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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to thank you for the attention you have given the problem which I discussed with you over the telephone last Friday. May I summarize it again for your information.

Five years ago an understanding was reached between the leaders of the Histadrut campaign, and the National Fund Council of Cleveland, concerning the dates of their annual drives. It was then agreed upon that the Histadrut campaign should be conducted during the months of October through December, and that the National Fund conduct its drive during the months of January and February. This procedure lasted for several years.

Last year, the National Fund Council suddenly decided to have its drive during the same months as the Geverkshafte Campaign. We protested vigorously against this unjust action, and thought that the dates of the campaigns would remain as originally understood. To our great surprise the officers of the National Fund Council decided again to conduct this year's drive in the very same months, a matter which will cause financial damage to both institutions and will create a feeling of animosity and disturbance in the ranks of the Zionist movement and their numerous friends and organizations.

I have asked Judge Lewis Drucker, and some of his associates of the Histadrut Council, to bring before you the entire matter and I am confident that in fairness to all Zionist institutions, you will ask the officers of the National Fund Council to adhere to the original dates so that both of these constructive funds should be conducted with the utmost success and have unity prevail among the Zionists of your city.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation and with best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, for our people and for Medinat-Israel, I am

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Hamlin
ISAAC HAMLIN, National Secretary

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September 24, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The United Organizations for the Palestine Pioneers, one of the leading American groups supporting the State of Israel, will hold its annual conference in New York City on November 7th, 1948. Delegates representing 1500 Jewish Fraternal, Benevolent and Civic societies will gather to pay tribute to the heroic builders and defenders of the Jewish State.

The conference will pay special tribute to the men and women pioneers who have laid the foundation of the world's youngest democracy, the men and women of Histadrut. Through their devotion to the constructive tasks of upbuilding the land, making room for refugees, extending a cooperative hand to the spirit of the ancient Hebrew prophets, the Histadrut pioneers are the standardbearers of progress in the Middle East.

On this momentous occasion, we would be honored to have your message of greeting, to be read to those present at the conference and to be transmitted directly to the Histadrut--the Jewish Labor movement in Israel.

We would appreciate receiving your message by November 2nd, so that we may prepare it for the press.

Most cordially yours,

Samuel S. Leibowitz
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President

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Office of the Presidium

September 27, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to serve as a sponsor for the forthcoming Greater New York Dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, which will take place on Sunday evening, December 12th, 1948, at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

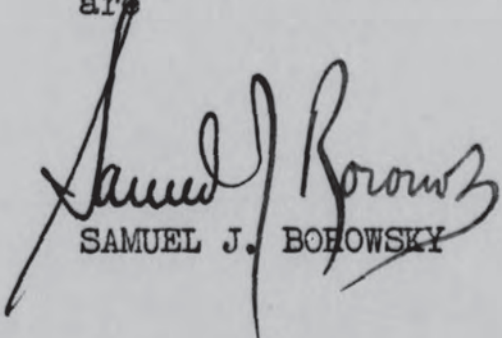
Because of your accomplishments in Jewish communal life and your appreciation of the program of the Histadruth Ivrit of America in the promotion and advancement of Hebrew culture, we are confident that you will want to help us make this Dinner a success.

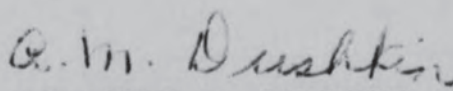
The establishment of the State of Israel places greater responsibilities on the Histadruth Ivrit for the direction and emphasis of the Hebraic element in the development of our cultural life in this country. The continued effectiveness of our manifold activities depends on the success of this Dinner. It is for this reason that we turn to you to lend us a helping hand. We sincerely hope that you will join with us.

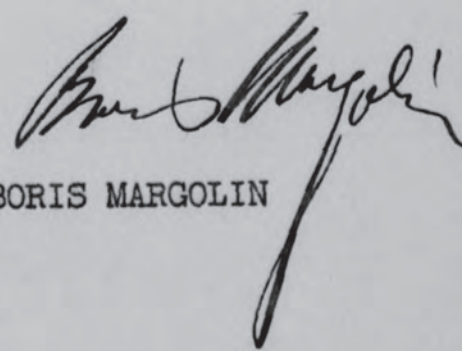
Knowing of your readiness to cooperate, we shall assume your acceptance if we do not hear from you to the contrary by October 15th.

With many thanks and sincere good wishes for a Happy New Year, we are

Sincerely yours,


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October 7, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, American Section
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. I do not recall that arrangements were made to set up a committee for consideration of the future World Zionist Organization Constitution. I have not yet sent the letter to Dobkin; if you know whether a Constitution Committee has been set up, it will not be necessary to send it. I would appreciate your letting me know.

With cordial Hadassah greetings and very best wishes for a Happy New Year to Mrs. Silver and you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Bessie L. Halprin

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October 7, 1948

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin
Youth & Hechalutz Dept.
Jewish Agency
Jerusalem, Palestine

Dear Mr. Dobkin:

At a recent meeting of our national board we discussed the changes which will have to be made in our Hadassah Constitution, in view of the establishment of the State of Israel and the separate functions of the World Zionist Organization. Clearly, Hadassah cannot make changes in its Constitution, except as they fall into line with the future Constitution of the World Zionist Organization.

I do not recall whether or not a special committee was organized to consider the changes in the World Zionist Organization Constitution. It appears self-evident that many changes will be necessary, especially in the articles dealing with organizational matters, such as the shekel, elections, etc. I would very much appreciate your letting me know whether such a committee has been formed and who are its members.

With cordial Hadassah greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sammel W. Halprin
National President

cc: Dr. Silver
Dr. Lauterbach

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TELEPHONE: COLUMBUS 5-6585

October 20, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
American Section Jewish Agency
16 East 66th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

The unfortunate conflict of the United Palestine Appeal Conference with the Hadassah Convention has deprived us of the opportunity of hearing many of the distinguished leaders of our movement. We are therefore constrained to ask them for written messages which will be read at an appropriate time during our sessions.

As chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, in which capacity you have contributed so vitally to the fulfillment of Zionist aspirations, your words will have great power and significance. It will recall the historic session last year when you addressed our delegates and reviewed the history of past negotiations and expressed your unshakable confidence in the future.

I hope that you will find it possible to let us have your message by November first; but not later than Nov. third. Would you be kind enough to have your secretary send duplicate copies both to the Hadassah office and to our headquarters at Convention Hall in Atlantic City?

With warm personal greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

Marian F. Greenberg

Mrs. David B. Greenberg, Chairman
National Convention Committee

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October 22, 1948

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin,
National President
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, New York

My dear Mrs. Halprin:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of October 7th. The holidays have intervened and my correspondence has suffered a considerable lag.

I do not know that any arrangements have been made for the setting up of a committee to consider the future constitution of the World Zionist Organization. I was not present at the closing days of the last sessions of the Actions Committee. Such a committee might have been set up. It would be desirable that you send on your communication to Mr. Dobkin, if you have not already done so, and obtain the information.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

October 25, 1948

Mr. A. K. Isreeli
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I read with interest an article which appeared in the Morning Journal of October 24th by Aaron Zeitlin. In view of what has happened, you might suggest to Mr. Zeitlin to write a revised version.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 2, 1948

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I thought that you would be interested in reading the enclosed letter of Mr. Maurice Marcus of Bulgaria.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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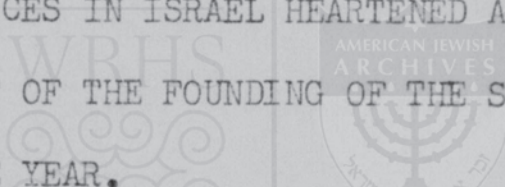
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NOVEMBER 3, 1948

MRS. DAVID B. GREENBERG, CHAIRMAN
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ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

