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July 12, 1949

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Beatrice:

You may recall that some time ago I requested you to collect for me all the printed documents, brochures, etc. of the American Zionist Emergency Council and have them bound for me. On May 20th you wrote me that I would have the material in a few weeks. Will you be good enough to check up on this for me?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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September 6, 1949

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

You will recall that several months ago Dr. Silver requested copies of all printed documents, brochures, etc. of the Council to be bound for him. Upon his return from Europe he asked me ~~about it~~ and I am accordingly bringing this to your attention once again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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September 6, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to greet you and Mrs. Silver most heartily on your return home -- I wish that this would be a return also to your closest friends and co-workers.

I am sending you herewith a clipping from The Day and one from The Forward, where the Council and your name are discussed. You may be interested to know that this is not just a thought of two journalists; one hears these questions in the districts, among leaders and in the public generally.

I am terribly sorry I was unable to see you while you were in New York. I would have liked to discuss with you a few questions of general interest at the present moment.

I am particularly interested in the question of the future Zionist Congress. I do not think that Mr. Frisch or the ZOA are paying any attention to the Congress. Labor does and I think that the Poale Zion are preparing tricks which will make us a small minority at the next Congress.

Did you give any thought to this matter and could you give me some inkling of your thinking so that I may be able to put my friends in the press on guard? I would very much appreciate your answer at my home address: 1832 E. 5th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Another matter, although a very small one, is the sum you and Dr. Neumann gave me for the press. I still have \$660.00 in my possession. What shall I do with it? I do not want to transfer this sum to the Council. It is not the Council's money alone. Would you be good enough to advise me on it? Mr. Tuvim thinks that I should transfer this money to an account in my name and keep it.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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September 10, 1949

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I am sending to the American Zionist Council indicating the probable conclusion of the matter which you referred to me last April, concerning the failure of the American Export Lines to permit their principal passenger ships to stop at Haifa.

I trust your trip abroad has brought you renewed health and strength.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Charles Fahy

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

September 10, 1949

Dear Sirs:

In his letter of April 12, 1949 Dr. Akzin, at Dr. Silver's suggestion, asked me to take up with the State Department the failure of the American Export Lines to permit their four principal passenger ships to stop at Haifa, because of molestation by Arab authorities at Beirut and Cairo before or after calling at Haifa. We filed a rather comprehensive memorandum with the Secretary of State and had further correspondence and conferences with representatives of the Department and the White House.

These particular ships do not yet include Haifa as a port of call on their bi-weekly trips to the Mediterranean; but the same line has now announced that beginning October 13 and monthly thereafter, the S.S. LaGuardia, a first class passenger ship recently acquired from the Maritime Commission, will call at Haifa, via Gibraltar, Palermo, Naples and Piraeus. My letter of May 24th to Mr. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State, had particularly suggested this action. The S.S. LaGuardia, the second largest passenger vessel under the American flag and the flagship of the American Export Lines, will thus offer first class direct passenger service to Israel. Also placed in this direct service from New York to Israel since Dr. Akzin's letter are two large passenger vessels under foreign flags, the S.S. Neptunia and the S.S. Argentina.

I am advised that the passenger service to Israel now provided by the American Export Lines was deemed highly satisfactory and accordingly that there is no further need for pursuing the matter with the Department of State. I am inclined to agree and to let the matter rest here.

Yours sincerely,

American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Attention: Dr. Jerome Unger, Executive Director

Yugoslavs Seize Italian Boats
ANCONA, Italy, Sept. 11 (UP). Yugoslav authorities have seized five Italian fishing boats in the last few days on charges of operating in Yugoslav territorial waters, port officials disclosed here today. About forty Italian fishermen were aboard the vessels, they said.



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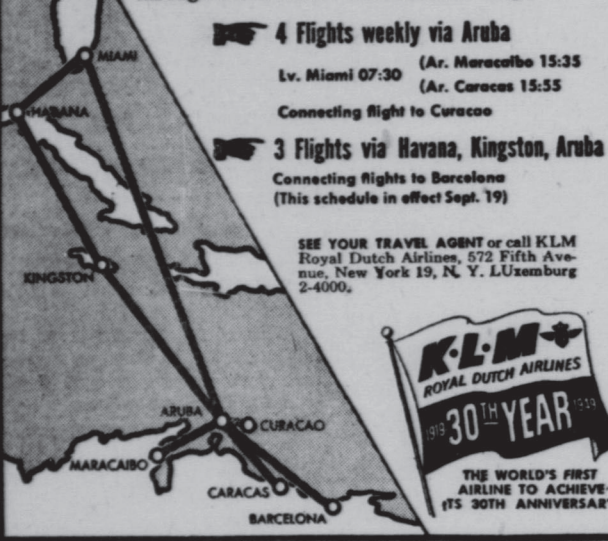
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Cash for Israel To Be Sought in Special Drives

