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July 11, 1947

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

I suggested to Senator Owen Brewster that the various speeches at the Zionist Congress be inserted in the Congressional Record.

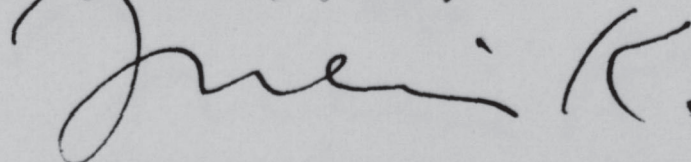
If you feel you would like to say a few words, or a few excerpts from your speech, I suggest you have Leo Sack give copy to Mr. Bercovici.

I am quoting here a paragraph from Mr. Bercovici's letter of yesterday.

"I am now editing Senator Brewster's speech at the Zionist Convention preparatory to its inclusion in the Record. I also have on my desk Senator Murray's as well as Mr. Mac Donald's speeches, both of which will also be printed in the appendix. I need not tell you about it since it was your suggestion to have them printed in the record."

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



JK:vm



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Northport,  
Holiday Lodge  
Aug 1st 1917

Dear Dr Silver,

I just learn that you too are in Northport where I am recuperating from my recent illness. I have, for quite some time, been anxious to talk to you about a matter, or rather a suggestion which I have reason to believe would interest you.

I am staying at the Holiday Lodge, Northport 408 W. My telephone number is ~~4~~

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours  
Jacob Randau

P. S. As anxious as I am to talk to you I realize that you are after resting after a most strenuous effort. and will understand if you do not wish to be disturbed. I recently acquired some knowledge of the essentialness of rest.



# *American Zionist Emergency Council*

## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

August 12, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
RFD # 1  
Northport L.I.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Dr. Neumann I translated the report  
to the Actions Committee into Hebrew.

Enclosed I attach one copy of the English and Hebrew  
texts. I will appreciate it very much if you return to me the said  
copies after making the necessary corrections. Please let me know  
how many Hebrew and English copies I shall prepare. As time is  
very short I would be very grateful to you for sending it by Special  
Delivery.

Taking this opportunity I would like to inform you  
that the excerpts of your Montreal speech were transmitted by me  
to Mr. Wahl, Washington Secretary of the American Jewish Conference,  
who informed me to-day that he delivered it unofficially to the First  
Secretary of the Soviet Embassy for further circulation among the  
Soviet Officials here and in Moscow.

With best wishes for a successful trip, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Leon Ilutowicz*  
Leon Ilutowicz



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September 10, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

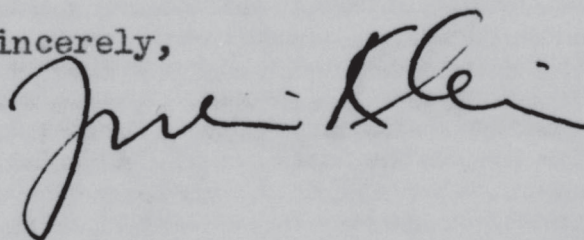
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Hope you have returned from your trip when this letter reaches you.

I would like to see you sometime this month. I will be back in Chicago around the 19th and will then go to Washington and New York with a stop-over in Cleveland and Columbus.

Please inform me out here or in care of my Chicago office, 1st National Bank Building, Suite 782, when we can get together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julius Klein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julius" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Klein".

Julius Klein

JK/JC



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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

September 17, 1947

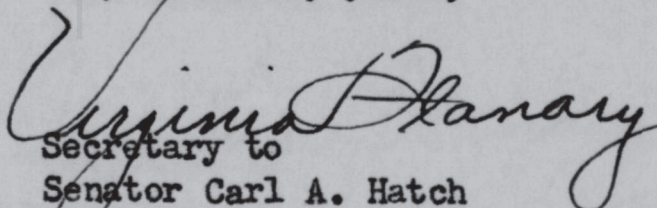
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St., at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of September 16th has been received during the absence of Senator Hatch. As you may have noted in the press, the Senator is now making an official tour overseas.

