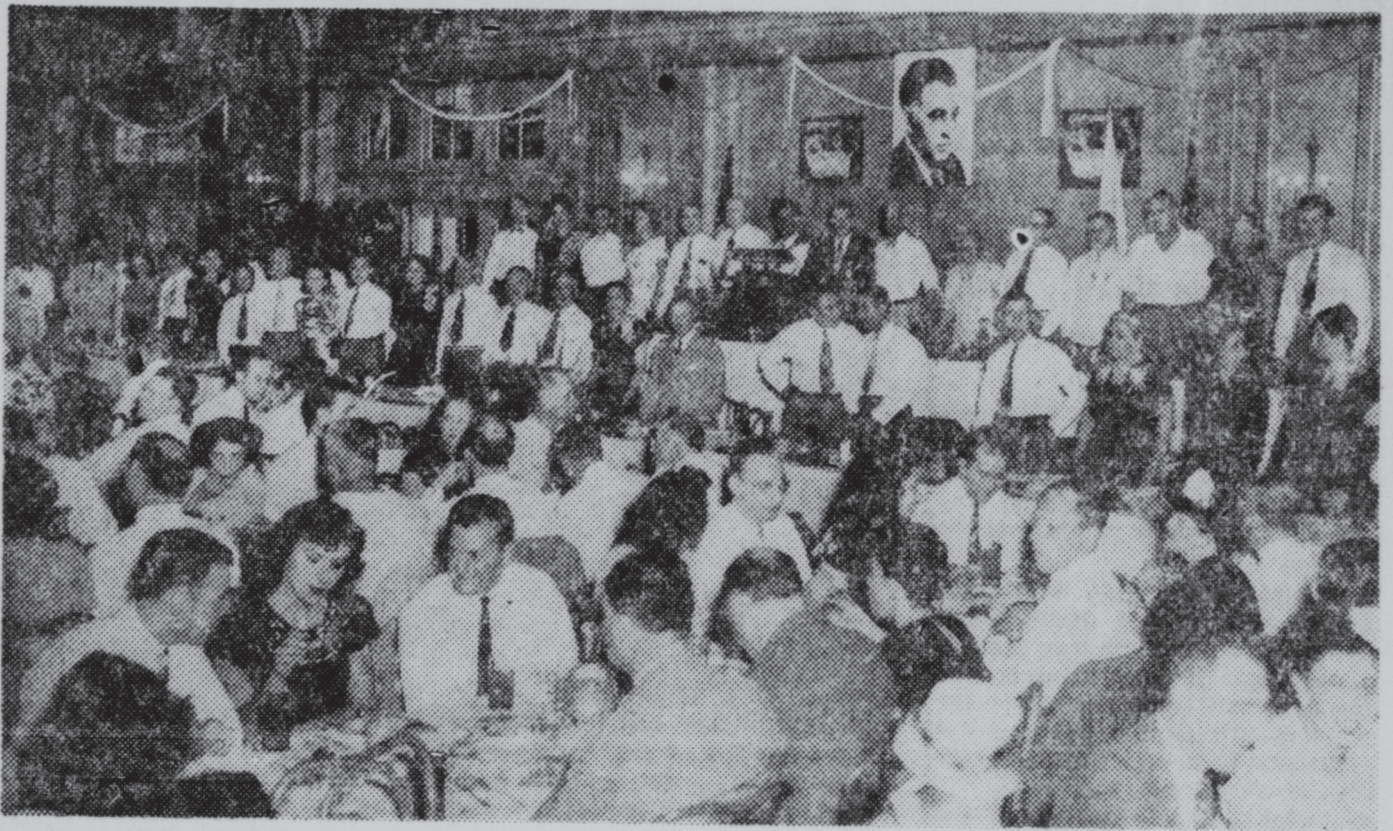
I received now some clippings from  
the Convention of the Southwest Region.  
You will see on the enclosed clipping  
that while away to Zurich, you were  
present at the convention. In fact,  
yours was the only picture on the  
wall.