Jewish Leaders, Alarmed by 31% Decline in Gifts, Make Emergency Plans

By Paul Tobenkin

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Eight hundred Jewish community leaders from all sections of the United States, alarmed by a 31 per cent decline in cash contributions to the United Jewish Appeal this year as compared with the same period last year, voted unanimously today an emergency program to get more as quickly as possible for Israel.

Concluding a two-day conference at the Statler Hotel, the delegates decided to make a particular effort to get payment on pledges already made to the U. J. A. to run such as to those already in progress to urge Jewish communities to make loans from their local banks at once and give the cash to the U. J. A. and, finally, to establish a formula under which the U. J. A. would get the maximum possible allocation of funds raised by individual community chests and similar drives.

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Three Collection Agencies

By agreement with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, top world Zionist body, three major collection agencies for Israel function in the United States. They are the U. J. A., seeking \$250,000,000 for basic immigration and resettlement; Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization, seeking \$10,000,000 for hospitals and welfare work; and the National Committee for Labor Israel, seeking \$10,000,000 for projects of Histadrut, the Israeli federation of labor.

Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, announced recently that his organization would raise \$2,000,000 for its own projects in Israel, primarily for middle-class individuals whom Mr. Frisch described as the "forgotten men" in Israel. The U. J. A. opposed the Z. O. A.'s plan to enter the fund-raising field, and Mr. Frisch countered by asking the U. J. A. to allocate \$2,000,000 for Z. O. A. projects.

Mr. Frisch and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, conferred last night, and it was agreed that no action would be taken for the next two weeks. During this period Dr. Goldmann will be in Paris, where he will discuss the problem with other members of the Jewish Agency.

The Jewish Agency, it was learned, is prepared to license those groups authorized to solicit funds in the United States for Israel. This would eliminate unauthorized and questionable fund-raising groups.

Would Postpone Drives

An indication that a unified fund-raising drive will continue next year through the U. J. A. was contained in a second resolution adopted by the meeting. It urged all Jewish organizations and communities planning for 1950 to refrain from making any commitments until after the U. J. A. has held its annual national conference in November in Atlantic City.

William Rosenwald, one of the national chairmen of the U. J. A., told the assembly that inadequate funds in 1949 "may jeopardize our magnificent accomplishments of the past ten years." He recited the accomplishments of the U. J. A. in resettling thousands of im-

igrants in Israel, but warned that the task is not finished and cannot be completed while more than 70,000 persons are living in tents in Israeli reception centers.

In a telegram to the meeting, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, prospective Democratic candidate for the Senate, urged support for the campaign as strong as that given in the past.

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Head of Zionist Council



Louis Lipsky

Lipsky Elected By American Zionist Council

New Chairman's Victory Appears to Complete the Rout of Silver, Neumann

Louis Lipsky, president of the Eastern Life Insurance Company, has been elected chairman of the American Zionist Council to succeed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, according to an announcement from the council's offices at 342 Madison Avenue yesterday. The council acts as a public relations center for all Zionist organizations in the United States.

The result of the election, held Sept. 8, appears to have completed the defeat of Dr. Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a controversy between Zionist factions in this country for more than a year. Mr. Lipsky has been a leader in the opposition to continued domination of Zionist activities by the Silver-Neumann group. The council's announcement said that the new chairman was elected unanimously.

Dr. Silver resigned June 16 and the organization's administration has been conducted since that time by a special committee. Earlier, he had resigned as chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency Executive and was opposed to the continuance of Henry Montor as executive secretary of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Lipsky supported Mr. Montor and that faction came out on top when Henry Morgenthau Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, refused to accept the national U. J. A. chairmanship unless Mr. Montor was retained in his post.

The controversy within the U. J. A. was concerned with distribution and administration of the funds collected. An emergency conference was held in Washington over the week end because the current campaign has fallen below its goal.