ALSO TO: 1819 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

PERMIT ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY
TO EXTEND TO THE CONVENTION OF HADASSAH MY HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS
ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOOD WISHES IN PLANNING YOUR FUTURE ACTI-
VITIES. HADASSAH HAS SERVED THE CAUSE OF ISRAEL WITH GREAT LOYALTY
AND EFFECTIVENESS THROUGHOUT THE CRITICAL DAYS OF WAR AND ATTACK
AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT IS FULLY MOBILIZED TO CARRY ON ITS SER-
VICE OF HEALING AND SUCCOR THROUGH THE SEARCHING DAYS WHICH LIE
AHEAD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL GO FORWARD EXPANDING AND IM-
PROVING YOUR SERVICES IN ISRAEL HEARTENED AND INSPIRED BY THE
GREAT HISTORIC ACT OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE WHICH WAS ACCOM-
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BOTH CANDIDATES OUR CAUSE STOP CONFIDENT YOUR
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TELEPHONE: COLUMBUS 5-6585

November 11, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you in your dual capacity as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the American Section of the Jewish Agency. There has come to my desk, as I am sure it has come to yours, the invitation to attend a dinner in honor of Mr. Menachem Beigin. On the back page of the invitation is a letter signed by Louis Bromfield which states in part "Today, Mr. Beigin heads a strong political movement in Israel dedicated to western concepts of democracy -- the Freedom Movement (Tenuat Hacherut)...and thus may very naturally be a candidate for Prime Minister in the coming elections of Palestine.....He comes to America as an ambassador of goodwill. For in the confused and threatening international situation in which the world finds itself today it is of paramount importance that we grasp the opportunity of establishing a mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and the strategically vital State of Israel."

I am sure that many of the men on this list have no understanding whatsoever of what Beigin and his group stand for. I need hardly point out to you, who have done so much to heighten the prestige of the present government, that the arrogance, to say nothing of the incorrectness of Mr. Bromfield's statement is excessive. Surely it is not necessary to honor Mr. Beigin in order to establish "mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and Israel."

On the list of sponsors appears such names as Philip Murray, Paul Porter, Thurman Arnold, Walter Clay Lowdermilk. It seems to me that if we do not take immediate and energetic measures to discourage the formation of a permanent committee to support the "Freedom Movement", we will have made possible a second Bergson Committee that will be a source of embarrassment and danger to us and cause untold confusion on the American scene.

Now that the State has been formed it seems incredible that a party determined to gain leadership in Israel should seek support for its fight in this country. That is to participate in the internal affairs of Israel in a way which I know runs counter to your deep-rooted principles as an American Zionist.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

November 11, 1948

I am confident that you will take every measure necessary either through the Emergency Council, or the American Section of the Jewish Agency or through both channels, to enlighten those who have sponsored the function and the large American public on the purposes and implications of Beigin's visit and will prevent the rooting of this new committee on the American scene.

May I hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

Judith P. Epstein
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Chairman
National Political Committee

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342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 2-1160

Nov 12, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver.

Several weeks ago Joe Greenleaf suggested ~~that~~ to me that since I have been criticizing the ZOA, perhaps I ought to offer some plan in writing. I wrote out a plan while vacationing in Old Orchard Beach and brought it to Joe. He ~~made~~ ^{had} four typewritten copies made. One was intended for you.

As far as I was concerned, my memo was Joe's property and he could just as well have used it as mere material for formulating plans of his own. But since the memorandum has already been seen by several people - Neumann, Jacques Torrezner, Sam Frisch and some member of the staff who took it with varying degrees of graciousness, I felt it was not fair that you should not ~~be~~ see it. I had several copies made and am enclosing one.

There have been some slight improvements since my memorandum was written and some, in the Educational Department, preceded my recommendations. But I think, on the whole, it is a plan still worth reading.

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Incidentally, the warning at the bottom of page 1 (also contained in my Report after my Trip) was written before I knew what was taking place at Tel Aviv.

Since I learned about it I have felt quite perturbed. It runs counter to all the solemn reassurances I have been giving the public in Israel ever since I saw you after the London Conference. This was the reason I have been wanting to see you.

Most critically yours

M Z Frank

Z. O. A. MEMORANDUM

General Remarks

The strength of the present administration with Z.O.A. is due to three main factors:

1. A militant Zionist policy.
2. Two leading personalities.
3. A dynamic organization.

It is natural and legitimate for the present Administration to seek to retain power. It will serve the general Zionist cause if Silver and Neumann, by continuing to command the allegiance of American Zionists, will be able to hold position of influence in the world Zionist councils.

But from a long-range point of view, the Administration has not employed the wisest methods for retaining power. The Administration can still build up strength in the face of the new situation. But new methods must be devised. Otherwise, it will collapse not from the strength of the opposition, but from its own weakness.

Militant Zionism is not longer an issue on the political arena and the militancy must be transferred to the field of Hagshama (both Halutzit and other forms of personal participation) and Zionist education. There is a vast field in both and there is still a great vacuum to be filled. In education the most important, a very urgent need, is a decent Zionist publication which can enjoy prestige both in this country and abroad.

The two leading personalities are still very much needed but they no longer have to be sold to the public. The blatant manner in which they are always starred is beginning to wear out even in America where the public is used to such methods. In Europe and Israel where standards are different, this hero-worship causes a revulsion even among people who sympathize with the views of Silver and Neumann and appreciate their contributions.

Furthermore, the present Administration has failed to attract or develop personalities with prestige and/or alienated those who already have it. By this time it is no longer reasonable to blame this situation entirely on the intrigues and intransigence of the other side. One must examine one's own ways.

The dynamic organization is still a good thing. But dynamism alone is not enough. That dynamism must have a goal.

The Z.O.A., to continue a vigorous existence, must be militantly Zionist and at the same time it must be able to enlist a wide popular appeal in American Jewry.

It cannot enlist that appeal if it ties up with a small, unpopular economically-privileged group in Israel or if it develops a doctrinaire approach to any group in Israel.

It is just as wrong for it to be violently anti-Mappai or anti-Socialist as to revert to the old Z.O.A. practice of acting as a mere auxiliary to Mappai. By all means, let the Z.O.A. sponsor projects in competition with Mappai-sponsored projects, but let it avoid over-stressing that competitive aspect.

To maintain popular support, the Z.O.A. must promote free public discussion of its projected schemes, on the pages of its publication, at its meetings and in the general Jewish press. The membership, or at least, that part of it, which cares to take an active part, should be made to feel that it has had a part in shaping the policy of the Z.O.A. and care must be taken that at least most of the plans, if not all, sponsored by the Z.O.A. have the support of the majority after a thorough discussion.

The practice of democracy cannot be confined to its mere mechanical aspect of voting. Discussion cannot be confined to the Convention on the Committee.

I believe that I enjoy the unique privilege of freedom of public expression with the Z.O.A. Otherwise, differences of opinion are not tolerated and far too much attention is given to worrying about criticism leveled against the Administration. People in power ought to tolerate and sometimes ignore criticism even when it is mean and untrue. A victor who is constantly on the defensive against the loser damages the psychological effect of his victory.

The Administration of the Z.O.A. is over-centralized. I don't know of any department which functions with any degree of autonomy. Certainly not those departments with which I am acquainted. Public Relations are under the direct control of the President, who is excessively sensitive to that aspect. The President, moreover, handles too many details himself. This is poor administration. Education and Publications are simply left to drift.

A vast and vigorous organization such as the Z.O.A. must have organized departments. The chairman and members of the committees and, still more, members of the staffs who work for them, must be chosen with a view of being able to fullfilling a definite task. In my contact with the Z.O.A. I found that only three aspects are handled with vigor:

1. drive for membership and funds
2. corraling support for the Administration
3. political pressure action

The first and second are overdone. The need for the third is disappearing. Everything else is handled amateurishly.

SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

Education

No section of the Educational Department functions adequately. On the whole, it has no policy, a poor committee and is understaffed.

