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August 23, 1926.

Rabbi Abbel Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I read of your return from Europe, and hasten to write you again about the matter of a contribution from Mr. Nathan Straus, concerning which you kindly promised your aid.

I presume that my previous inquiry about the matter did not reach you before your departure for Europe.

We are still about \$3,000.00 short of raising our budget, though we have not as yet instituted a regular campaign for funds. We shall probably do this within the next three weeks. It would of course have a very fine effect if Mr. Straus leads off with a large contribution (could we hope for \$1,000.00?). Knowing of Mr. Straus' keen interest in Zionist youth activity, I feel that he will certainly be ready to do his share.

I assume that the matter has already received your attention. Perhaps it might help you to get in touch with Mr. Straus again, sending him an urgent appeal.

We are very desirous of forming an Avukah chapter in Cleveland - at least one at Western Reserve - as soon after the opening of the fall term as possible. Knowing that you are extremely busy, we are not going to expect you to give us any active cooperation in this connection but would highly appreciate any aid which you may be in a position to render, including of course your support from the pulpit. However, you no doubt have had occasion to meet a number of the promising Jewish students of both sexes, and we would much appreciate a list of names of such students with or without addresses, also graduates in the community who might be enlisted in the effort to launch an Avukah chapter in Cleveland. I have in mind that a large mass meeting should be arranged early in the fall to start the ball rolling and in that event assume that we could count upon your presence.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

*Max Shvade*

President.

205 Union Trust Bldg.

P. S. -

We are very anxious to have you address a number of our chapters throughout the country during the coming year. Will you therefore please instruct your secretary to notify us without fail whenever you are scheduled to speak outside of Cleveland? We only called upon you once during the past year but look forward to your intimate contact with Avukah henceforth. You probably appreciate all the more the need of Avukah, following your experience with Mr. Hurwitz and the Menorah Journal. Menorah has always been hollow and superficial beneath its glittering surface. Avukah may not have such "highbrows" as Mr. Hurwitz, but we are already, despite our serious handicaps, grappling earnestly with the problem of injecting some real life into the Jewish students - our leaders of tomorrow.

August Thirty-first  
1926

Mr. Max Rhoads,  
American Student Zionist Federation,  
133 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Rhoads,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August Twenty-first. I have not yet written to Mr. Nathan Straus regarding the Avukah. I hope to be in New York before very long and may have an opportunity to see Mr. Straus then.

I cannot at this writing undertake to do any lecturing for your organization. I am committed to do a certain amount of work for the Keren Hayesod. This year I have been elected to the International Council of the National Fund, which will undoubtedly require a good deal of my time. There may, however, be some opportunity during the year for me to serve you.

With kindest regards and wishing you a happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,



AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION

133 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 27, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you that our National Executive Committee at its last meeting elected you a member of our Advisory Council. Since the body is primarily an advisory one, no active duties or regular meetings have been outlined. We hope however, that in the current year we shall be able to formulate a plan for some form of greater co-operation than last year. Of course, we will submit suggestions as to this to you before any steps are taken. However, since we realize that practically all the members of the Council already have heavy obligations, we shall only expect such assistance as the members may feel they can conveniently give.

From time to time it may be necessary to consult the Advisory Council regarding certain matters, but we will be careful not to make excessive demands upon either your time or attention.

A list of the members of the Council is enclosed herewith.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary within the next few days, we shall assume that you will honor us with your acceptance.

Very sincerely yours,

*Max Ehrade*

President,  
205, Union Trust Bldg.

Enclosure.

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION

133 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 28, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am wondering whether you saw Mr. Nathan Straus on your expected trip to New York.

We are very anxious to have you speak to a number of our chapters during the year, particularly in the near future to some of our large chapters, like Chicago, New York, Boston or Philadelphia. Do you expect to be in the vicinity of those cities at any time in the near future?

I am sure you realize that there are only a few men in the country who have the reputation to draw a large Jewish student audience, and it is the unanimous opinion of our organization that you are one of those few. Your appearance before a few of our chapters would be of incalculable benefit to the Avukah movement, and I therefore earnestly request you to make place for us before your program for the year becomes too overcrowded.

The young Avukah is in urgent need of your inspiration and stimulus. In this early period of struggle we are in dire need of your assistance. I need not again repeat to you all that Avukah means for the future of American Zionism, which in turn spells the success of Zionism as a whole. I see no other source than Avukah for obtaining the future leadership, and of what avail is all present Zionist effort if the next generation is unable to carry forward the movement to a successful conclusion?

I know you are overburdened; so am I. My average working day is 9 A. M. to 12 P. M. My health is threatened, and yet I dare not quit. Avukah is too vital. I am now earnestly requesting you to please think about us very seriously, and would deeply appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible with regard to your expected trips near or to the cities named.

We have been working on the Cleveland situation, and hope soon to bring it to a head, at which time we will communicate with you.

Will you be good enough to have your secretary send us a list of your out of town engagements made up to this time in addition to advising us specifically about the above mentioned cities?

I again assure you of the great service that you will be rendering the Zionist movement in helping Avukah, and am certain it is unnecessary to assure you of our own deep gratitude.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Max Ruvade*

President.

205 Union Trust Bldg.



10925 Tacoma Avenue \*

Cleveland, Ohio,

December 5, 1926.

J. C. C.

Re Avukkah

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Amsel Road.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

If you recall, when  
Henry Kutash and I came to ask  
you for permission to use one  
of the Temple rooms for the  
meetings of the Judaean College Club,  
you suggested that we might  
possibly become affiliated with  
the Avukkah movement. Since then  
the same suggestion has been  
made to us by the national  
secretary of Avukkah, Mr. Rhode  
through Rabbi Goldman of the  
Cleveland Jewish Center.