Knowing of the Senator's deep interest in the problem which you discuss, I feel certain that he will be most happy to do what he can in the problem. You may be sure that your letter will be called to his attention immediately upon his return to Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Secretary to  
Senator Carl A. Hatch

F/mm



September 25, 1947

Col. Julius Klein  
1st National Bank Building  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Col. Klein:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been East most of the time, and in between times there were the Jewish Holidays.

I shall be most happy to see you at any time you can come to Cleveland. Inasmuch as I cannot know in advance when I will be in Cleveland, I would suggest that you telephone me the day before you plan to come to make sure that I will be here.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 8, 1947

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
 Zionist Emergency Council  
 342 Madison Ave.  
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

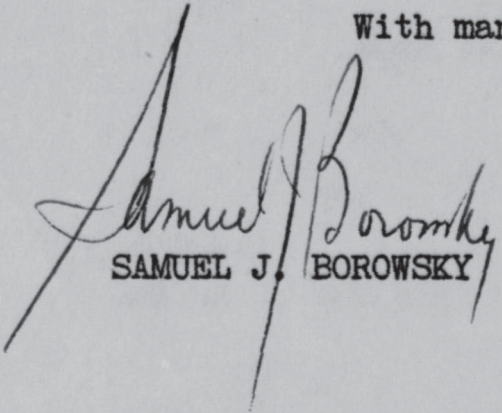
On behalf of the Committee on Arrangements, we take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to include your name in our list of distinguished sponsors of the forthcoming Greater New York Dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, which will take place on Sunday evening, December 7th, 1947, at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

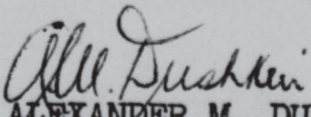
Your record of service to Jewish communal life and your appreciation of the program of the Histadruth Ivrit for the promotion and advancement of Hebrew culture, makes us feel that you will agree to help us in bringing this Dinner properly before the Jewish public. The continued effectiveness of our manifold activities depends on the success of this Dinner, and we sincerely hope that you will join us.

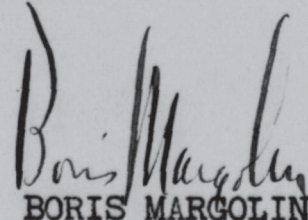
We are about to print our invitations and are most anxious to add your name. We shall assume your acceptance if we do not hear from you to the contrary by October 20th, 1947.

With many thanks and best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

  
 SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY

  
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YOU MAY SEND THE TELEGRAM INDICATED IN YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER FIFTY IN MY NAME TO  
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A H SILVER

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Sender's telephone  
number



I. R. GOODMAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
SUITE 1312 INTERNATIONAL OFFICE BLDG.  
722 CHESTNUT STREET  
ST. LOUIS

October 28, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am deeply appreciative of your very kind words on the occasion of the farewell luncheon in my honor sponsored by my many St. Louis friends. I shall always cherish the thought and sentiment expressed in your message. Such greetings from you, my Leader, are indeed heartening--they help to sweeten one's work and to inspire further activity in behalf of our Holy Cause.

Looking forward to meeting with you again in the near future, and in the hope of the New Judea, I remain, as ever,

Yours very sincerely and devotedly,

*I. R. Goodman*

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



November 2, 1947

Mr. Harold P. Manson  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Harold:

I have received the enclosed invitation. Can you tell me something about this organization? Is it kosher?....

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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November 4, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

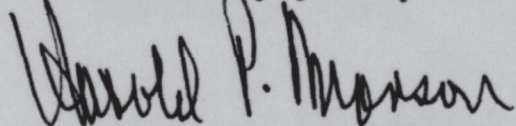
With regard to your request for information concerning the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America -- I am informed by Mr. Tuvim that John Green, President of the Union, is a genuine middle-of-the-roader in labor affairs, steering clear of both the Communist and anti-Communist wings.

Tuvim also reports that Mr. Green and his Union have been most sympathetic and helpful to our cause in the past and have gone on record in support of Zionism.

