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Cleveland Zionist Society, including materials relating to formation of CZS (aka Cleveland Zionist District No. 2) following controversy within CZD, 1934-1935.

December 21, 1934.

Mr. Nathan Brilliant,  
Euclid Avenue Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brilliant:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a telegram which was sent over your signature to the heads of educational bureaus throughout the country. I thought that you might want it for your files. May I suggest that it would have been an act of greater courage on your part to have written an article yourself in reply to my editorial instead of inciting others to do it.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very happy indeed to have your letter of December 20th, and to learn that you will come to the Conference on the 21st. I shall write you definitely in a day or two with regard to the program.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
Morris Rothenberg,  
President.

December 26, 1934.





COPY

January 17, 1935.

Hon. Ezra Z. Shapiro  
Law Department  
City Hall  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I wish to inform you that I have today received a letter from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, informing me that he will not come to Washington in view of the situation that has arisen.

I must, however, point out that the decision not to come was entirely of Dr. Silver's own making, and not due to any request on our part.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg,  
President.



J. J. KESSLER

12810 BRACKLAND AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

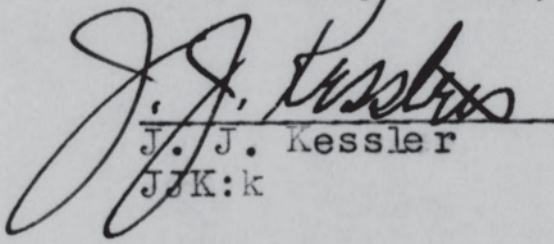
February 5th, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd., and E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept this as my application for membership in the  
"New Zionist District" and oblige

Yours very truly,

  
J. J. Kessler

JJK:k

WRHS





February 5, 1935.

Mr. I. R. Morris,  
Day & Day,  
Standard Bank Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Morris:

I appreciate very much your kind proffer of help in the organization of our New Zionist District. I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith some application blanks. I am anxious to get some of the younger intellectual group of our people in the city to take an interest in all that is transpiring today in Palestine and in the national movement throughout the world. If you would let me know the result of your effort by Tuesday morning we would be able to announce at the meeting Tuesday evening a substantial number of charter members in the New District.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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February 6, 1935.

Mr. Jacob de Haas,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Haas:

You probably know that because of local conditions which have existed for some time in Zionist work, we are organizing another Zionist District. I would appreciate it if you would procure for me the rules and regulations applicable to the organization of new districts. If I recall correctly, new rules were adopted at the Zionist Convention in 1932. We are not interested in organizing a Zionist club or society but a District. Does the law require that permission be obtained from the existing District to organize a new one?

Our old District in Cleveland has never entirely been a District in the true sense of the word. It draws its members from all parts of the city and even from the suburbs of the city which are politically independent from Cleveland.

I suspect that the National Office in New York is not particularly anxious to see a new District organized in Cleveland as it will break the monopoly of the five or six fellows who have "run" Zionism in this city for the last few years and who have worked hand and glove with the New York crowd.

I would appreciate it if you would send me this information by special delivery before next Tuesday, February 12, when our organization meeting takes place.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



It is agreed that the Cleveland Zionist District will raise no objection to the organization of the new Zionist group in the city. The new organization will be known as the Cleveland Zionist Society -- the alternative name provided for in the constitution recently adopted by the new organization. The Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will be apprised of these facts, and on the basis of the constitution of the National organization, it is confidently expected that the Cleveland Zionist Society will receive formal recognition.

It is further agreed that a joint committee shall be appointed to assist in coordinating the activities of the two organizations so as to achieve the fullest measure of cooperation and harmony.

It is also agreed that a comprehensive survey shall be made under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education and with the cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Federation, of all the educational institutions sponsored by the Bureau with the idea of extending and improving their educational and financial status.

The undersigned regret the unfortunate events which led up to the recent controversy. The officers of the Cleveland Zionist District and the Ohio Zionist Region regret the sending of their recent communication to New York. Rabbi Silver appreciates this expression of the officers, and expresses his regret at the sharp words of criticism which he directed at them. The controversy is definitely closed.



PHILLIP L. STEINBERG  
GEN. MGR. THE AMERICAN LAWYERS COMPANY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

2/7/35

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall be happy to  
Cooperate with you in this work. I  
enclose application & check.

