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Cleveland Zionist District, 1927-1928.





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November 30, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road Temple,  
Ansel Rd. at E. 105 St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Recently a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Cleveland Zionist District and the United Palestine Appeal was held for the purpose of effecting a possible consolidation of all our fiscal, administrative and educational efforts on behalf of Zionism and Palestine. As a result of the discussion that took place at the Conference, we arrived at the following plan to re-organize our various activities:

All functioning Zionist Agencies will remain autonomous as they have been hitherto. The Zionist District will be re-organized in Cleveland. It will function through the following five committees:

- (a) Committee on Education
- (b) Committee on Zionist membership
- (c) Committee on Hadassah and Junior Hadassah
- (d) Committee on Jewish National Fund
- (e) Committee on U. P. A.

Under this new plan, each committee will have a chairman and a secretary, and all committees together will constitute the Executive Board of the new Cleveland Zionist District.

The Chairmen of the five committees will also act as Vice-Presidents of the entire District, which will also have a president, secretary and treasurer. At each Executive Board meeting, probably to be held monthly, and preferably during the day, all of the five chairmen will report on the activities of their committees and will there receive the co-operation of the entire board in the accomplishment of all the tasks as they come up. Each Committee would, of course, be free to co-opt outside people who would be desirous of assisting in their tasks. No person will become a member of the Executive Board unless he first accepts a definite task on one of these five functional committees.



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These Committees, however, should not be looked upon as delegations to the District from existing agencies or as delegations from the District to the Agencies, but rather as committees appointed by the District for the carrying through of certain specific Zionist tasks in co-operation with and under the supervision of the entire Executive Board of the Cleveland Zionist District.

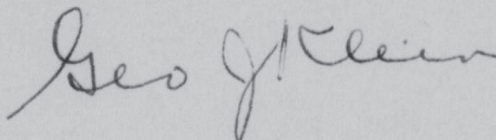
The Nominating Committee, of which I have been appointed chairman, met twice to consider carefully the personnel of all the five committees. We have decided that you could serve Zionism best during the next year by serving on the Committee on Education. I should, therefore, appreciate it if you would send me your acceptance of this office by return mail. American Jewry is on trial. We dare not let this Palestine Colonization effort fail. Every Zionist must cooperate.

We are, therefore, very anxious to have each member of the Executive Board accept his or her obligations so that we may know what can be expected for fruitful Zionist activities in Cleveland during the ensuing year.

We are planning to have the first meeting of this new Board early in December, and I should therefore, consider it a special favor if you would return the enclosed postcard immediately upon receipt of this letter.

With Zionist Greetings and kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo Klein".

Chairman, Committee on Nominations,  
CLEVELAND ZIONIST DISTRICT



Dec. 5th, 1927.

Mr. George J. Klein,  
2490 E. 22d St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 30th. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in asking me to serve on your Committee on Education, but I am afraid that I shall not be able to render you much service during the year.

I am so much tied up with numerous local and national activities, that I would rather not join another committee, to which I know I can render little service.

You know of course, that the cause of Zionism is very close to me and I stand ready at all times to give you any assistance, which I can.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS<sup>7</sup>,IR



CLEVELAND DISTRICT  
OF THE  
ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית  
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January 8, 1928

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My Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to advise you officially that you were elected a member of the Executive Board of the re-organized Cleveland Zionist District, and that you were also elected a member of the Committee on Education.

*Committee on Finance and Budget*

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Mr. Ezra Shapiro, Chairman of your committee will get in touch with you within a week to arrange for your first meeting. Please co-operate with him in every possible way.

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J. WATKOWITZ

All six committees will meet jointly once a month, as an Executive Board at a time and place convenient for all members. Special notice of such meeting will be sent you at a later date.

*Committee on Hadassah and  
Jr. Hadassah*

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Very sincerely yours,

*Max Simon*  
President

*Committee on United Palestine  
Appeal*

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