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American Zionist Emergency Council, "M", 1948-1949.

DAY LETTER

September 21, 1948

MR. HAROLD MANSON
PARK WEST HOSPITAL
170 West 76 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT: SO YOU GET SICK THE MINUTE YOU COME HOME.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT YOU GOT DOWN TO WORK.
A NICE PLACE FOR A CHOSON TO BE IN A HOSPITAL. MRS. SILVER IS
MORE UNDERSTANDING THAN I AM BUT I JOIN WITH HER IN SENDING YOU
OUR LOVE AND BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.



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October 15, 1948

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you the revised text of the ad which we discussed over the telephone earlier today, and hope that the references to President Truman are now acceptable.

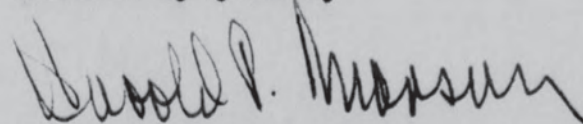
We have not yet come up with a good headline but hope that one of us will have a brainstorm within the next 24 hours.

In reading this copy please bear in mind that this will be a "display" advertisement which leaves us little room to develop a full case in our text. I believe that the maps will tell the story of the injustice of the Bernadotte plan and have, therefore, aimed the copy at the Truman Administration.

Shapiro or I will unquestionably phone you some time tomorrow and you will be able to convey your reaction to us at that time.

Warmest regards.

Cordially yours,



Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

HPM:SR
Enc

MAP I

1917

Area designated as the Jewish National Home
in Palestine (under the Balfour Declaration.)
45,000 square miles.

MAP II

1922

Area of Palestine following the amputation of
Transjordan by Great Britain.
10,000 square miles.

MAP III

1947

Area of the State of Israel as set up by the
partition decision of the United Nations.
5,678 square miles.

MAP IV

1948

Area of the State of Israel under the proposed
Bernadotte plan.
2,180 square miles.

The 1948 platform of the Democratic Party states: "We approve the
claims of the State of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations
Resolution of November 29 and consider that modification thereof should be made
only if fully acceptable to the State of Israel."

Program

Southeastern Conference
on
Israel



MIAMI, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1948

AUSPICES

THE GREATER MIAMI COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF ISRAEL

WITH THE COOPERATION OF

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

AND

THE GREATER MIAMI ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Pre-Conference Events

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1948

- Noon — Miami Kiwanis Club Columbus Hotel
"The Outlook for the State of Israel"
Rev. Earl Hollier Tomlin
Chairman — Stuart Patton
- 4 — 4:15 P. M. — WBAY Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
"Israel's Struggle for Freedom"

Conference Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1948

- 10:00 A. M. — Mt. Zion Baptist Church Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol
"Jews and Arabs — The Twain Shall Meet"
Chairman — Rev. Edward T. Graham
- 10:00 A. M. — Bethel AME Church Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
"My Trip to the Middle and Near East"
Chairman — Rev. H. W. Fayson
- 8:00 P. M. — All Faiths Worship and Sunday Evening Forum .. Bayfront Park
Invocation — Rev. Lloyd Whyte
Scriptural Reading — Rabbi Irving Lehrman and Rev. Lloyd Whyte
Forum — "Israel at the Crossroads"
Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein ;
Frank Gervasi
Rev. Daniel A. Poling
Benediction — Rev. George H. Ricks
Vocalists — Emory Krieger and Ralph Seerth
Chairmen — Rev. R. B. Giffen and Rev. David R. Hunter

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1948

- 9:45 — 10 A. M. — WIOD Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher
"The Meaning of Israel"
- 10:00 A. M. — Press Conference Columbus Hotel
- 10:30 A. M. — Greater Miami Ministerial Association Y.M.C.A.
"The Victory of Faith and High Courage"
Rev. Daniel A. Poling
Chairman: Rev. Edward W. Ullrich
- Noon — Dade County Bar Association Columbus Hotel
"The Arab-Israeli Conflict",
Major George Fielding Eliot
Chairman — Richard H. Hunt
- 1:45 — 2 P. M. — WQAM Rev. David R. Hunter
"Christian Responsibility to Israel"
- 1:30 — 4:30 P. M. — University of Miami Seminar
1:30 — 2:30 P. M. — "The Exodus and the UN Decision
Dr. Ruth Gruber, Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger
2:30 — 3:30 P. M. — "Palestine as We Saw It"
Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol, Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
3:30 — 4:30 — "Refugees and Rehabilitation"
Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Mrs. Welthy H. Fisher
Chairman — Dr. H. Franklin Williams
- 4:30 P. M. — University of Miami Faculty Smoker
"Israel at the Round Table"
Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger,
Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol, Mrs. Welthy H. Fisher,
Dr. Ruth Gruber and Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
Chairman — Dr. H. Franklin Williams
- 4:00 P. M. — Dade County Teachers Miami Edison High School
"Israel Faces the Future"
Rev. David R. Hunter and Charles J. Rolo
Chairman — Miss Alice M. MacVicar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1948