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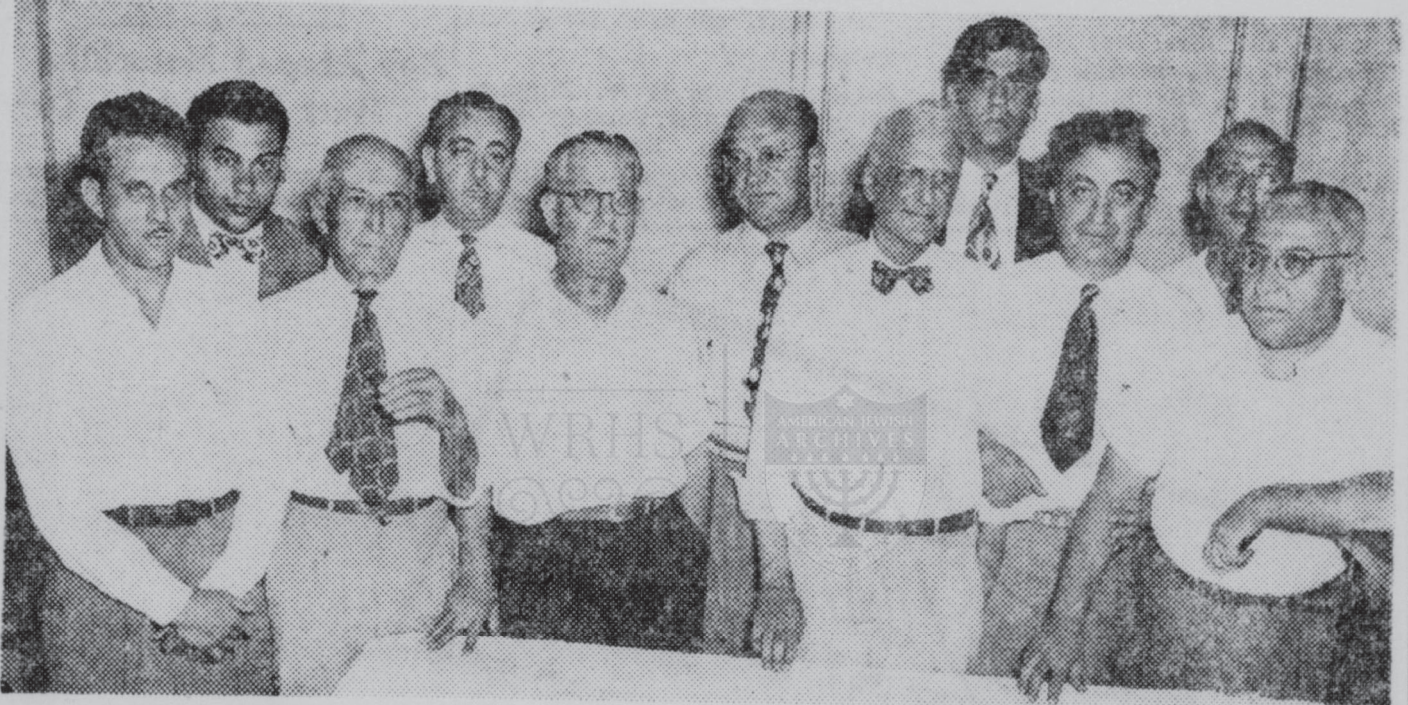
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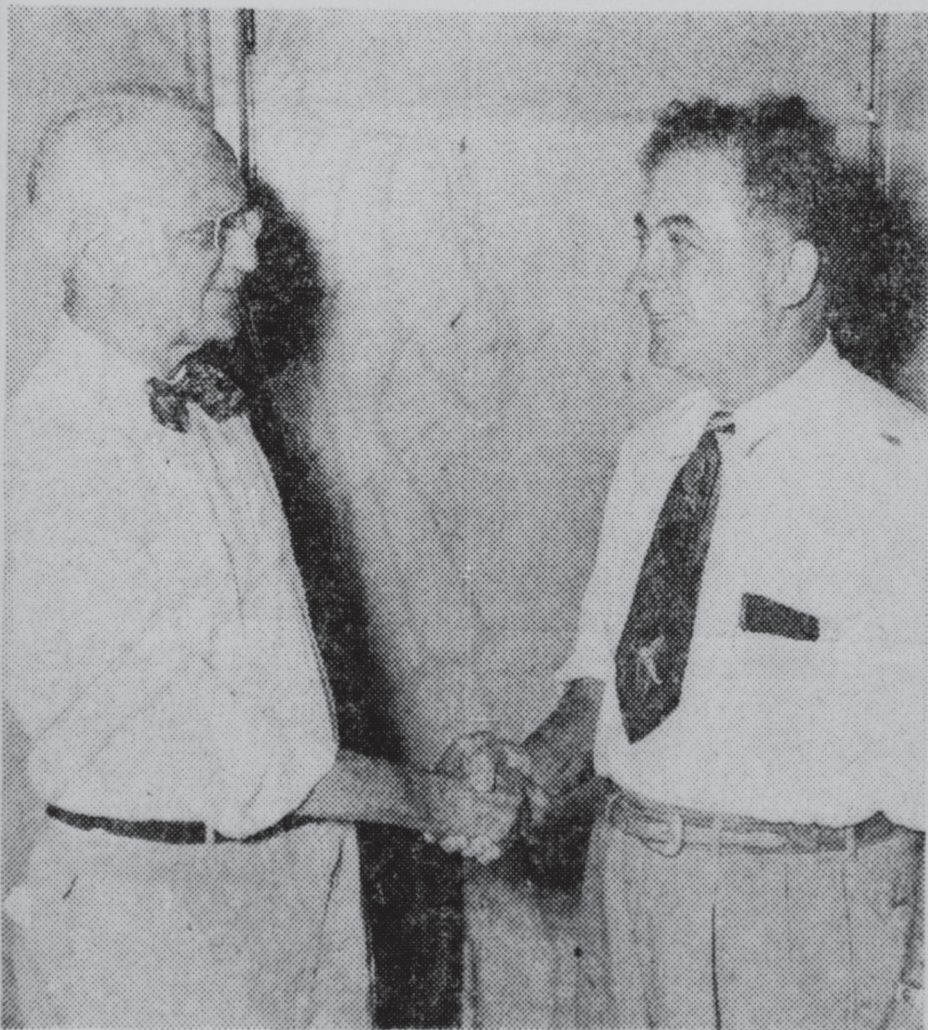
# 400 Delegates Attend Zionist Meeting; Officers Named