Mr. Lipsky was president of the Zionist Organization of America from 1921 to 1931. He aided in setting up the American Jewish Conference in 1943 and was chairman of its executive committee from 1943 to 1948. He was managing editor of "The American Hebrew" for fifteen years and established "New Palestine" as the official organ of the Z. O. A.

Other council officers elected were Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadassah, vice-chairman; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, secretary; and Pinchas Cruse, secretary of the political committee of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, treasurer. Rabbi Jerome Unger will act as the council's executive director.

Grand Coulee Power Cut Off

Bolt Hits High-Voltage Line, Affects Wide Area in Northwest
VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11 (UP).—Lightning cut four high-voltage transmission lines between Grand Coulee Dam and Spokane last night, setting off a chain reaction of disturbances in the Pacific Northwest's power pool.

The Bonneville Power Administration's dispatching office said a thirty-minute overload hit electrical systems in Vancouver, B. C., Seattle, Portland, Eugene and Tillamook, Ore. Seattle radio stations said transmission was disrupted momentarily and lights flickered down in the Puget Sound area. Electric clocks slowed down and telephone circuits failed as normal sixty-cycle current was cut to fifty-five in the face of stepped up voltage. A power failure hit Spokane during the evening rush hour. Street lights went out, elevators stalled between floors and traffic signals remained the same color, causing many traffic jams.

Aid U. S. German Zone Trade

FRANKFURT, Sept. 11 (AP).—American occupation personnel in Germany got the right today to trade personal property with the Germans. Effective tomorrow, they can sell such property to the Germans for marks. Then they can use the marks to buy in German stores.

Documents for Public Customs

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September 15, 1949

To the Local Committees
of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL:

The new Administration of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL sends its Rosh Hashonah greetings to its national and local affiliates. May the coming year bring better times for Israel and the Jewish people.

After the summer lull in our activities, due in large measure to the difficulties of reorganization, we address ourselves to our loyal co-workers and call upon them to renew their efforts on a more extensive scale to mobilize American public opinion on behalf of the people and the State of Israel.

The work of the COUNCIL must be continued with greater vigor and devotion *and fact* than ever before. Israel has a long way to go to reach its goal of security and peace. No peace treaties have as yet been signed with any of the Arab states. Disturbing reports reach us that the United States Government is exercising pressure upon Israel to make *large territorial concessions to the Arab states*, which would impair the independence and security of the new-born State. Demands are continuing for the acceptance by Israel of *large numbers of refugee Arabs* whose return to Israel would not only jeopardize its economy, but would serve as the basis of a fifth column within Israel. A powerful influence is being exerted by various groups to force the exclusion of the *Holy City of Jerusalem* from the State of Israel. The denial of these reports by official circles is not convincing.

It is, therefore, the duty of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL and its affiliates to support the State of Israel and to protect Zionist public relations in the United States with all the devotion and zeal and energy which the situation requires. Our voices and our influence must be heard again.

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It is important to point out that radical changes have taken place within the Zionist structure. New relationships have developed since the State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948.

An Israeli Embassy functions in Washington with Eliahu Elath as Ambassador at its head. An Israeli Consulate functions in New York with Arthur Lourie at its head. Other Israeli consular offices have been, and are being established in other cities. These represent and act for the Government of Israel in the fields of diplomacy, commerce and finance. They operate in the same way as do the embassies and consulates of other foreign governments.

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The American Section of the Jewish Agency has offices and staff in New York City. It acts for the Executive of the whole Jewish Agency in all over-all Zionist representations in South America and Canada, as well as, to a certain extent, in the United States. Although the members of the American Section are American citizens they do not speak or act as representatives of American Zionist bodies. They are spokesmen for the World Zionist Movement.

The AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL, however, *represents all recognized Zionist bodies in the United States and acts as the policy-making and public relations body for the entire Zionist movement in this country. It is not a foreign, but a domestic body.* On behalf of hundreds of thousands of American citizens deeply concerned with the stability and security of the people in the State of Israel, it makes its views known to American organs of public opinion and to Government officials. It has its own approach to the American Congress.

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The program of the Council will be extended to include an intensive educational effort to interpret Israel and its people to all classes of American citizens, and *to create the background for any public relations mass action we may be called upon to initiate from time to time. The groundwork for such mass action with respect to Jerusalem, Arab refugees and the Negev is now being prepared.*

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To the end that our local committees may be strengthened and prepared to face the new tasks of the Council, it is desirable and urgent that the local committees be reorganized.