6:30 P. M. —

Banquet, Greater Miami Chapter American Christian
Palestine Committee Columbus Hotel
National Anthem, Miss Martha Feagin
Invocation — Rev. Andrew W. Gottschall
Speakers — Major Wellesley Aron
Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger
Major George Fielding Eliot
Rev. Daniel A. Poling
Benediction — Rev. Glenn C. James
Chairman — Dr. H. Franklin Williams

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1948

9:45 — 10 A. M. —

WIOD Dr. Ruth Gruber
"Destination Palestine"

10:30 A. M. —

Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs Lincoln Theatre
"The United Nations and Palestine"
Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger, Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol, Dr. Ruth Gruber
Chairman — Mrs. L. J. McCaffrey

Noon —

Miami Exchange Club El Comodoro Hotel
"Paris, Cairo, and Tel-Aviv"
Major George Fielding Eliot
Chairman — Robert L. Fidler

Noon —

Miami Civitan Club McAllister Hotel
"Power Politics in the Middle East"
Charles J. Rolo
Chairman — J. N. McArthur

Noon —

Miami Beach Rotary Club MacFadden-Deauville Hotel
"Israel — the Hope of the Middle East"
Rev. David R. Hunter
Chairman — Dr. J. Harold Klock

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1948

- Noon — Miami Beach Optimist Club MacFadden-Deauville Hotel
"A Christian View of the Jewish Problem"
Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher
Chairman — Truly Nolen
- Noon — Sponsors' Luncheon Columbus Hotel
"Israel Looks to America"
Major Wellesley Aron
Chairman — Dr. H. Franklin Williams
- 3:30 P. M. — Meeting and Tea for Women McAllister Hotel
"A Promise Fulfilled"
Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol, Rev. David R. Hunter
Chairman — Mrs. L. J. McCaffrey
- 6:30 P. M. — Miami Jr. Chamber of Commerce Dinner .. Miami Country Club
"Hate, Hope and High Explosives"
Major George Fielding Eliot
Chairman — Maurice Kerr
- 6:30 P. M. — Victory Banquet —
Community Chest Drive Columbus Hotel
Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
Chairman — Paul R. Scott
- 8:00 P. M. — United Nations Cooperative Council Robert Richter Hotel
"From Lake Success to Jerusalem"
Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger
Chairman — Miss Irene Cummings

Post Conference Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1948

- Noon — Miami Lions Club McAllister Hotel
"Why a Jewish State"
Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
Chairman — H. Earnest Overstreet
- 12:30 P. M. — International Relations Club University of Miami
"Israel — A Bastion for Democracy in the Middle East"
Major Wellesley Aron
Chairman — Miss Miriam Brauner
- 3 — 3:15 P. M. — WGBS Rev. Earl H. Tomlin
"A Christian Looks at Israel"
- 8:30 P. M. — American Veterans Committee of Miami
Beach International Hotel
"Israel and the Arab World"
Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher
Chairman — Dr. David Walterman

American Christian Palestine Committee

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Ministers to Deliver Sermons on "Palestine"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1948

Rev. L. C. Coe	Ridgeway Baptist Mission Church	2301 N. W. 62nd Street
Rev. Estelle Crutcher	Beth-El Church of the Nazarene	533 West Avenue
Re. Bruce A. Cumming	Riviera Presbyterian Church	7420 S. W. 52nd Avenue
Rev. E. S. Doherty	Feaster Memorial Methodist Church	2850 S. W. 27th Avenue
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Rev. A. A. Hagler	Holleman Park Methodist Church	349 S. W. 12th Street
Rev. John H. Haldeman	Allapattah Baptist Church	1733 N. W. 33rd Street
Rev. Glenn C. James	White Temple Methodist Church	320 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Rev. J. O. Jameson	Allapattah Methodist Church	2001 N. W. 35th Street
Rev. Earl J. Jones	Sellers Memorial Methodist Church	8390 N. W. 14th Avenue
Rev. Frank A. Keene	Central Baptist Mission Church	3163 N. W. 26th Street
Rev. O. C. Mees	St. James Lutheran Church	107 Antilla Avenue Coral Gables
Rev. W. V. Meredith	Riverside Methodist Church	121 N. W. 10th Avenue
Rev. George H. Ricks	Miami Shores Presbyterian Church	601 N. E. 95th Street
Rev. R. Wiley Scott	Community Congregational Church	3756 Pinetree Drive
Rev. May Cornell Stoiber	Unity Center of Practical Christianity	Elks Club — 9 N. E. 3rd Avenue
Rev. L. G. Sturdivant	Trinity Methodist Church	401 N. E. 1st Street
Rev. J. M. Taylor	All Soul's Episcopal Church	18 Belle Isle
Rev, Edward W. Ullrich	Robertson Memorial Church	N. E. 23rd Street & Court
Rev. George W. Wahlin	Immanuel Lutheran Church	416 N. W. 5th Avenue
Rev. Lloyd Whyte	Shenandoah Baptist Church	2225 S. W. 17th Avenue