The executive committee, after due deliberation, has decided that the whole matter be put before the Club that all the members may have an opportunity to decide for themselves whether this association shall be made.

We are asking Rabbi Goldman, Mr. Friedland, Mr. Ezra Shapiro, and you to help us in presenting the Avuka in the most favorable manner possible. The meeting will be on December 19, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, in Room 20 of the Religious School building. We should like very much to have you meet the group and to tell us, for

just about fifteen or twenty minutes,  
why you think it would be  
desirable for the J.C.C. to join  
the Avukha.

Will you kindly let us  
know if it will be possible  
for you to be with us on  
Sunday, December 19? Thanking  
you for the interest you have  
shown in our group, I remain  
Sincerely yours

Goldie Wachs.

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AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION  
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February 3, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Not having received the itinerary which I requested some time ago, I took the liberty of asking Mrs. Braverman, whom I happened to meet in New York recently, to get this for us by fair means or foul, as I knew of no other way of trying to have you address some of our chapters before the fast fleeting session ends, and I am immediately, having just received this itinerary, utilizing it for the purpose in mind.

We should like to schedule you in the following cities:  
February 27 -- March 2 (Sunday afternoon Feb. 27 or evening of any other dates) \_\_\_\_\_ - New York Chapter.  
March 8: (or afternoon or evening of March 7 or 9) Chicago Chapter.  
April 3: (or afternoon or evening of April 2 or 4) Harvard or Boston Chapter)  
April 11: (or afternoon or evening of April 10 or 12) University of Wisconsin Chapter, Madison, Wisconsin (near Chicago) or Chicago Chapter if March 8 (7,9) is impossible for them.

We are endeavoring to utilize all the Zionists <sup>speakers</sup> we may in connection with their other engagements, as it is difficult if not impossible to get the most prominent Zionist speakers to take special Avukah trips of considerable distance, even if we had the money to meet the expense, which we haven't.

Realizing that it may be difficult for you to speak on the same days that you are already scheduled, I have suggested the day before or after in certain of the above dates, in the hope that you will be able to stretch your trips accordingly.

In the above connection, I am extremely anxious to have you address our newly formed Yale chapter, which, judging from the caliber of those behind it, promises to become one of the finest in the country. I was there Tuesday and they expressed a desire to arrange a large student mass-meeting for you there. I was hoping that, since New Haven is only

Rabbi Silver

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February 3, 1927.

two hours from New York, you might be able to arrange to get to New Haven while in New York February 27 -- March 2. If this is impossible perhaps you could stop in New Haven in connection with the Boston trip April 3.

It is too bad that Nathan Strauss has now left for his Palestine trip, as otherwise you could have seen him about his contribution to Avukah. However, perhaps you may run into some other particularly wealthy person whom you might interest financially. I know you will have us in mind.

While I realize that it may be difficult, I do hope you will be able to arrange every one of the engagements I have suggested. I hope you will not consider this an unreasonable request. So far Avukah has not had the pleasure of hearing you once, although Avukah, of all phases of American Zionism is surely particularly entitled to receive the benefit of your inspiration and intellectual stimulus. In fact, it may interest you to know that you are <sup>perhaps</sup> the only Zionist leader of prominence in the country who has not yet addressed Avukah.

In the thought that your New York arrangements may be in the hands of the Jewish National Fund, I am writing Dr. Abramowitz also, in order to save time. If you wish me to write local people in the other cities, I will of course be glad to do so. Of course in such cases as you are willing to address our chapters a day before or after the existing engagement, I do not suppose it would be necessary to consult the local people who have charge of your already scheduled visit.

I hope your response will disclose your willingness to help us concretely in our task of spreading Zionist influence in the colleges.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Max Arado*  
President.

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MAX RHOADE.

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February 17, 1927

Mr. Max Rhoadar,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rhoadar:

I received both your letter and your telegram and I regret that I did not have an opportunity to answer them any earlier.

I cannot accept any more engagements for the week-end of February 25th. I am to be in New York four (4) days and I have already four lectures scheduled: one for the Jewish National Fund, two for the Keren Hayesod and one for Rabbi Silberfeld of Newark. This is a heavy enough schedule as it is. As to the other dates I shall write you in the future.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. Avukah

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AT SIX-THIRTY O'CLOCK

HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK



*Symposium*

"THE ZIONIST LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW"

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE  
PROF. RICHARD GOTTHEIL  
DR. DAVID DE SOLA POOL  
DR. JACOB SONDERLING

*Will lead the Discussion*  
*See Program on following page.*

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## Symposium

### "THE ZIONIST LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW"



The center of Zionist gravity has shifted, through circumstance, to America. Palestine cannot be built up by the present generation. Who will continue the task? The relationship of the older generation and the American Jewish academic youth to the various phases of this problem will be searchingly analyzed by the speakers of the evening as follows:

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE	THE PROBLEM IN AMERICA
DR. JACOB SONDERLING	THE PROBLEM IN EUROPE
DR. DAVID DE SOLA POOL	PALESTINE: THE DYNAMIC FACTOR
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG	ANALYZING OUR NEGLECT
SIMON HALKIN	THE HEBREW MOVEMENT
CHARLES COWEN	CREATING AN INTELLECTUAL ZIONIST BACKGROUND
IRMA LINDHEIM	A PROGRAM FOR WINNING THE INDIFFERENT
DR. NORMAN SALIT	NON-ZIONIST JEWISH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL	THE AVUKAH
PROF. RICHARD GOTTHEIL	AN ATTITUDE TOWARD ZIONIST POLICIES

(Prof. Gottheil will analyze the tendencies of present world Zionist leadership and challenge the youth to adopt a positive attitude toward them.)

THE VISITING TEAM	THE PROBLEM IN ENGLAND
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DR. LOUIS I. HARRIS

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