If Carl Alpert's activities were confined to pamphlets, programs and the Book Department, he will still have to increase the staff and the additional members he engages will have to be better than the ones he has.

Radio should either stay abolished or re-organized in a way that can do a Zionist program better than Eternal Light or cover subjects other programs don't-- provided they are necessary and provided the program can get a hearing. Radio is a highly specialized technical business and cannot be left to a willing amateur.

The Speakers' Bureau is very poorly organized. In my frequent contacts with it, I found very inadequate guidance as to the nature of the audiences I was sent to address, no attempt at all to co-ordinate various addresses into any loose form of an educational program. I found a great deal of work done at the Bureau with the staff overworked--but no plan, no educational pattern. To make of the Speakers' Bureau a medium for Zionist Education, a Director will have to be appointed with qualifications at least as good as Alpert's, charged with carrying out a definite policy and given enough authority to carry it out.

I don't know why the Z.O.A. should be in the bookselling business, but it is, and I understand it is making a profit, so there is no harm in it. But the main business of the Z.O.A. should not be merely to compete with Bloch's or Behrman's, but to promote the reading of books on Zionism Palestine and related subjects. It should concentrate more on pushing books such as "History of Zionism" than "Behind the Silken Curtain". But the promotion requires far more effort and far more skill than it now enjoys. This includes placing reviews, printing folders setting out the content of the book, sending special speakers to Zionist and other Jewish meetings to exhort Jews to read, etc. etc. I don't even see anything in the "New Palestine" to make the readers want to read the books the Z.O.A. wants them to read.

There are not enough pamphlets produced by the Z.O.A. Good pamphlets are printed by the British Zionists. They ought to be distributed, reprinted, and vigorously promoted in the same way as the books ought to be.

In making up programs and in planning educational activities in general, it is necessary to consult educational chairmen and secretaries of districts. Few of them may be able to offer constructive suggestions, but most of them are able to evaluate the material that is given and the way it works. My personal impression is that the programs are too wordy and too childish. In programs as well as in other educational activities, it is necessary to bear in mind that the Z.O.A. is catering to several levels of intellectual capacities and Jewish background. At least two must be separated: the general popular district level and the student level.

It would be advisable to appoint a special director of youth and student educational programs. I am not referring so much to the Youth Commission in which little can be done for the time being short of a revolution. But there are many Jewish youth groups not affiliated with any Zionist organization: A.Z.A., various young people's synagogue groups, student groups, etc. If the Z.O.A. gives them good educational assistance--along Zionist lines--the Z.O.A. will gain in prestige. (not by sending them the "New Palestine"!) In this as in other things, it is well to remember that the most lasting power is obtained when it is not sought in too obvious a manner.

Another important educational sub-department that is necessary is an Academic section or division. An academic director ought to be engaged who is a good teacher and a good executive. His business should be to supply Jewish educational institutions and Hebrew departments in High Schools with Zionist projects of all sorts. Out of this division in time there may grow out a Zionist school system and Zionist model schools that some Zionists think about. More likely such a development will not be necessary. But if such a division should offer good quality, it will grow rapidly. There is no need today to introduce elementary pro-Israel sentiment into Jewish schools. All Hebrew schools are Zionist anyway.

Most Sunday schools were Zionist even before the great up-surge of Zionist sentiment in this country. There is no need to duplicate the efforts of other more experienced and better equipped organizations to propagandize Jewish education and to open Hebrew schools. But there is need for good service of quality - in educational material for schools of all types on Zionism and Palestine.

Part of the work of this section should be to introduce the study of Zionism in adult educational institutions where such courses do not exist or do not function adequately, i.e., at the Adult courses of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

This is a big and important job. It cannot be handled by the present set-up in its spare time.

It will take less skill and experience to run a Zionist Information Desk, but even at that, it will take more than there is shown today. By an information desk, I mean simply to answer questions on Palestine and Zionism.

The general public still looks upon the ZOA as the place where it can obtain information on Zionism and Palestine. Somebody who is well informed should be placed in charge to answer queries orally or by mail.

The pivot of Zionist education is a good periodical. The "New Palestine" is below criticism. No doubt, it performs a useful function in keeping together the machine. But 200,000 people are not interested in that alone, even if it is true that to keep 200,000 members together a machine is necessary. Something else is necessary though, besides a machine to keep the membership together. The Monthly was poor enough, but it could have been improved. The Review idea was a preposterous blunder. Its abandonment was nearly as bad.

Few good Public Relations men make good editors. The N.P. has been improving slowly--not enough. The occasional good article is not displayed well enough to attract the reader's attention.

Any periodical must first of all be readable. It must arouse the interest of the readers. Once you have that you may be able to insert your point of view. You can't shove anything down the readers' throat--not in a free country. People won't read Frisch's letters to Hadassah or even Silver's speeches. They want lively news, facts they don't know and a lively discussion and they want it in a lively style.

Intellectuals want practically the same thing on a higher level.

The Z.O.A. can fill a much-needed vacuum in American Jewry by turning the New Palestine back into the kind of a weekly it was under Lipsky, but making it much livelier. The next best thing is to revive the distinction between the strictly house-organ bi-weekly throwaway News Reporter and the semi-literary monthly or semi-monthly New Palestine, naturally, will appropriate changes of names. The N.P. would have to become much livelier. There should be at least a nominal charge of \$1.00 or \$2.00 per annum for the magazine.

An intellectual quarterly like the abortive "Review" would be a good thing, but it is not the most urgent need and the risks of failure are very great. Besides, it won't fill a vacuum.

A monthly, preferably a semi-monthly magazine can reach some 25,000 readers with good promotion. Given readable material, they will read it. As things stand today, one can get more information about Israel from "Haganah Speaks" than from the New Palestine and the only paper which discusses the problems facing the Z.O.A. is the Jewish Post.

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November 16, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman
American Section of the Jewish Agency
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me much pleasure to thank you officially for your warm greetings to the Hadassah convention.

From the enthusiasm with which our delegates at the Convention undertook enormous commitments and vast responsibilities for next year, we are confident that Hadassah will continue its service to Israel in ever greater measure.

We send our warm appreciation for your encouraging and heartening message and express the hope that this year will bring peace to Israel and find it a member of the nations of the world.

With cordial Hadassah greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Rose L. Halprin

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin
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November 18, 1948

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Chairman
National Political Committee
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, New York

My dear Mrs. Epstein:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 11th. I shall bring the contents of it to the attention both of the Emergency Council and of the American Section of the Jewish Agency at their forthcoming meetings next Tuesday. I have personally discouraged quite a number of people who inquired of me whether they should join the Beigin Committee. It would be well for individual Zionists who know well one or another of the sponsors to write to them.

I agree with you that many have been taken in. The name of the sponsors might well be distributed by a committee among those who know them to contact them personally. This is perhaps the most effective way of doing it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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=SEE NO USEFUL PURPOSES HAVING TALK WITH MANSON. TOOK UP
MATTER WITH NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS. PROPOSAL TO PUT
IT MILDLY DOES NOT APPEAL TO THEM. NOW I HEAR MORGENTHAU
PREPARED TENDER HIS RESIGNATION WITHIN NEXT COUPLE DAYS AND
ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP PEC. AM CONVINCED IT WILL BE DETRIMENTAL
UJA WHOEVER HIS SUCCESSOR. ONE OF HIS REASONS GENERAL
FEELING HE IS NOT WANTED BY OFFICIAL ZIONISTS. URGE YOU
ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH HIM EARLIEST DATE AND ASK HIM
STAY IN OFFICE FOR ANOTHER YEAR KINDEST REGARDS=

=HAYIM GREENBERG=

=HAYIM UJA PEC=

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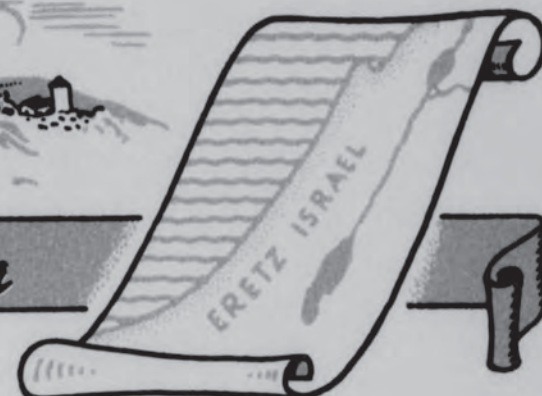
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CHAIM GREENBERG
JEWISH FRONTIER
45 EAST 17 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE TALK WITH MANSON PRIOR TO MEETING
THURSDAY WHEN ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN SO AS NOT TO LOSE MORE
TIME. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





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Dec. 28, 1948.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to express to you my sincere gratitude for your message of tribute you were so gracious to send on the occasion of the Galician Nachlah Testimonial Dinner in my honor.