May I ask this favor  
of you - I have been solicited for a  
Contribution by the Cleveland Rabbinical  
Seminary, Lakewood Road. I desire  
to respond, as best I can, to worthy  
causes. Do you recommend support of  
this institution? Thanks in advance. If  
your secretary will telephone me at  
Main 7860, giving me your opinion, it  
will help me.

Sincerely,

P. L. Steinberg



Telephone  
Watkins 9-2428

(COPY)

JACOB DE HAAS  
1133 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

February 8, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is no written copy of the constitution of the Z.O.A. or of the district rules available at this moment. A committee was appointed last summer but it has never met and the administration is, so to say, working by no law. However, the rule that they will guide themselves by is the decision of the 1932 convention by which no district can be formed without the consent of the existing district in any city. On the other hand, the convention then ruled that their powers be regarded as binding, that a club can be formed without appeal to the district for authority.

On the question raised by myself to Margolies this morning on the general proposition, neither you nor Cleveland nor any personal place was involved in the discussion. He pointed out to me that in his judgment the clubs had a wider power than the districts in that the clubs had the right of selecting their members or of refusing as many people as they objected, whereas the district had no such right, but that in all other matters the districts and clubs were on a par. He stated that it was customary for the clubs to have some purpose, either expressive of a Zionist viewpoint or a cultural motive.

This conforms in general to my own experience in this matter. In 1928, having my office then in the fifth district in New York, I organized the Herzl Club. The members were drawn together from all parts of the city. The fifth district, as a matter of fact, did not exist. The club functioned and nominated its own delegates to the convention and as far as I recall, it wasn't burdened with the regulative system of the organization. That is, it wasn't asked to do all those things -- Karen Hayesod -- and other things with which the districts were bothered. It therefore had rather a peaceful life and a desirable membership.

I am absolutely certain your little machine in Cleveland will fight a new district even if it had gotten constitutional authority, whereas it can avoid it by this club idea. The problem has arisen in the last few years, to my knowledge, in a number of cities, and in each case the club solution was adopted.

Kind regards

Yours very truly  
Jacob de Haas (RL)



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Feb. 8, 1935

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February 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Ansel Road Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:-

I have just returned from my annual trip to the south, and was informed by our mutual friend Leon Weisenfeld, of the controversy in the Zionist movement in this district, and your stand in the matter.

I want to assure you of my whole-hearted support in all of your endeavors, and am enclosing herewith membership card together with my check for the annual dues.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph H. Silbert*  
JOSEPH H. SILBERT

JHS:SG

Encl.



**The Temple - Ansel Road and E. 105th St.**  
**FRONT PAGE**

**NEW ZIONIST DISTRICT TO BE FORMED**  
**Rabbi Silver to Speak**

A new Zionist District is being formed in Cleveland. The committee on organization announces that the opening meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 12, 8:00 P.M. in Mahler Hall, East 105th St. and Ansel Road.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will deliver the principal address of the evening. Mr. Emanuel Rosenberg, tenor and Mr. Herman Rosen, violinist will participate in a musical program.

A cordial invitation is extended to the Jewish community to attend this meeting.





C O P Y

RESOLUTION I

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has a population of approximately 100,000 Jews consisting of many divergent interests most of whom have never been affiliated with or engaged in the activities of the Zionist movement.

WHEREAS, recent events in Jewish life throughout the world have aroused a new, keener and more enthusiastic interest among many Jewish elements hitherto passive or uninterested in the Zionist movement.

WHEREAS, it is very essential at this particularly critical time, that this interest be crystalized into the form of a legally constituted Zionist District to be affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that it is the sense of this assembly that the organization of a new district is necessary for the purpose of serving the large community of Cleveland Jews not now being served by the present Zionist groups and that this new district be called into existence for that purpose, and that it be hereafter known as Cleveland Zionist District No. 2 or Society of Cleveland Zionists or any other name to be finally adopted.

This resolution was passed on 2-12-35



Wednesday, February 13, 1935.

Sam Katz of Oheb Zedek Congregation in to pledge his support to Zionist cause.

States that he was not responsible for the action of the Avukah in not having invited Rabbi Silver to speak at National convention.

Will write to New York to demand apology.