I do hope that this is the information you require.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Harold P. Manson  
Director of Information

HPM:SR



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December 5, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

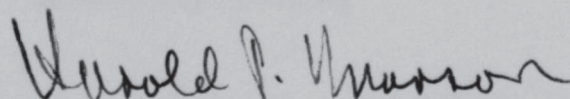
Dear Dr. Silver:

I moved this week and am sending you my new address in case you should wish to reach me at home.

It is: 25 Prospect Place, New York 17,  
New York. My new phone number is: MUrray Hill 4-  
4200 (Apt. 1911).

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Harold P. Manson  
Director of Information

HPM:SR



December 15, 1947

The Hon. Nathaniel Goldstein  
80 Centre Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Nathaniel:

On the occasion of my leaving for Palestine the end of this month, my friends in the Zionist movement who carried the fight in the last few years which culminated in victory at the United Nations are tendering me a farewell testimonial dinner at Hotel Astor on Tuesday evening, December 29. They informed me that friends will be coming in from all over the country and that the reservations pouring in indicate a very large and impressive gathering. The leaders of many national Jewish organizations as well as outstanding figures in public life will be in attendance.

They are eager to invite Governor Dewey as the speaker of the occasion. As you must know, nothing would give me greater pleasure and honor. Governor Dewey has been greatly helpful through the years in behalf of our movement. I feel that this will be a splendid opportunity to express our sentiments to him and to tell the country of the outstanding help which he rendered to us. It is the intention to invite the Mayor of the City of New York to bring greetings, and the President of the Zionist Organization of America to speak briefly. The rest of the program will be musical.



The Hon. Mr. Goldstein

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December 15, 1947

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that the committee may proceed with its public announcement.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you on December 29, if not sooner, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK





MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Silver

Date April 16th, 1948.

From Mr. Isreeli

A committee of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America and the National Council of Young Israel, all English speaking organizations, visited us with a view of ascertaining whether we would be in favor of and help them in publicizing the attached appeal in the form of an advertisement in an influential metropolitan newspaper and in a Washington daily. They contemplate placing the appeal in the Week Review Section of the Sunday New York Times.

The feature of interest are the signatures of the 337 rabbis representing 153 communities in 41 states and of the Union of Orthodox Congregations and the National Council of Young Israel with affiliated congregations and branches in 44 states. They think that this will impress the powers that be. The pertinent spots of the declaration are marked in paragraphs 3 & 8.

The rabbis thought that the religious tone and the quotes from Obadiah would appeal to an influential section of Americans.

I am anxious to obtain your view on the matter in order to know what answer to give the leaders of the above organizations.

By the way, you will be interested to know that we received from the Agudath Harabanim a letter full of thanks and praise for the help we rendered to them in connection with the Day of Mobilization and Prayer. It really was a huge success, and we are now the talk of all rabbinical organizations.



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Godfearing Americans Cannot Condone Murder and Aggression

We, the undersigned Rabbis and leaders of American Jewish communities in the United States, deem it our religious duty to call the attention of the government and the people of the United States to the situation in the Holy Land and its effects upon the morality and the peace of the world.

Without any provocation on their part, the Jewish communities in Palestine are now under constant attack by Arab bands who have invaded their country from neighboring states which organized and armed them for the obvious purpose of annihilating Palestine Jewry. The mandatory power, Great Britain, is preventing the Jews from taking the necessary measures for their rightful self-defense and is aiding and abetting the aggressors, encouraging them to actual warfare. The lives of 800,000 Jewish men, women and children in the Holy Land are now threatened with murder and annihilation. In addition, a similar threat hovers over almost a million Jews living in the Arab countries. To prevent horror and added tragedy to the martyrdom of our people and another stain on the honor of humanity, we cry out in anguish and indignation.

The Testament of the Lord and His prophets have promised the Holy Land to the Jewish people as its national inheritance. In recognition of this promise, and in a noble desire to rectify an historic wrong of 2,000 years, the nations of the world have secured by covenants and international law the return of our exiled people to its homeland. We viewed the epochal resolution of the United Nations on Palestine, of November 29, 1947, as the beginning of the fulfillment of the Divine promise. It signified the intention of the nations to put an end to the homelessness of an historic people. We are, therefore, profoundly astonished and deeply grieved at the unexpected reversal of policy concerning the establishment of the Jewish State, initiated and urged by our own Government.