I am sure you will be delighted to learn that as a result of this event, sponsored by the United Galician Jews of America, in conjunction with the launching of its Geulath Ha'aretz project in Israel, the land redemption program of the Jewish National Fund has been enriched by an additional sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

At a time when our Nachlah Committee is making every effort to implement this land redemption project, known as "Nachlah Yehudei Galicia" by fulfilling the \$50,000.00 quote, your thoughtfulness is most encouraging, and is appreciated beyond expression.

With warmest wishes for a joyous Chanukah, I remain,

Morris Blumenreich

MORRIS BLUMENREICH, Chairman,
Dinner Committee.

Cordially yours,

Solomon Kerstein
SOLOMON KERSTEIN, Chairman,
Galician Nachlah Committee.

JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF
312 HAWTHORNE TERRACE
MT. VERNON, N.Y.

December 30, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

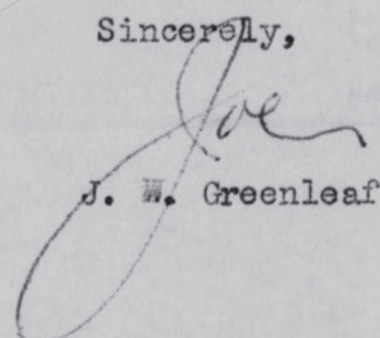
I received a letter this morning from a Washington friend which I am herewith enclosing. If you wish me to follow this up for you, I shall be happy to do so.

I would appreciate your returning the enclosed letter at your convenience.

Freddy joins me in wishing you, Mrs. Silver and the boys a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


J. W. Greenleaf

JWG:bp

January 6, 1949

Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf
312 Hawthorne Terrace
Mt. Vernon, New York

My dear Joe:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 30th. I was interested to note what you say about your Washington friend. We might be able to use his services as the situation develops. It is certainly a very worth-while contact. I shall keep in touch with you.

Reciprocating your good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me heartily, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

February 17, 1949

Mr. Henry A. Rucker, President
Jewish Welfare Federation
Chester - 12th Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rucker:

We are pleased to be addressing this communication to you in particular as President of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland, since your father's name is cherished by the Hebrew movement in this country, and we knew him to be the distinguished editor of the Jewish World for many years, and a true bearer of Hebrew culture.

The Histadruth Ivrit of America is hereby making application to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland for an allocation of \$5000. We have decided to make this direct request for support on the eve of your campaign, since we were informed reliably that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland takes the position that numerous campaigns in the city are diversionary. We fully agree with this stand, and we too, are eager to abstain from conducting an independent campaign thus saving our energy for our cultural and educational work.

The Histadruth Ivrit is the official organization representing Hebrew culture in America. It has for many years published the only Hebrew weekly, Hadoar, which is now regarded as one of the great Jewish periodicals of the world. The organization also engages in the publication of contemporary Hebrew works and recently has embarked on putting out Hebrew literature translated into English, such as the works of our national poet, Bialik. The Histadruth Ivrit has established outstanding Hebrew summer camps, and initiated the organization of Hebrew cultural societies throughout the country. It is a well known truism that the Histadruth Ivrit is the heart and center of the Renaissance of Hebrew in the United States.

A few years ago an insignificant sum was allocated to us from the JWF of Cleveland. As a matter of self respect, we were compelled to decline and go out to the community in an independent campaign, since we do have hundreds of supporters both among the Rabbinate and laity.

Enclosed you will please find an audited copy of our fiscal statement and an estimated budget for the coming year. We are confident that your Allocations Committee will give careful consideration to our needs and advise us favorably at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

M. RIBALOW
Vice-President

MR/sgd
Enc.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have the pleasure to invite you to be present at the National Emergency Conference of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America. This conference will be opened at the Herzliah Hebrew Academy, 314 West 91st Street, New York City, on Saturday evening, February 26, at 9:00 P.M.

Chaverim S.Z. Shragai and Yitzchak Werfel will address this conference and we hope you will attend.

With Torah and Zion greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Chaim Chanowitz

Chaim Chanowitz
National Executive Director

CC:jg

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We are enclosing herewith copies of a number

of letters which we have mailed today.

We wish to call these letters to your
attention.

Sincerely yours,

Chaim Chanowitz

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February 24, 1949

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to inform you that the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America is an independent National Organization and an integral indivisible part of the world Torah VaAvodah movement and the Hapoel Hamizrachi in Israel.

As a national independent organization which participates actively in all Zionist work, and which has representatives through the world Torah VaAvodah movement, in all the institutions of the World Zionist movement, such as the Zionist and Jewish Agency Executives, the Board of Directors of the Keren Kayemeth, etc. we request that representatives of our movement be included in all the national Zionist institutions in this country, as representatives of Hapoel Hamizrachi per se and not as part of the representation of any other organization.

We also ask that instructions be given to all the local constituencies of the various national institutions to likewise include local Hapoel Hamizrachi representatives in their respective bodies.

Respectfully yours,

CC:rl

Chaim Chanowitz
National Executive Director

25 - Shevat - 5709
February 24, 1949

Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully yours,

CC:rl

Chaim Chanowitz
National Executive Director

25 - Shevat - 5709
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Keren Hayesod
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

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Respectfully yours,

CC:rl

Chaim Cha nowitz
National Executive Director

25 - Shevat - 5709
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United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

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Respectfully yours,

CC:rl

Chaim Chanowitz
National Executive Director

25 - Shevat - 5709
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United Shekel Board
60 East 66th Street
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

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Chaim Chanowitz
National Executive Director

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER, AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL=
342 MADISON AVE=

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March 1, 1949

Mr. H. Raphael Gold, President
Hapoel Hamizrachi of America
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Gold:

Upon my return to Cleveland this morning, I found your gracious telegram inviting me to attend the Emergency Conference of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America on Saturday, February 26th. I also saw this morning the letter of Chaim Chanowitz, National Executive Director, inviting me to the same meeting.

I need not tell you that I am grateful to you for your courteous invitation. I could not have attended the meetings on Saturday night as I had to remain in Cleveland over Sunday. I trust that your Conference was very successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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March 2nd, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rabbi Max Kirshblum, who today returned from a speaking tour in the country, told me that from his meetings, not only with Mizrahi members but also with members of the ZOA in various cities, he judges that a great confusion exists regarding the conflict in the UJA. He was glad to enlighten audiences on the subject and it was an eye-opener to many people. According to him, it is necessary to visit the regions and the districts in the country immediately, - otherwise, chaos will prevail in the organization.

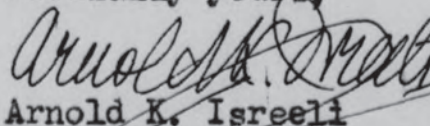
I thought you might be interested in this opinion of a friend.

Mr. Weisman's article was set up by the Forward and it will appear very soon. Needless to say that the public relations department of the UPA handled the matter in a scandalous way, keeping the truth from me and telling me daily that the article had been sent to Mr. Rogoff. There is nobody to blame now, for Mr. Harold Steinberg is in the hospital.