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## RESOLUTION II

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jewish people herein assembled at Mahler Hall this 12th day of February, 1935, that it is the unanimous consensus of opinion of this body that the New Zionist District hereafter to be known as Cleveland Zionist District No. 2, shall devote all its efforts and lend its loyal and wholehearted support and cooperation in all activities for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

## RESOLUTION III

WHEREAS the officers of the Cleveland Zionist District attempted to prevent Rabbi Silver from addressing the National Conference on Palestine in Washington, to which Conference he had previously been invited to speak by the Zionist Organization of America:

BE IT RESOLVED that we voice our condemnation of their unauthorized and hostile action and express our indignation at such irresponsible conduct.

We pledge our wholehearted and loyal support to the leadership of Rabbi Silver in our community.



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2-12-35



Form No. 1

Dear Friend:

The need has arisen for the organization of a New Zionist District in Cleveland. A group of representative men of our community are behind the movement which will be launched at a meeting in Mahler Hall on Tuesday evening, February 12, at 8 o'clock P.M.

I plan to take an active part in the new district and its program of activities and I should very much like to have you join me in the work. I am enclosing an application blank which, if you are interested, I would appreciate your signing and sending to me before Tuesday, next.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,



Form No. 2

My dear :

The need has arisen to organize a new Zionist District in Cleveland. There has been great dissatisfaction in the community with the manner in which Zionist activities have been conducted or misconducted in our community. I have gotten behind the movement. I am anxious to interest some of the younger intellectual group in the city to take an enlightened interest in all that is transpiring in Palestine today and in the movement throughout the world. I am writing to the members of my old study group in the hope that they will join me in this work. I am taking the liberty of enclosing an application blank which I would appreciate very much if you would sign -- if you are interested.

The initial meeting of the District will take place Tuesday evening, February 12, in Mahler Hall. If possible, I would like to be able to announce a large number of charter members that evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,



# NEW ZIONIST DISTRICT FORMED.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING MEETING OF  
THE NEW ZIONIST DISTRICT WHICH IS BEING FORMED

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MAHLER HALL  
EAST 105TH STREET AND ANSEL ROAD

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12, at 8:00 O'CLOCK

SPEAKER

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MR. EMANUEL ROSENBERG WILL SING.

MR. HERMAN ROSEN WILL RENDER VIOLIN SELECTIONS.



## NEW ZIONIST DISTRICT ORGANIZED IN CLEVELAND

On Tuesday evening, February 12, an overflow Zionist meeting was held in Mahler Hall, attended by more than 1200 people. Resolutions were unanimously adopted calling into existence a new Zionist District in Cleveland. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the principal speaker. Mr. Samuel Katz was chairman. Mr. Hyman Horowitz and Mr. Leon Weisenfeld spoke of the need of a new Zionist organization in the City. Over 400 members have already registered in the New District.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS it is the sentiment of this organization that as the outstanding leader of advanced Jewish thought in this community, as the consistently sincere and outspoken advocate of progressive Zionist policies and the widespread dissemination of those policies throughout the American Jewish Scene, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has carved for himself a place in the affections of Cleveland Jewry which has no counterpart in the history of this City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this organization, dedicating itself to the active promotion of the noblest ideals of Zionism and the permanent effort to inculcate those ideals into the minds and souls of American Jewish youth, pledges itself to complete cooperation with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in his effort to create a spirit of honest Zionism, rising above all partisan bias, in this community.

THAT we repudiate the unauthorized action of those who claimed to speak for the Zionists of Cleveland in their affront to Rabbi Silver and

THAT we pledge our loyalty to the devoted and spiritual leadership of Rabbi Silver in the community and the nation.



JEROME N. CURTIS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
318 LEADER BLDG.  
CLEVELAND  
MAIN 6432

February 13, 1935

Dear Rabbi Silver,

It was exceedingly interesting to me to hear your explanation last evening of the setbacks to which you have been subjected during the past several years. I have signed an application for membership in the new district, which I handed in last evening, as much for the purpose of aiding you in attaining your objectives, which I believe to be sound, as from sympathy with the Zionist movement. Wishing you all success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Jerome Curtis



**SAUL S. DANACEAU**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
722 LEADER BLDG.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 13th, 1935.