You are asked to call a special meeting of your local Zionist leaders -- at which all local Zionist groups, as well as interested Jewish groups, will be represented -- not later than September 29th. This meeting should be devoted to a review of the present political situation affecting Israel, your own public relations program relevant thereto, and the election of officers, as well as the appointment of chairmen of committees. The following committees should be set up: *on press and radio; on political contacts; on religious and academic contacts; on labor contacts; on civic groups contacts; on liaison with the American Christian Palestine Committee.*

We urge that the officers and chairmen should be elected on the basis of *their qualifications and their ability to establish the contacts* essential for the success of our program.

After your meeting has been held and your officers elected, send without delay their names and addresses to the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., ATTENTION OF JEROME UNGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

This is a call to prepare for action! The peace and security of Israel demand our immediate attention. To that task we are called upon to give continuously the best that is in us with vigor, imagination and tact. We are confident that our efforts will be crowned with success, and that the enemies of our cause in due course will suffer another defeat.

With Zion's greetings,

Louis Lipsky
Louis Lipsky
Chairman

September 19, 1949

Mr. A. K. Isreeli
1832 East 5th Street
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been snowed under here since my return from Europe with Temple activities and other urgent matters. Thank you for sending me clippings from the Yiddish papers. I enjoyed reading them.

The question which you raise in your letter one cannot discuss adequately through correspondence. I hope to be in New York soon after the High Holy Days to meet with my friends and talk over the general situation. I shall, of course, be most eager to meet with you.

With regard to the \$660 which you still have in your possession, I would suggest that you keep it. There will be occasions, I am sure, in the future to use it.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 21, 1949

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

I am writing you once again with reference to my letter of September 6th and Dr. Silver's letter of July 12th concerning the material of the Council which you are having bound for Dr. Silver. He is very anxious to have this material, and I shall appreciate hearing from you.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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NO. 6

October 11, 1949

HOLD MASS MEETINGS OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 6

To the Local Committees
of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL:

At this session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, now being held at Lake Success, the tortured problem of Palestine will again appear. This time it is a package of three items -- Jerusalem, Arab refugees, Negev. What these three terms mean was told in our letter to you of September 29.

If this program as a whole (or any one of the items) is accepted by the General Assembly, the State of Israel will be crippled for decades. Its struggle for peace and security will become an almost superhuman task. It will have to continue for years to sacrifice its economic welfare and development for its security. It will be unable to reduce its heavy military budget or release its army for constructive work.

Energetic, intelligent and coordinated action on the part of Americans -- acting through and in cooperation with the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL and our Christian and liberal friends -- may yet frustrate the plans of the anti-Israeli forces in the United Nations.

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This explosive package comes to the United Nations through its Conciliation Commission, whose report on Jerusalem is now on the agenda of the General Assembly. There is no need to repeat the arguments that have been advanced against the plan. Major Aubrey S. Eban's address at the General Assembly on the subject has been circulated in summarized form. You have also received the COUNCIL's analysis of the scheme.

It is anybody's guess as to when the issue will come up in the Political Committee, to which it has already been referred; or in the General Assembly, to whom the Political Committee should report. Perhaps it will be at the end of October or the first week of November. The Clapp Commission is expected to deal exclusively with the economic aspects of the refugee problem. This report is expected at Lake Success on or about November 1st. Tied up with the refugee problem is the question of the Negev and the revision of boundaries.

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The gravest concern of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL is the fact that the United States Government (which through President Truman was so helpful in securing the adoption of the November 29, 1947 resolution; which gave its influence to get that resolution adopted by the United Nations; which was the first to recognize the new State of Israel and to help it financially through the Export-Import Bank) is now sponsoring and pressing for the three-pronged program in the General Assembly. In his opening address to the Assembly, Secretary of State Acheson stated the position of the United States in favor of the Jerusalem scheme. To date, no dissenting opinion has come from any official United States source.

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The AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL, therefore, believes that there is urgent need at this time for American public opinion to express itself and to be registered in Government circles as opposed to the further badgering and threatening of the State of Israel, and as favoring the plan for the United Nations protection of the holy places instead of the internationalization of Jerusalem.