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December 17th, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Z. O. A. Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Sunday Evening, January 2nd, 1949, at 8:30 P.M., at the auditorium of Washington Irving High School, this organization is presenting a portrait of Dr. Chaim Weitzman to the Hon. Eliahu Epstein, the Representative of the Government of Israel to the United States.

It is our intention to make this occasion a memorable one. May I at this time extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the presentation. Our organization is made up of a great many Zionists who became active in the Zionist organization during your administration as the President and because of your leadership. They have continued to look to you for leadership and guidance in the tasks ahead.

The Migdal Hakedoshim Foundation, Inc. has for its purpose the building of a housing project for immigrants of Hungarian descent to the State of Israel. The purpose of our organization is a worthy one and is made up of many representative citizens of your community.

I would appreciate an early reply to this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Lobl

Max Lobl, Executive Secretary

Mr. Max Lobl, Executive Secretary
Migdal Hakedoshim Foundation, Inc.
315 East 79th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Lobl:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of December 17th. It would give me great pleasure indeed to be present on January 2nd at the presentation ceremonies. Unfortunately, my congregational responsibilities necessitate my remaining in Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 20, 1948

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

My dear Harold:

I would appreciate it if you would prepare a letter of greeting
for the Bronx Zionist Region.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

December 24, 1948

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

My dear Harold:

I have just received the enclosed letter which is a follow-up on an earlier one which I forwarded to you. I should appreciate your following through on this immediately.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

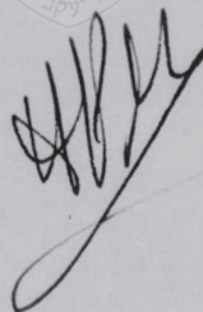
Date December 28, 1948

From Harold P. Manson

We could find no record of an earlier communication from you concerning a message on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Rabbi Lookstein's ministry. However, an appropriate greeting from yourself has been sent to Samuel Levy, as requested.

Regards.

HPM:SR



A handwritten signature, likely of Harold P. Manson, is written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. It is positioned over a faint, circular stamp that contains the text 'AMERICAN JEWISH' and some Hebrew text.

December 31, 1948

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

My dear Harold;

I received the enclosed telegram. Please let me know what you know about this organization and what they mean by a "consecration communion breakfast", and whether it is the sort of meeting that I should attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

OUR GRAND MASTER, FRANK M. TOTTON, JOINS ME IN ASKING-THAT YOU BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER AT CONSECRATION COMMUNION BREAKFAST FOR 3,000 LEADING MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1949 AT 10 A.M. ASTOR HOTEL. FEEL IT IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL MESSAGE AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING. WIRE YOUR ACCEPTANCE COLLECT.

WILLIAM F. ROSENBLUM, GRAND LODGE
OF MASONS ROOM 1823
WEST 23rd STREET
NEW YORK CITY

March 22, 1949

Mr. Harold Manson
Tudor City
East 42nd & Second
New York, New York

My dear Harold:

Just a note to remind you, if you need to be reminded, of my request that you push the editorializing which needs to be done in connection with the volume of my addresses so that the book may be out in time for the ZOA Convention which is scheduled for May 30th. If you need any material which is not available in the Emergency archives, please let me know.

I enjoyed being with you and Josie very much Sunday evening.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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March 22, 1949

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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dearest Dr. Silver:

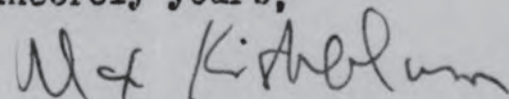
I have been looking forward to an opportunity of sitting down with you for about an hour or so in order to get your viewpoint on the present set-up in American Zionist affairs and what can be done to hold back substantially the process of liquidation of American Zionist authority which has been going on in recent weeks, ^{and} regarding which no one knows what the future will bring. Somehow whenever you come to New York you are quite taken up with your many tasks and such opportunity is never available. Your humble servant is equally pre-occupied with the many problems of Mizrachi at this critical juncture. I have therefore decided that perhaps it would be a good idea for me to drop into Cleveland when I am in the vicinity in order to spend about a half hour to an hour in your delightful company.