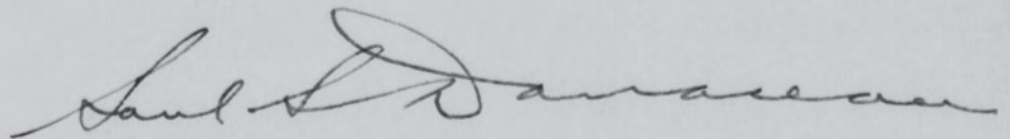
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:-

I was fortunate enough to be  
one of those present at the organization meeting  
of the new Zionist District or Society last evening  
and needless to say, found myself tremendously  
impressed.

I wish to offer my services as  
a member and as a worker for the Zionist cause.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Saul S. Danaceau". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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February 13, 1935.

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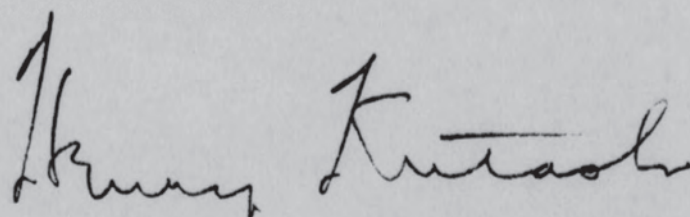
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was grieved and astounded by what I heard last night.

You may count on my complete support.

My signed application card is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



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LAW OFFICES OF  
**PHILIP SCHOENBERG**  
~~1101 Hippodrome Building~~  
1101 Hippodrome Building  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

February 14, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of two resolutions, which with your permission, I expect to present for adoption at the next meeting of the newly formed Zionist organization of Cleveland. If you have any objection to either or both of these resolutions, or any parts of same kindly inform me so that I may comply with your wishes.

Respectfully,

*Philip Schoenberg*

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February 14, 1935.

Mr. Phillip L. Steinberg,  
American Lawyers Company,  
Guarantee Title Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Steinberg:

I was delighted to receive your note and your application for membership in the new Zionist District. You will be of tremendous help to us, I am sure and I shall turn to you from time to time for counsel and advice.

With reference to the Cleveland Rabbinical Seminary -- it is a small school for the training of orthodox young men. A few dollars donated to the institution would help this cause along.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 14, 1935

Dr. Nelson Glick,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Glick:

I am delighted that you will be with us on Wednesday evening, February 27. The meeting will be held in Mahler Hall of The Temple. Do you plan to bring any slides with you? If so, we will arrange for a machine. I would also appreciate it if you would send me one or two photographs to be used in our publicity.

Please let me know what time you plan to arrive. With all good wishes and looking forward with great pleasure to your coming, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

FEB 15 1935

OF CLEVELAND  
*Mace*

GENTLEMEN.

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Cleveland Jeweler District # 2

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ATTEST

PRESIDENT

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



February 15, 1935.

Mr. Henry X. Kutash,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Henry:

I was delighted to receive your note and  
I am happy to know that you will be with us in the  
work of the new Zionist organization.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 15, 1935.

Mr. J. J. Kessler,  
12810 Brackland Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kessler:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note. I was delighted to know that you will join our new Zionist District. I shall be very happy to turn to you for counsel and help in the good work.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABS:BK



February 15, 1935.

Mr. Saul S. Danaceau,  
722 Leader Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Danaceau:

I was delighted to receive your note of February 13 and to know that you will not only become a member but a worker in our new District. I shall frequently call upon you for counsel and advice.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 15, 1935.

Mr. Albert Woldman,  
Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Woldman:

I should very much like to have you serve on a committee to draft the constitution for the new Zionist District. The committee will meet Wednesday noon, February 20, at the Mid-Day Club and I shall be very happy to see you there.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 15, 1935.

Mr. Jerome Curtis.  
Leader Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Jerry:

I was delighted to receive your note and  
I am happy to know that you will be with us in the  
work of the new Zionist organization.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK



# Hebrew Union College

Cincinnati Feb. 17, 1935.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I am planning to bring slides with me. Will you please arrange for a standard stereoptican machine, and some one to work it. I shall arrive at 5:45 P.M. on the Big Four. I shall have to return to Cincinnati the same night. The lecture can be entitled "Digging Up Biblical Cities", or "Archaeological Explorations in Bible Lands". The slides measure four by three and a quarter inches.