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THE AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL HAS, THEREFORE, DECIDED TO CALL UPON ALL THE SUPPORTERS OF OUR CAUSE -- AND ESPECIALLY OUR LOCAL COMMITTEES -- TO ORGANIZE AND HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DATES OF OCTOBER 30 AND NOVEMBER 6. AT THESE MEETINGS STATEMENTS DEFENDING OUR POSITION SHOULD BE MADE BY OUR SPEAKERS AND RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE ADOPTED URGING PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO DIRECT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO FAVOR THE COMMON-SENSE SOLUTION OF THE JERUSALEM PROBLEM WHICH IS BEING ADVOCATED BY THE ISRAELI DELEGATION.

We suggest that you utilize every facility of your own and neighboring communities in supplying speakers at these public meetings.

These resolutions and statements should be presented by a small delegation to your Congressmen and, wherever possible, to your United States Senators. Fill out the enclosed postal card and return it to the office of the COUNCIL, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. Be sure to send the COUNCIL a full report of your meetings and a copy of the resolutions adopted.

With Zion's greetings,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky
Chairman

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P.S. If you have not already done so, please send us the names of the officers of your reorganized local committees. It is imperative that you do this without delay.

December 8, 1949

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Miss Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith copies of pamphlets by Dorothy Thompson which your office permitted me to consult last week. Many thanks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

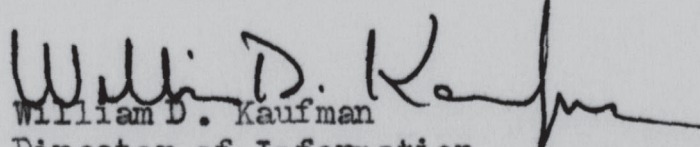
Dear Dr. Silver:

I know you will want to know the most recent events in the steady decline and disintegration of the once-great organization which you headed and under whom we were privileged to serve. Ben-Horin and I have become new sacrifices to the great God -- Budget. We were given our notice yesterday. Miss Bea Cohen, I have learned, has just tendered her resignation. Confronted with the demand that she accept a salary cut involving almost 50% of her earnings, she threw the job up in Unger's face.

It was a shoddy chapter that we just went through. Believe me, Dr. Silver, there is no rancor in me at this present moment. I am moved very very deeply, however, by the thought that the great edifice you built with such pains and such care -- an edifice which was a living monument to the courage and strength of a great movement -- should have met such an ugly end.

With my best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


William D. Kaufman
Director of Information

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January 10, 1950

Mr. William D. Kaufman
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Kaufman:

I received your letter of January 6th, and I was, of course, unhappy to learn that your services with the American Zionist Council have been terminated. This seems to be part of a general program of contraction which may be bordering on liquidation. I regret it deeply.

Knowing of your fine talents and abilities, I am sure that you will have no difficulty in finding a place where you will be able to render the fine services to our great cause in the future as in the past. It is a source of great satisfaction to me that you were of the family of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and you served so devotedly and so well during the great years.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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NO. 22

February 6, 1950

ACTIVATE YOUR COMMUNITY FOR JERUSALEM IMMEDIATELY

To the Local Committees
of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL:

It is important that you should know what is happening in the UN Trusteeship Council meeting at Geneva with regard to the internationalization of Jerusalem.

The chairman of the Council, Roger Garreau, is offering to limit the area and scope of internationalization, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, and is proposing an amendment which, in effect, approves in principle the idea of internationalization, but in a limited area. The new scheme, full of inconsistencies and political appeasements, in no way contributes to making the internationalization scheme for Jerusalem any more acceptable or workable. In fact, the smaller the area of internationalization, the more unworkable the plan becomes.

The modified plan is being used, however, again to pressure both Jordan and Israel to make other concessions to the promoters of the idea of internationalization. They are being urged and pressured to come to an agreement speedily, accepting internationalization in principle. Under cover of peace negotiations the Government of Jordan will be urged to make such demands upon Israel as will make acceptance by Israel impossible.

The longer the Trusteeship Council continues to play around with the thought that an international state -- whatever its size -- is the desired objective, the more difficult the position of Israel is bound to become. Greater dangers loom in the offing arising out of these pressuring conferences.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that some powerful influence take the initiative to break the unfavorable climate

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prevailing in the Trusteeship Council and settle the problem before it comes to a spring session of the United Nations Assembly.