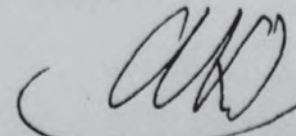
I have heard from some Zionist contributors to the UJA that this year they will look for other sources to help Israel. One large contributor in Brooklyn expressed himself thus: "I am offended at the shabby way the ZOA was handled".

Joe Sternstein of our office, I should say Rabbi Joe Sternstein, just related to me similar experiences.

Cordially yours,


Arnold K. Isreeli

P.S. I believe that a meeting with the editors of the Yiddish papers on your next trip to New York would be very useful, for they are pressed upon by the elements active in the present set-up of the UJA. I am sorry to say that your statement at the Board-meeting was printed only in one paper and even there not featured, but as part of a larger story.



INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

March 7, 1949

A G E N D A

I. REPORTS (see below)

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- B - American Zionist Fund
- C - Food for Israel

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- A - National Executive Committee - March 15
- B - Jewish State dinner - May 14
- C - National Convention
- D - Foreign Department
- E - New Palestine change in name
- F - Committee on Public Information

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- A - Two Park Avenue office space
- B - Inclusion of MZF in UJA of New York
- C - Special Subvention items

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Life members as of January 31, 1949 total 3585
" " " " February 28, 1949 " 3627

New districts 4

Membership as of Feb. 28, 1948 total 146,071; new 35,454; renewals 110,617
" " March 3, 1949 " 130,357; new 12,898; renewals 117,459

AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND: Collections to date \$206,000;

Accounts Receivable - Welfare Funds \$50,000

Miscellaneous 20,000 \$70,000

Collections this time last year \$220,000.

FOOD FOR ISRAEL: The campaign has come to its conclusion with the exception of isolated communities which are in the process of winding up collections that have not yet been remitted. No new campaigns have been embarked upon. The latest receipts outside of the Food for Israel parade indicate a collec-

tion of 430,000 pounds of food from Baltimore and half a million pounds from Los Angeles.

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

MEMORANDUM

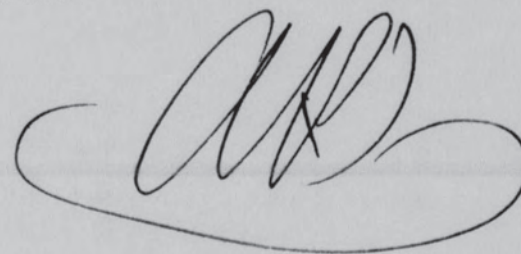
To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 29, 1949.

From Mr. Isreeli

Herewith is attached a copy of the letter of congratulations to the new publisher and editor of the Jewish Morning Journal, Dr. I. D. Bergman.

I am meeting with Dr. Bergman in the next few days in order to discuss with him the issues in our movement. His friends assured me that we will have in him a real supporter.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Mr. Isreeli, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

דעם 1-טען אפריל, 1949.

דר. יששכר רוב בערגמאן
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חשוב'ער דר. בערגמאן:

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מארגען זשורנאל גייט פון איצטער אן אליבער אין אייערע הענט.

דער מארגען זשורנאל איז פאר א סך יארען געווען איינע
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הויכטיגע אידישע אינטערעסען, מיט איר געטרישאפט צום נאציא-
נאלען אידישען געדאנק און מיט איר אלגעמיינעם הויכען פובלי-
ציסטישען און גייס-דיענסט.

האפענטליך וועט דער מארגען זשורנאל אין די הענט פון
אזא דערפארענעם אידישען כל-טוער און חשוב'ען רעליגיעזען
און ציוניסטישען פירער ווי איר גייט נאך אפהייסען זיין אלטען
און אויסגעפרובירטען דרך, נאר וועט זיך נאך ברייטער אנטוויקלען
און גיין מחיל אל חיל.

די אידישע עפענטליכקייט נויטיגט זיך אין א הויך-
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מיט די בעסטע וואונשען,

דר. אבא חלל מילחער

April 7, 1949

Mr. A. K. Isreeli
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I am returning herewith the draft of the ad. I would suggest the omission of the words which are in a circle. I would also suggest that under the "American Zionist Emergency Council" you put my name as Chairman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 8th, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I prepared two articles under your name containing your address delivered before the Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Boston. They will be printed in the Passover issues of the Day. I only omitted those paragraphs dealing directly with liberal Judaism.

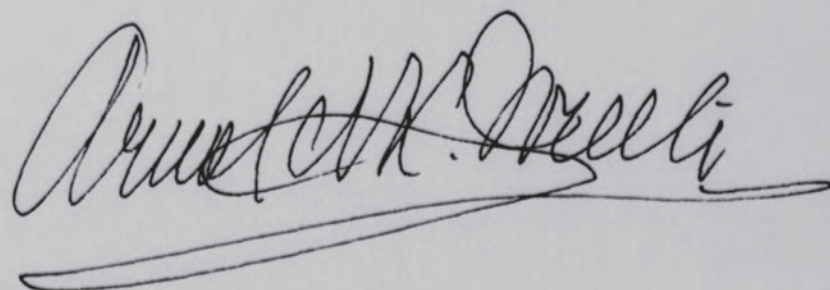
I hope you will like my version which is a correct and faithful presentation of your thoughts and even of the language.

Dr. Neumann's secretary told me yesterday over the telephone that you wanted me to answer Dr. Lukdoni in the Jewish Morning Journal. The editor gladly accepted my article, but it cannot be printed before Dr. Neumann looks it over, as per his wish. I will submit the article to the newspaper on Monday.

I am anxious for you to meet with the new editor and publisher of the Jewish Morning Journal. He will be very cooperative, but we must make a friend of him. You probably read that Elath made a special visit to the offices of the Morning Journal, met with the editor and staff, and participated in a "L'chaim".

I had no chance to talk to you about Hadassah. May I hope that at your next visit in New York you will call me in to discuss this matter. I think it is important.

Very cordially yours,



APRIL 22, 1949

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SILVER



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of International Trade
Areas Division
Middle East Branch

April 1949

OBJECTIVES OF ISRAEL'S FOUR-YEAR DEVELOPMENT
AND ABSORPTION PLAN AS ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 10,
1949 BY THE PRIME MINISTER (from Israel Eco-
nomic Bulletin for the first half of March 1949).

1. The speedy settlement of all underpopulated areas, a balanced distribution of population and prevention of overcrowding in the cities.
2. Efforts to develop Jerusalem by the concentration there of cultural, national and governmental institutions, the exclusive designation of certain enterprises for Jerusalem, the transfer of certain industries to this city, and establishment of a network of agricultural villages around Jerusalem and in the area connecting it with the Shfelah and the coastal plain. The economic consolidation of Safad and Tiberias shall also be the subject of special effort.
3. Irrigation of the valleys and the Negev, afforestation, swamp drainage, soil improvement, and agricultural development in all parts of the country.
4. The nationalization of water resources and natural resources; of desolate areas of land and of services on which the security of the State depends. No property shall be requisitioned or confiscated without adequate compensation.
5. The obligatory development of all derelict land, whether by transfer to a state development authority or by the instrument of special taxation.
6. The encouragement of private capital and of private and cooperative initiative in town and country; inducement for the investment of capital in productive enterprises, assisting the speedy and effective development of the country's natural resources and economic capacities; facilities for the transfer of Jewish capital from the Diaspora.
7. Efforts to establish Labour settlements in town and country and expand of all kinds of settlement and labour cooperation, with the preservation of freedom of the individual to choose the form of settlement in which he wishes to live.
8. Effort to improve telephone, telegraph and radio services and to develop land, air and sea communications within the country and with all parts of the world.
9. A systematic campaign against the high cost of living while preserving decent living conditions for the workers and popular masses through the following means:
 - a. effective control of imports and prices of imported goods, cost of production and prices of local, industrial and agricultural products, and of transport and service charges;
 - b. narrowing the margins of profit and the exaggerated returns of the middleman;