There is a great deal of confusion in our own ranks since no one knows what line we are to follow, although the overwhelming majority of our people are quite unhappy with things as they are. To properly steer them I should like to know exactly what plans the Z.O.A. is making for the future and how it expects to adjust itself to the new circumstances or what action it expects to take in order to revolutionize the present process of Zionist activity.

I am scheduled to speak at a banquet in Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 3, and I should like to know whether I can drop in on you sometime on Monday, April 4. I will not even notify my Mizrachi people of my arrival in Cleveland so that I shall be completely free to adjust myself to suit your convenience.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail and with kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Max Kirshblum
Executive Vice-President

mk/rs

A Growing Membership — Strengthens Israel's Cause

March 23, 1949

Rabbi Max Kirshblum
Mizrachi Organization of America
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of March 22nd. I shall be very happy to see you in Cleveland on Monday, April 4th. Please telephone me upon your arrival.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 East 66 Street
New York 21, N.Y.

April 13, 1949

Rabbi Irving Miller
Chairman, Scope Committee
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I wish to inform you of the discussion in the Executive with respect to the budget of the Emergency Council for the six months period April 1, 1949 to September 30, 1949

(1) The Executive felt that the administrative budget should not exceed \$200,000 for the year, or for the six month period indicated above... \$100,000
Included in this administrative budget is an item of \$40,000 for special services and individual contacts. The Executive felt that this activity ought to be suspended and an item of \$10,000 be permitted to remain for conferences and events.

(2) It was felt that there was no need for perpetuating the Research Institute and that this activity be terminated. It was also felt that Dr. Schwadron be requested to remain on to arrange for the orderly liquidation and transfer of the valuable material collected by the Research Department over the years.

(3) The Executive felt that the work of the American Christian Palestine Committee should be continued on a budget basis of \$100,000 for the year or for the next six months period..... 50,000
It was also suggested that the Emergency Council appoint a commission to look into the affairs of the American Christian Palestine Committee for the purpose of strengthening its lay leadership, intensifying its activities and program; that this matter should be carefully reconsidered at the end of the fiscal year, September 30th.

In arriving at these decisions the Executive was motivated to a large extent by recent reports from Israel indicating the near catastrophic situation arising out of the lack of funds. In view of the condition of our Treasury, it was felt that all activities not directly connected with the problem of immigration and absorption of immigrants will have to be drastically pruned.

With all good wishes for a Happy Pesach.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Nahum Goldmann

DAY LETTER

APRIL 19, 1949

LEON GELLMAN
MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1133 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

PERMIT ME TO CONVEY TO YOU AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MIZRACHI
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AND OF THE WORLD MY DEEP SENSE OF SORROW
AT THE PASSING OF YOUR LEADER AND ONE OF THE FOREMOST BUILDERS
OF ISRAEL AND LIFE LONG CONSECRATED CHAMPION OF OUR COMMON CAUSE.
WE SHALL ALL MISS HIM GREATLY AND WE SHALL BE UPLIFTED BY HIS
MEMORY.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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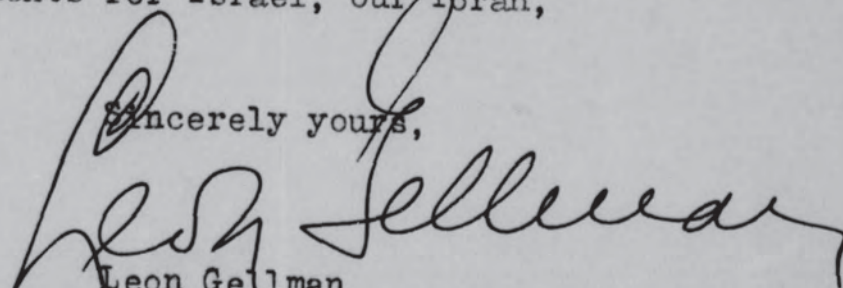
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In behalf of myself and the Mizrachi Organization of America please accept our genuine gratitude for your expression of sympathy over the loss of our great and beloved leader, Rabbi Meir Berlin.

May his memory ever be fresh in our minds, and may the values he championed with his life inspire us to even greater achievements for Israel, our Torah, and our people.

Sincerely yours,


Leon Gellman
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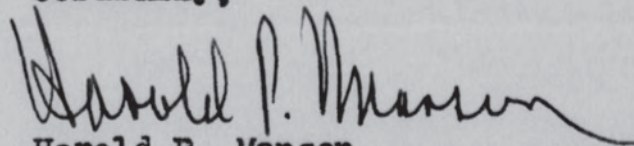
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Best regards to Mrs. Silver.

Cordially,


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