More than 400 delegates and guests attended the banquet of the 43rd annual convention of the southwestern region Zionist meeting at the Washington-Youree hotel Sunday evening. Shown above is a view of the banquet festivities in the Crystal ballroom where Edgar Ansel Mowrer, noted foreign correspondent, and Eliahu Ben-Horin, prominent author and lecturer, were speakers. (Times Photo).



Newly elected officers and directors of the southwestern region of the Zionist Organization of America. Left to right, front row, are Sam Segal, Dallas, Texas; L. A. Freed, Houston, Texas; Charles Bender, Breckenridge, Texas; Sidney L. Herold, Shreveport, new president; Julius Livingston, Tulsa, Okla., outgoing president, and Morris Ehrenberg, Little Rock, Ark. Rear row, left to right, are Sam Sinkin, vice-president, San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Marcus Levinson, vice-president, Houston, Texas; Isaac Abramson, vice-president, Shreveport; Nathan Kaplan, Alexandria, and Irving Levinthal, Oklahoma City. (Times Photo).



Sidney L. Herold, (left newly elected southwestern regional president of the Zionist Organization of America, is congratulated by the outgoing president, Julius Livingston of Tulsa, Okla. Herold, prominent Shreveport lawyer, is president of the local district organization and was chairman of the convention. (Times Photo)



October 10, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I believe it was you who talked to me about Ethiopia and Mr. Marein. I am enclosing herewith a letter from Rabbi Shubow to Mr. Neumann as well as a letter from Mrs. Marein. After reading the correspondence, please return it to Mr. Neumann.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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October 15, 1947

Miss Bessie Klein  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

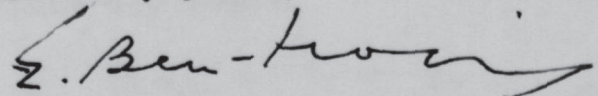
Dear Miss Klein:

A couple of weeks ago in a conversation with Dr. Silver, I mentioned that a friend of mine in Palestine, who is writing a book on the Messianic trends in Jewish history, was trying hard to get a copy of Dr. Silver's book on this subject but that the book seems to be out of print and that all my friend's efforts to obtain a copy failed. Dr. Silver then kindly offered to send me a copy of this book for my friend in Palestine.

Will you please remind Dr. Silver of this matter, or, even better, mail me a copy of Dr. Silver's book if you are in a position to do so.

Hoping that I do not cause you too much trouble,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

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October 17, 1947

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin  
80-09 35th Avenue  
Jackson Heights  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

Under separate cover I am sending you  
a copy of Dr. Silver's book, Messianic  
Speculations in Israel, with his compliments  
which you may give to your friend.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



June 16, 1948

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I received a copy of "Problems of the Middle East", and it looks very good. I shall take time to read it in the next few days.

I assume that proper arrangements have been made to see that the booklet reaches the widest circulation in academic circles and elsewhere. You did a good job in connection with this Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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## MEMORANDUM

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*Date* June 10, 1948

*From* Eliahu Ben-Horin

Enclosed is a copy of PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST which contains the lectures of the Middle East Conference at New York University last year. Although this booklet appears with considerable delay, it will be of great help in our education and propaganda work in the universities and in academic circles. Its main value lies probably in the fact that it is not a propaganda piece but a scholarly presentation -- under scholarly auspices -- of the Middle East problems. If you have time to read this booklet, I hope you will agree with me.

Best regards.

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