- c. strict control of the use of foreign exchange; the encouragement of the import of those means of production which can strengthen agricultural and industrial productive capacity and reduce costs; priority in the import of essential foodstuffs, fuel, building materials, equipment and the productive means to expand the country's economy;
 - d. the introduction of an austerity regime during the transition period by the strict rationing of food, clothing and other essential commodities and the imposition of severe penalties for all forms of speculation, particularly in housing, and on profiteering and blackmarketeering;
 - e. the rationalization of production and the improvement of equipment designed to increase output and quality and to lower prices; organized marketing; advanced technical training for workers; increase in the productivity of labour by improved labour conditions and of increased skill, and by cheapening credit; increased self sufficiency and expansion of production export.
10. The rehabilitation and expansion of the citrus industry, improvement of labour methods in the industry, and assistance in the marketing of its products abroad.
 11. The wide use of all modern scientific and technical methods for the promotion of the country's economy, of its general and technical education, and for the quantitative increase and qualitative improvement of production.
 12. Exemption from and reduction of taxation and customs duties designed to encourage private and cooperative industry, maritime and building enterprises, particularly in desolate and neglected regions.
 13. The imposition of progressive income tax, luxury and inheritance taxes, and taxes on increments in property values, with the object of assuring the fair distribution of the burden of maintaining security and state services.
 14. A tariff and foreign trade policy aimed at the encouragement and promotion of local industry and agriculture.
 15. The gradual systematic improvement of the standard of living, standard of education, labour and health for all sections of the population, regardless of nationality, community or sex.
 16. The eradication of illiteracy, overcrowding and disease in the slums.
 17. The removal of communal barriers in social and civic life.
 18. The progressive introduction of a wide social insurance scheme for the entire population against sickness, old age, widowhood and infirmity.
 19. The speeding up of building to meet the housing need of the immigrants and to clear the slums.
 20. The encouragement of the birth rate by the provision of grants and special allowances to large families.
 21. The encouragement of Jewish and other tourists by the promotion of the hotel industry and the establishment of effective services for the overseas dissemination of information of the country, its antiquities, its beauty spots and its economic possibilities.
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*Please return
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May 9th, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver,

You probably know that Cmdr. Joshua Goldberg, the Navy chaplain, was the official American officer attached to Dr. Weizman during his recent stay in America. I met Cmdr. Goldberg at a dinner in a friend's home, and he told me a few things about Dr. Weizman's visit here which, I believe, you ought to know.

1. The American Government looked upon the Weizman trip as upon something which had no precedent in Protocol. He was not invited to this country, had difficulties in seeing Mr. Truman, and the State Department actually did not know how to deal with him.

2. The trip was arranged by Meyer Weisgal, who has no official standing, neither in Israel nor in America. The Tel-Aviv Government had nothing to do with the trip and did not arrange it with Washington. It was a spasmodic affair, and Weisgal made blunders which were very harmful to the prestige of the new state.

3. Dr. Weizman himself was not orientated as to his conduct. He was invariably saying: "What do they want of me?, What do I owe them?". Cmdr. Goldberg's impression is that Weizman is a sick and senile man who barely knows what it is all about.

The only sane person in the entire group was Mrs. Weizman. She isolated herself, refused to see anyone and kept aloof up to the last day, when Mrs. Warburg gave a luncheon in her honor. Dr. Weizman, on the other hand, saw all sorts of people, made statements to which no head of a constitutional government is entitled to, and his entire conduct was unprecedented for an elected head of a state. Cmdr. Goldberg said, it was scandalous, and he was relieved when the Weizman group at last left the country.

4. Weizman on one occasion praised you highly, saying that you are a man of great energy and devotion.

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5. The story of Weizman's participation in the Madison Square Park meeting Cmdr. Goldberg relates thus:

The arrangements for Dr. Weizman's appearance were made solely by Weisgal without the knowledge of Dr. Weizman. "I will deliver him", he said. Weizman was informed of the meeting on May 3rd only, and he was furious. In the evening of that day, he had at his hotel a group of non-Zionists who discussed with him economic affairs. They counselled him not to participate in the meeting. He agreed with them, and subsequently informed the Emergency Council of his decision. Dr. Zondeck, who phoned to us to say that Weizman's poor health would not permit him to come to Madison Square Park, was actually induced to whitewash the president, although he himself was for Weizman's participation in the meeting.

The reversal came late in the afternoon, on May 4th, for the following reasons: Mr. Niles of the White House happened to visit the Weizmans that afternoon, and advised them to attend the meeting. Dewey Stone was another friend, who cautioned Dr. Weizman not to minimize the influence of the Jewish masses in America.

The last word had the publishers of the Jewish newspapers, who almost threatened with exposures. Dr. Weizman finally asked Goldberg himself, and he too advised him not to leave America without taking advantage of showing himself to the people at the meeting in Madison Square Park. Weisgal had nothing to do with the final decision. He was not asked.

Cmdr. Goldberg related to me, that Weizman was so impressed by the meeting, by the crowds and by the ovation given him, that he was out of breath from emotion. He confessed afterwards that it would have been a great mistake not to have come to the meeting. He saw that afternoon an entirely different picture of American Jewry than the one he saw through the associations he made during his entire stay in this country.

Cmdr. Goldberg is certain that the Government in Tel-Aviv will have something very radical to say to the president about the various statements he made here, particularly about the interview aboard the ship regarding his conference with Cardinal Spellman.

Very cordially yours,

A. K. Isreeli

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COUNCIL MEETING BE POSTPONED FIRST OR SECOND WEEK JUNE.
CONFIDENT YOU WILL MEET HADASSAH'S REQUEST=
JUDITH EPSTEIN FOR HADASSAH=

Keep copy

Constitution adopted at last meeting calls
for elect of officers & may I suggest that you
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May 31, 1949

ב"ה

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very much impressed with the constructive and realistic speech you made at the 52nd Zionist Convention of America. If the Zionist Organization in America had acted according to your program during the past ten years we would not today have a socialist majority in Israel. This socialist majority is a handicap to Israel's economic development as a non-socialist government is needed in Israel to gain the confidence of the rich Jewry so that they can be induced to invest a large amount of capital and so eliminate the necessity to depend so much on charity today for Israel's economic development. Unfortunately the charity from the U.S. gives the most help to the Histadruth which strengthens the left movements.

What Israel needs is a bank for rehabilitation and construction which should help to establish the newcomers from the European countries who were once either businessmen or artisans as the middle class. When they come to Israel they do not receive realistic guidance and help and this circumstance forces them to join the Histadruth and to become a member of their settlements and a worker. If the Z.O.A. would make projects and enterprises to rehabilitate the middleclass, I am sure that by the next election in Israel the General Zionists together with the religious block and Cheiruth movement would become a majority of the population. And I feel that it would be advisable for the Z.O.A. to form a religious department to take care of the religious institutions and communities in Israel so that the traditional religious Jewry in America can feel they have a place in the Z.O.A. and religious and non-religious Jews can work together for the Jewish state in the principle of Judaism and our traditions.

I wish you all success for your combative and realistic mind and I hope that you will become the leader and the guide of the Zionist movement and that you will insure a strong Jewish state founded on the principles of western democracy.

With Torah Greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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June 15, 1949

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In my capacity as co-chairman of a new ZOA Committee for World General Zionist Affairs, I was requested by Mr. Frisch on the eve of his departure for Israel to attend a meeting of the World General Zionist Confederation as an observer for ZOA.

Some statements, facts and my own impressions ought to be brought to your attention, I believe.