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It is imperative -- in our view -- to call upon President Truman officially to intervene and to save the situation. It is to be regretted that after voting and speaking against the internationalization of Jerusalem the United States Delegation and the State Department take a passive, indifferent attitude towards all developments and seem to be unconcerned as to what may arise under the circumstances. They seem officially to be drifting, showing no signs of leadership. As a matter of fact, however, the anti-Israeli forces in the State Department, under Catholic influence, are more active than ever in exerting influence wherever they can in favor of anti-Israeli proposals. Only President Truman with his great authority, acting promptly and vigorously, can break the impasse.

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You are, therefore, called upon to activize all the forces in your community at once to the end that the appended resolution be adopted and re-inforced by our Christian and liberal friends and forwarded to the Washington authorities.

Get this resolution, with as much support as you can possibly secure, inserted in the local press and have editorial comment made upon it. See your Congressmen and Senators and local officials to get their endorsement and have them send their endorsements and in addition, messages of their own, to President Truman and to Secretary of State Acheson. Get in touch with your Christian and liberal friends and have them do likewise. Send your own endorsement direct to President Truman and Secretary Acheson. Let us know in detail what you succeed in doing. Please send us all press notices and clippings and copies of resolutions and messages sent to Washington.

Cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky
Chairman

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The following is the resolution proposed for adoption by the local communities and their friends:

The Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, being unable to arrive at a decision with regard to the internationalization of Jerusalem acceptable to both Israel and Jordan;

The procrastination in the handling of this problem being prejudicial to the interests of both Jordan and Israel, and contributing to unrest and creating a threat to peace;

The United States Delegation having voted and spoken against the proposals to internationalize the whole of Jerusalem;

Therefore, we call upon President Truman to issue directives to the State Department, to the United States Delegation to the United Nations, and to our representative in the Trusteeship Council to have them accept and advocate the proposal to establish over the holy places in Palestine a trusteeship or guardianship responsible for the supervision and control only of the sanctuaries, without interfering in the civil life or impairing the civil rights of the population of Jerusalem.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
LOUIS LIPSKY

May 10, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the American Zionist Council and with unanimous agreement, I cordially invite you to be one of the speakers at the mass meeting to be held on Sunday evening, June 4th at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., in connection with the emergency conference which has been called by the Council for the purpose of discussing its organizational problems and its program, and also to take such action in the political situation as may be required at that time.

There will be meetings of the conference also on Sunday and Monday afternoons, June 4th and 5th. Your participation in the discussions would be greatly appreciated.

I would personally be glad to have your cooperation.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky
CHAIRMAN

LL:SR

Mrs. H. F. Spellman (BEA COHEN, AMERICAN)
405 West 23 Street
New York 11, N. Y.
ZIONIST COUNCIL!

May 12, 1950

Dear Dr. Silver:

Well, sir, you did it again! I was proud and happy to have had the pleasure once again to hear the "one and only" last night at Madison Square Garden. You were magnificent, superlative, and (to borrow Mr. A.K. Isreeli's expression) you "cockled my heart".

I roamed around the Garden to get some audience reaction and everywhere people repeated about you, "he's terrific!", "he's the best there is", "isn't he wonderful", "as a speaker he has no peer". There was one elderly man who slapped his knee and said, "dot man uses such fine woids". Truly, you cockled everyone's heart. All were proud of you; all were secretly glad they didn't miss the opportunity to hear you.

Plaques and testimonials are important in a sense, but what really counts is what Mr. John Doe Rank and File has in his mind. Last night he was mind-to-mind with you more than ever and, if you wish, will always be that way.

I thought I'd let you know how your "fans" feel about you. How else can you know?

Best regards.

Bea Cohen

May 15, 1950

Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

I received your kind invitation to be one of the speakers at the mass meeting which will be held under the auspices of the American Zionist Council in Washington on Sunday, June 4th. I should very much like to come on Sunday, but I have the closing Rally of our Temple Religious School scheduled for the morning and a long-standing wedding scheduled for the evening.

I note that the meeting will carry over to Monday. I shall make an effort to be present on Monday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

May 19, 1950

Miss Beatrice Cohen
405 West 23 Street
New York 11, New York

My dear Beatrice:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. It was good to hear from you and to know that you enjoyed the meeting. I did, too. There is still fine spirit among our people.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you when I am in New York next.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 15, 1950

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am enclosing the circular about which I spoke to you at the New England Zionist Region Convention in Boston.

This circular appeared during the recent mayoralty campaign in New York City, and was distributed particularly in Brooklyn. There is nothing new in the circular except that it tells things in public which were kept secret.