After the terrible holocaust in Europe where 6,000,000 Jews, a third of our people, have been slaughtered by the bestial enemy, the remnant of Israel had only this one hope to keep them alive — the return to the land of their forefathers. Now there is a systematic drive to destroy this hope. An indifferent world stands idly by while ruthless aggressors are bent on uprooting the toil of decades and the hope of generations.

Has the world forgotten the terrible lessons of the recent past? When Hitler began his planned destruction of the Jewish people, the command of the Lord, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor" was ignored by those who could have halted the hands of the hangmen. The great powers did not even make any attempt to help the victims to find safety. Retribution was not long in coming. Murder cannot be isolated anymore on this globe. The forces of destruction had been let loose and humanity was plunged into a "Total War". Even now real peace is still not in sight. No people in the world will remain unaffected if war is to engulf the land of the Bible, the cradle of religion and the heart of humanity. Mankind will not find rest as long as so many Jewish people are condemned to homelessness and insecurity. We must learn from the recent past that the persecution of the Jew is but the beginning of international lawlessness and leads to wholesale bloodshed and international conflagration.

The words of the prophet Obadiah (I, 10-15) must ring in the ears of the indifferent nations as a Divine warning:



"For the violence done to thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee... In the day that thou didst stand aloof...and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast one of them... Yea, thou shouldst not have gazed on their affliction in the day of their calamity... neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway to cut off those of his that escape... Neither shouldst thou have delivered up those of his that remained in the day of distress. For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations; as thou hast done, it will be done unto thee; thy dealing shall return upon thine own head."

The exalted position of the government of the United States and its recognized leadership in international affairs carry with them the responsibility for the maintenance of moral standards, justice and peace in the entire world. Our government, therefore, cannot evade its clear duty to issue a stern warning to the neighboring Arab states to cease and to desist from all acts of aggression against the Jewish people. Before such a warning is issued and complied with, a call for truce places murderer and victim in the same category. Nor can it avoid to call upon its war-time ally, Great Britain, to refrain from arming the Arabs and from exposing the Jewish community in the Holy Land to the danger of defenseless destruction. Nor can the United States with justice prevent, by its embargo, the attacked and threatened Jewish population of Palestine from obtaining the necessary means for their self-defense, lest she too become guilty of condoning aggression and murder.

The call for a Trusteeship becomes a tragic mockery in the light of what is now happening to Jerusalem, the Holy City. No one contested the Trusteeship for Jerusalem. How come then the civilized world stands idly by, while the Holy City is made the helpless target of Howitzers and other murderous weapons?

We solemnly declare that we will continue to give fullest support to the struggling Jewish community in Palestine and to all those eager to reach their historic land to build a peaceful home. With unshakable faith in the Divine promise and with firm confidence in the American sense of fairness, we will continue to call upon the American people to do all in their power to assure the safety of the Jewish communities in the Holy Land and to bring about the restoration of Jewish religious and national life in their promised land.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you and your organization a cordial invitation to attend the twenty-fifth Annual Convention of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America to be held July 2nd-5th 1948, at the King David Hotel, Hurleyville, N. Y.

In the light of the great historic moment of our day when the State of Israel has finally been re-established, deliberations at this forthcoming Convention will be directed towards the future course of our movement - a movement exalted by the heroic deeds of Kfar Etzion and Tirat Tzvi. We therefore hope you will find it possible to send a representation to our Convention.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Raphael Gold*

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Cordially yours,



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Dear Friend:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a telegram which I sent  
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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of June  
14th, enclosing copy of telegram which you sent to  
Senator Taft. I am sure that it will be very  
helpful indeed. Many thanks for your interest.

Very sincerely yours,


*Kind personal  
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El Presidente Gallegos agradece las amables frases del Señor Hillel Silver en rela-



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Nueva York, Julio de 1948.