The meeting took place at the Jewish Agency. The agenda was a large one, but the real topic was: the union of General Zionist forces with a view to the forthcoming World General Zionist Conference and, between the lines, to the Zionist Congress.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, who presided, reported on the World Executive meeting in Jerusalem, and Mrs. Halprin and Mrs. Marian Greenberg filled in the gaps. According to Dr. Goldstein, the Confederation is now stronger than any of its component parts. The meaning ought to be clear to you. This statement, however, was not corroborated. It was corrected by the other reporters who stated -- and Dr. Goldstein halfheartedly agreed -- that the Confederation is as strong as its Construction Fund, by which the Confederation helps General Zionist factions in Israel and conducts its work in the diaspora, thereby holding together the movement. It was then revealed that the Construction Fund received lately from the UPA a large sum -- equivalent, I believe, to the sum appropriated last year.

The amazing thing in the discussion was that almost all of the reporters, most particularly Mrs. Halprin, expressed themselves to the effect that the Confederation could not last much longer than over the next Zionist Congress.

Mrs. Halprin does not believe that unity among the General Zionist factions is possible. They occupy opposing poles in

Israeli politics. Haoved Hazioni tends, of course, toward to the left, and in practical politics supports Mapai. The same is true of Alyiah Hadasha, while the General Zionists are partly conservative and partly outspokenly reactionary. Mr. Serlin speaks for them and he fights any progressive line of the government.

Mrs. Halprin visualized a total regrouping of the General Zionist forces in the not distant future, the Progressives tending towards the centrist Mapai and the General Zionists towards the extreme right.

I asked whether this is just a matter of ideology or practical interests. The answer was that the General Zionists have a real interest in defending private capital and conservative legislation.

Mrs. Greenberg agreed with Mrs. Halprin that the question of unity in the General Zionist ranks is farfetched. Dr. Goldstein, however, held out some hope. Dr. Schwartzbart then proposed that the Confederation exercise some pressure on both factions in Israel to support the mission of Mr. Frisch in its efforts for unity. Dr. Goldstein refused to entertain the motion, saying that the Confederation does not know Mr. Frisch's mind. He had not found it necessary to contact the heads of the Confederation and consult with them on this mission and therefore it should be considered inopportune to support him.

On the preparation for the World Conference of General Zionists, it was decided that the conference be held preferably in Paris some time at the beginning of next year coincident with some major international conference. A committee representing Hadassah, ZOA and other organizations will be nominated to prepare the conference.

Mr. Karpman, the executive director, reported that ZOA leaders some time ago assured him that the Confederation will be supported by the ZOA and that its representatives will participate in the preparations for the next World Conference. Mr. Frisch allegedly told him recently that the ZOA would pay its share to the budget of the Confederation but it has no money at present.

If I may be permitted to add my private impression, I would say that the leaders of the Confederation who participated in the meeting were utterly unfriendly to both the old and the new administration of the ZOA, and, although they did not say so clearly, one could adduce that they are preparing themselves for the next Congress in order to fight mostly the problem of autonomy and the general policies of the American members resigned from the Agency Executive.

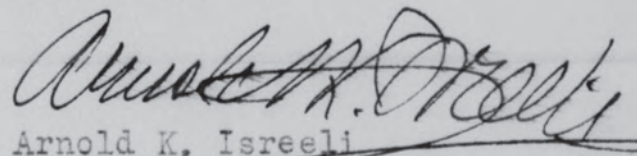
It seems to me from the reports that the Confederation has thus far accomplished nothing of importance besides getting status for itself in the World Zionist Organization and exercising the privilege of delegating members to the Actions Committee and the Executive ~~who~~ otherwise probably would not be there.

There is no doubt in my mind that if the ZOA should abstain permanently from the Confederation it could not get the funds from the UPA and it would have no other earthly reason for existence.

It is true that in some small countries General Zionists do not know their way and are looking for guidance to some higher authority, being tossed between the Mapai-Mapam on the one hand and the religious elements on the other. But it seems to me that the ZOA, without entangling itself in a Confederation that is costly, brings no results, pushes to the forefront people representing themselves only, and organizing forces to fight ZOA policies as we have known them for the last few years, could make an effort to furnish some moral leadership to those lost groups and even organize them towards the Congress.

I concluded from the discussions that the next Congress is really, in the view of the Confederation leaders, the crucial point towards which they look. -- The question is therefore what are we doing to organize ourselves and our friends and the General Zionist forces outside of America for the forthcoming Congress?

Cordially,


Arnold K. Isreeli

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יום ג', 15 בפברואר, 1949

לכב'

חברי הנהלת הסוכנות בירושלים
גיו יורק.

ח.ב.

הננו מתכבדים בזאת להגיש תזכיר וסקירה על מצב "החלוץ"
באר"ב והסכויים לגדול בעתיד הקרוב.

אנו מזמן הערכנו את חשיבות הפעולה החנוכית וההכשרה
לחלוציות הנעשית כאן. בתוך הקבוצה היהודי הגדול ביותר בעולם.
לא עשינו אשליה לגבי היכולת שלנו להימסך לתנועה הסובית, אבל
לא המעטנו את האפשרויות הריאליות הקיימות. ידענו שבתנאים הנכונים-
חיים מדברים הרבה על ארץ-ישראל, אבל עדיין רחוק המהלך עד עליה
פשוט. לשם זה נחוצה חנוך ציוני מעמיק. לפי שעה בידינו הכלים
לעשות את החנוך הזה, אבל ברור לנו שעם גדול הסכויים אנו
מוכרחים להרחיב ולשפר את אמצעי העבודה שלנו. ישנו כאן רפורמה
עצום של כחות יכולת ובשרון שיכולים להביא תועלת גדולה לפתוח
הארץ. סטטסקי המוני הנער מפכה רצון חלוצי ולמעשים קונסטרוקטי-
ביים ובידינו בתוכה ההכרעה אם נוכל לנצל את הנער, להדריכו
ולחנכו, או שכל כחות אלויתבזבוזו/לכן לטמיון.

למען בצול האפשרויות התזכיר מכון אליכם. עליכם האחראיות
הציונית לעזור ל"החלוץ" על מנת שימלא את תפקידו בהיסטוריה
באר"ב, כמו שמלא בארופה ובבנין הארץ.

א. המצב הקיים.

א. הברות. מספר חברי "החלוץ" בתחילת שנת '46 - 700
בתחילת שנת '47 - 1200
בסוף שנת '48 - 1700
בראשית שנת '49 - 2000 בערך
קיימים סניפים פעילים במקומות אלו: טונטריאול, קנדה.
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שיקגו.
לוס אנג'לס.

מחוז לסגיס "החלוץ" לפעשה קיסים סגיסים של "הבונים" ו"השומר-הצעיר" בערך 40 ערים המשמשים רזרבה לסגיסים לעתיד לבוא של "החלוץ".

ב. הכשרה. ברמית שנת 48 היו קיסות או בע בקורות הכשרה; שלש בארה"ב ואחת בקנדה, ואלו הן: 1. קריטריון ("הבונים"). 2. היידטאון (השומה"צ). 3. פוקיסטי ("פלוגת עליה" של הציונים הכלליים).

4. בקנדה - סמיטויל ("הבונים" ובוודים). ברמית שנת 49 הוכפל מספר בקורות ההכשרה בארה"ב ובמסך השנה נוספו לנו חמש בקורות והן:

1. קולטון, קליפורניה. 2. אוריל-פארק ("העולה" - סטודנטים). 3. ורבנק ("החלוץ הצעיר"). וסתי בקורות הכשרה עירוניות אשר תפקידן להכין כחות מקצועיים, סכנאים, בנאים, וכו'. שתי הנקודות נמצאות בריטרויט:

4. קבוצ עירוני של "הבונים" בריטרויט. 5. קבוצ עירוני של "השומה"צ" בריטרויט. בכל הנקודות האלו נמצאים בערך 250 איש בהכשרה קבועה. לקראת האביב והקיץ אנו נהיה נאלצים להגדיל את המספר לרגל רבוי המועדים והפניות להכשרה.