For this office record, I have had photostats made.

Sincerely yours,

Adolph Hubbard

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June 16, 1950

Mr. Adolph Hubbard
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Hubbard:

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the circular concerning the recent mayoralty campaign in New York. I read it with much interest.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Z.O.A. Convention in Chicago, and with best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

August 24, 1950

Mr. A. K. Isreeli
1832 East 5th Street
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Friend:

When I saw you in New York, you requested that I send you some of my books. Under separate cover I have asked my secretary to forward to you some of my books which may be of interest to you: "Religion in a Changing World", "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival", "Messianic Speculations in Israel", and my short essay, "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History". I am sure that you have the most recent volume of my Zionist essays, "Vision and Victory".

I shall be most interested to read your new book when it is published.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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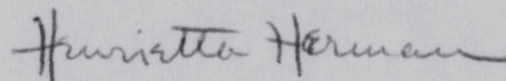
February 23, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you may know by this time, Miss Beatrice Cohen left the Council last week to work on the Bond Drive. Before leaving she asked me to forward to you a compilation of publications issued by us and by the American Christian Palestine Committee during the past year. This has been done, and you should receive them shortly. In accordance with this precedent we will gladly continue to send you copies of all future publications.

Sincerely yours,



Henrietta Herman
Office Manager

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Thank

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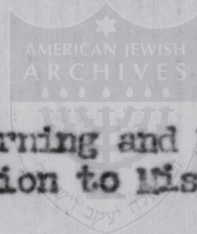
Miss Henrietta Herman
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Miss Herman:

The publications arrived this morning and Dr. Silver has asked me to express his deep appreciation to Miss Cohen and to you for forwarding them to him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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To the Local Committees
of the AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL:

Enclosed is a release issued to the press only a few moments ago which represents the official reaction of the American Zionist Movement to the recent happenings in the Huleh region, which regrettably culminated in the Resolution introduced yesterday in the Security Council by Ambassador Warren Austin on behalf of the United States with the support of Britain, France, and Turkey. The Resolution is tentatively scheduled to be voted upon this Friday night, May 18.

From the moment you receive this communication until such time as the newspaper and wire services report the vote in the Security Council, IT IS URGENT AND IMPERATIVE THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVE AN OUTPOURING OF TELEGRAMS PROTESTING AGAINST THIS UNJUST ACTION. THE ADMINISTRATION MUST BE PERSUADED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS ARBITRARY HANDLING OF THIS ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT SITUATION TO THE END THAT IT WILL INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO SEEK OTHER MEANS OF SOLVING THE DISPUTE WHICH HAS ARISEN BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. MOBILIZE THE LARGEST TELEGRAM CAMPAIGN YOUR COMMUNITY IS CAPABLE OF AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE SINCE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. COPIES OF WIRES TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN SHOULD BE SENT TO HON. DEAN ACHESON, SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C. AND AMBASSADOR WARREN AUSTIN, U.S. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, 2 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Wherever possible, enlist the support of political figures in your community who have direct access to Administration leaders and urge their direct intervention in important governmental circles. Utilize the enclosed as a release to your local paper, giving it a local slant. Please keep us informed of all results of your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky
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CHAIRMAN

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Enc.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL PROTESTS TO PRESIDENT AGAINST U.S. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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NEW YORK, May 17--The American Zionist Council sent the following telegram to President Truman today:

"The American Zionist Council, representing the totality of Zionist membership in the United States, protests against the United States delegation's sponsorship in the United Nations Security Council of a resolution aiming to force Israel to cease work on the Huleh drainage project in which American citizens have invested large sums of money since 1934.

"The resolution sponsored by the United States delegation disregards Israel's rights under the Armistice Agreement. It gives Syria the right to obstruct a purely Israel project indefinitely. It reverses American policy with regard to the development of underdeveloped territories. It gives approval to Syrian aggression, invades the sovereignty of Israel over its own territory and halts a vital rehabilitation program pending interminable political discussion.

"The American Zionist Council respectfully urges you to intervene in order to secure postponement of action on the draft resolution pending full examination of the facts by General William Riley on the spot."

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(signed) Louis Lipsky, Chairman
AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

Dear Dr Silver:-

Your message was a comfort to us in our sorrow.
Thank You!

A. K. Isreeli



The family of the late

Ora Isreeli Weber

acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy