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Avukah, 1936.





AVUKAH AMERICAN STUDENT ZIONIST FEDERATION התאחדות הסטודנטים הציונים באמריקה

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111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY  
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October 27, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Two men, Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Baltimore, and Rabbi Milton Steinberg of New York, both intimately familiar with the Zionist education work of Avukah on the American campus, are determined that this valuable medium for reaching and influencing the Jewish college youth shall not be cut off. Now, with the opening of the new school year, when influences from every quarter are being brought to bear on the college students, pulling them this way and that, Avukah, with its cultural program for student chapters carefully prepared, with translations from the Hebrew on pertinent subjects finished, with original compositions on Zionist and Jewish matters ready for the printer, is unable to present the Zionist attitude to the students because of a lack of money; money sorely needed for organization, for expansion, for publication work.

It is planned that a small, select group of Jewish leaders who value the work of Avukah, constitute themselves into a committee, the "Friends of Avukah." This committee will undertake to reach leaders in every Jewish community, and to obtain their support as sponsors and their help in supplying to make contributions.

Rabbi Steinberg, in volunteering to act as secretary of the committee, has assumed responsibility for organizing the effort.

We count you as one of our friends and would like you, Rabbi Silver, to write a note to this office, accepting our invitation to serve on the committee, "Friends of Avukah". Kindly reply at your very earliest convenience, inasmuch as Dr. Steinberg is prepared to go ahead with the work immediately.

Very Truly yours,

George Poster  
Chairman, Finance Committee



November 24, 1936

Mr. George Poster, Chairman, Finance Committee,  
Avukah American Student Zionist Federation,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Poster:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am in great sympathy with the work of the Avukah and with its desire to carry on a Zionist educational program on the campuses of American colleges and universities. I know, too, that such a program requires money and that you have not adequate funds. On the other hand, as a matter of policy, I do not approve of numerous separate campaigns for separate Zionist activities in this country. I have discouraged such campaigns in the past and as Chairman of the local Jewish Welfare Fund, I am constantly called upon to disapprove of such separate campaigns in this community. If people in New York would only realize how entirely wearied Jewish communities in America are of these continuous piddling campaigns for Zionist purposes, all of which should logically be included in one head and launched as one campaign, they would apply themselves towards working out a new set-up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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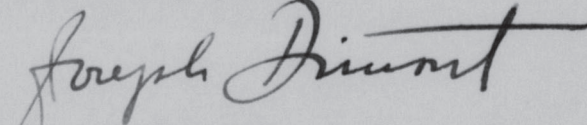
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Twelfth Annual Convention of Avukah will be held December 30 -  
January 2.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could be present at the  
opening session to be held Thursday, December 31, 10:30 A.M. at  
Hotel Cleveland. At this time a review of Avukah work during  
the past year will be given.

This session will be followed by the van Paassen luncheon at  
twelve o'clock noon.

Sincerely yours



Joseph Dimont  
President WRU Chapter of Avukah

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