קיסת גם תבועה חלוצית של "השומר הדתי" אשר אסנם איננה קשורה ל"החלוץ", אבל קים ביננו שתוף פעולה פלא וקשרים מהודקים והתיעצויות, והדרכה בתנת על ירינו להם. ל"שומר הדתי" יש שתי בקורות הכשרה:

1. בקרמבר, ניו ג'רזי. 2. בנולף, אונטריו, קנדה. בחוות אלו מקבלים את הכשרתם כ-40 חברי. הנפיון של "השומר הדתי" להקים הכשרה עירונית בניו יורק לא הצליח. אנו מקיסים קשרים מהודקים והתיעצויות עם כל הסוכנויות לחבור מקצועי בארה"ב.

ג. שליחים. כל העבודה נעשית ע"י משלחת מאוד מצומצמת של ששה חברים העוסקים בכל הפעולות של חנוך, הדרכה, ארגון, וכו':

1. בן-ציון אילן.
2. דניאל בריסקר.
3. אריה סנצל.
4. יהודה סטינגר.
5. אברהם פיון.
6. יחיאל שפי.

בזמן כתיבת התזכיר המשלחת צומצמת לחמשה. החבר אריה יצא את עבודת "החלוץ" לתפקידים אחרים.

באופן חלקי, בסדה שהזמן מרשה להם, מעבודתם בתנועות החנוכיות, עוזרים בפעולות "החלוץ" השליחים של תנועות הנער; יהודה טובין, מסח טאובין ורב זכין - "השומה"צ. עקיבא איגר, נתן כהן וזיגוש ארליין - מפלגת פועלי מ"י. דב טיזל - ספ"ם, הקבוצ המאוחד. כדאי לצין איפה ששליחי "החלוץ" נמצאים באמריקה ביחס של שליח אחד לכל סליון יהודים.

ד. במסגרת החלק הסכריע של התקציב עד כה הלק לצרכי הכשרה, ולמרות זאת אנו מועלים בתוך גרעון הסעיף מאוד ואשר אינו מאפשר מתן החזרה והאפשרויות במלואן. תקציב ההכשרה המונש כאן אינו כולל את החזרה בקבוצה המוחזקת ע"י מקורות מקומיים. תקציב קיום ההכשרות יעלה השנה ל 15,000 דולר.

הכנסות משוערות להכשרה ל 1949:
 מהסוכנות היהודית - 40,000 דולר
 מהקרן האמריקאית של אדוארד בורמן - 40,000 דולר
 80,000 דולר
 גרעון משוער - 35,000 דולר
 התקציב הזה אינו כולל את החזקת ההכשרות של "הש"מ" הדתי" אשר צריך לקבל מהסוכנות 10,000 דולר לשנת '49.

ב. הכשרות

כאמור בראשית התזכיר רבו הסכומים לצדול והתרחבות. בזכות התענינות רבה והתעוררות בכל האוניברסיטאות בין הסטודנטים היהודים. לפי שעה סבין 240,000 סטודנטים יהודים באמריקה סטודנטים בארגונים ציונים בסת"כ רק 10,000, ואף בין 10,000 אלו אין לנו יותר מאשר שליש אחד העובד בתוכם והסדריך אותם. אין ביכולתנו לספק את הדרישה המתמדת מרב הארגונים הציוניים באוניברסיטאות להגביר את פעולתנו להדרכה ולספרות.

בתוך הפעולה המצומצמת שנעשתה עד כה בתנאים מאוד מוגבלים הביאה לנו תוצאות מאוד מעוררות. נרשמו לעליה 150 סטודנטים, שבהם 30 נמצאים כבר בהכשרה. קימים באמריקה 400 סנטרס, מרכזים, לנער יהודי, הפרכזים רבבות של נער יהודי. מרכזים אלו לצערנו היו רחוקים עד עכשו מכל מחשבה והדרכה ציונית, אבל זכינו שבאחרונה ברל והולך מספר ההזמנות לפעולה בתוך המרכזים האלה.

הסכומים להגברת הסכנות החלוציות בבתי-הספר העבריים, שמשפר תלמידיהם מביע ל 40,000, נעשות רבות יותר. הסודים סטודנטים ועושים פעולה יפה למען הקה"ק, ולפי שירוע לנו סוכנים גם לאפשר עזרה בפעולה חנוכית חלוצית.

לרגל רבוי הפניות מצד בודדים, שאף פעם לא השתיכו לתנועות נער, לעליה ולהצטרף לשורות "החלוץ", יש לנו אפשרויות להקים בעוד 20 ענפי-החלוצים, בתי-הספר, בתי-החלוצים, בתי-החלוצים, את הסכומים

ג. צרכים

א. שליחים. לאחר שורה של ברורים יסודיים הבענו לירי מכונים שהמספר המינימאלי ההכרחי ל"החלוץ" ולתנועות הנער לשנת '50 - '49 צריך להיות 50 שליחי. מהם:

לפעולות "החלוץ" - 20
 לתנועות הנער - 30

כיום ישנם בסמ"כ ל"החלוצ" ולתנועות הנער רק 24 שליחים.
נהוצים איפה עוד 26 שליחים נוספים. כל זה כמובן מחוץ לחלופים
רבילים של שליחים.

ב. סכמים. למען לממש את כל הסכומים ולארגן את הפעולה דרושים לנו
סכמים אלו:

לשנת 1949

37,500 דולר.	פעולה ארגונית רבילה (כולל טרנז.)
45,000 דולר	פעולה ספרותית, הדרכה ובקורים
10,000 דולר	הקמת 15 סניפים חדשים
35,000 דולר	מחלקה סקצונית
5,000 דולר	ברעון צפוי להכשרת 1949
10,000 דולר	הכשרת דיג 15 איש
20,000 דולר	הכשרה במלאכה
5,000 דולר	השתתפות בדמי עליה 300 איש
7,500 דולר	הקצית עברית
50,000 דולר	סמינריונים וקורסים
	הקמת הכשרות נוספות
	הרחבת העבודה הארגונית וההוצאות
12,500 דולר	הספרותיות
2,500 דולר	בלתי צפוי
240,000 דולר	

ההקציה הזו איננו כולל את הסך של 115,000 דולר להוצאות

ההכשרות הקיימות.

בסעיף אחד עלינו לעמוד בייחוד להדגיש את הרצינות לגבי עתיד העליה
מאטריקה, זה הסעיף הדן בהשתתפות בדמי העליה. יש לקחת בחשבון שהעולים
אם מטורנטים, או נער אחד, עולים בגיל צעיר, וגם זמן היותם בהכשרה אינו
מאפשר להם להרויח כדי ספיק הוצאות העליה. לא תמיד ההורים סוכנים
ויכולים לעזור, והכרחי במקרים תכופים ויוצאים מהכלל לעזור להכרים, אם
כי אנו באופן פרינציפיוני תובעים ומטילים על החלוצ העולה להרויח בעצמו
את הוצאות הדרך.

אנו מקווים שהתזכיר הזה נותן לכם מושג מה על המצב הקיים על הורכים
והסכומים, ושתתנו את דעתכם לבעיה זאת של הגדלת והכשרת האלמנט החלוצי
מארה"ב לא"י. אנו חושבים שהגיע הזמן להביט על החלוצ בארה"ב אשר
כבר מצליח להקים תשעה קבוצים מכל הקרמים בא"י, ואשר רבים ביניהם נמצאו
בחזית האש הראשונה בנגב ובבלייל, ואשר תרמו תרומה רצינית למלחמת היסוד.
הגיע הזמן להביט על החלוצ כאן בארה"ב לא כאל בן חורג של התנועה
הציונית, אלא כגוף מתפתח ורב סכומים.

בכבוד רב,

בשם מרכז "החלוצ"

אברהם מייזן
אברהם מייזן
ויהודה מסינגר.

העמדות לי:

יו"ר הסוכנות בירושלים החבר ברל לוקר.

יו"ר הסוכנות באמריקה אבא הלל סילבר.

ועדת "החלוצ": צבי לוריא, ברוך צוקרמן ורבי גלמן.