Looking forward to seeing you,  
as ever, sincerely yours,

Nelson Glueck

P.S. Enclosed a photograph.



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February 12, 1935.

Mr. Herman Rosen,  
2368 Euclid Heights Blvd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Herman:

I am sending you the enclosed knowing that it is inadequate compensation for the very beautiful service which you rendered us last Tuesday evening. I need not tell you that we all appreciated your beautiful playing.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



L. W. NEUMARK  
425 LAKESIDE AVE.  
CLEVELAND

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
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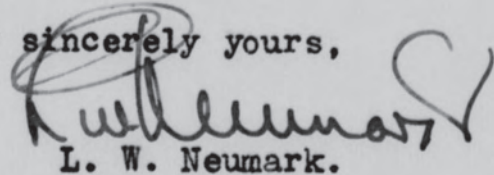
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your invitation to serve on the committee to draft the constitution for the new Zionist District. It is possible I may be out of the city, but if I am in town I shall be very glad to be present, but frankly my ignorance of the entire subject is quite abysmal, and will probably be quite painful to you.

If I can be of any service, however, I shall be glad to do so.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



L. W. Neumark.

LWN:MN  
February 18, 1935



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February 19, 1935

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

Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing the article  
about your meeting of last Tuesday at which  
the New Zionist District was founded.

May I express my congratula-  
tions on the outcome of the meeting.

With kindest personal regards,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD.

*M. Weintraub*

Manager.

MW:b  
Encl.



February 20, 1935.

Mr. M. Weintraub,  
Jewish Daily Forward,  
Prospect-Fourth Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weintraub;

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the article which appeared in the Jewish Daily Forward covering the meeting of last Tuesday. It is a most fair, intelligent and accurate report of what took place. The meeting last Tuesday completed the discomfiture and demoralization of the five or six so-called Zionist leaders in this community who have been having their own irresponsible way in the city for the last few years. The city has completely repudiated them. It might interest you to know that the membership of the new Zionist District is being increased daily at a remarkable pace.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



CLEVELAND ZIONIST DISTRICT NO. 2

February 20, 1935

Dear Friend:

I am very happy to learn that you have enrolled as a member of the New Zionist District of Cleveland. The response to the formation of the new District has been most gratifying. Already hundreds of men and women have joined the organization.

The District will devote itself to constructive work in behalf of the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. It will conduct cultural programs throughout the year and will, from time to time, present to the community national and international spokesmen of the movement. It will endeavor to enlist in the renaissance movement of our people many of those who up to the present time have not been identified with it. If you would like to join our fellowship, please sign the enclosed card and mail it to us.

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A bill for your dues for 1935-6 is herewith enclosed in order to enable us quickly to perfect our organization. I would appreciate it if you would remit at your earliest convenience. A return envelop is herewith inclosed.

With all good wishes, I remain

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Station E  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Abba Hillel Silver.





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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The incentive which caused your present action consists of two elements; the resentment of a leader and the dissentment of a teacher. The former is not only inconsistent, but also conflicting with your personal qualifications as a teacher, also with your status as a Jewish-dissenter.

My personal hope is that the teacher in you will subdue the leader in you. Then your dissenting view, which though very broad and extensive, nevertheless vague, - will be expanded to the extent which will embrace the so-called Spiritual or rather Psychological Zion, just as well as the Material Zion.

If this happens, your present action will be recorded in history as the beginning of a new epoch in Israel.

Sincerely yours,  
Aaron Pearl.



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Enc.



February 22, 1935.

Mr. Philip Schoenberg,  
1101 Hippodrome Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schoenberg:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 14. It was thoughtful of you to write to me. I would appreciate it if you would see me prior to the meeting on Wednesday evening at which time we could discuss the advisability of presenting your resolution.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the meeting next Wednesday, and with all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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און ראשי אפא הלל סילווער אין געפירערן געווארען א נייער ציוניס-  
טישער דיסטריקט אין קליוולאנד. קומענדיקן מיטוואך וועט די נייע  
ארגאניזאציע אפהאלטען איהר ערשטען רעגולערען מיטינג אין מאד-  
לער האל. וואו עס וועלען ערוועהלט ווערען באאמטע און אן עקזעקיוטיו-  
ווע און די וויקליכע ארבייטען וועלען זיך אנטפאנגען.

ציוניסטען און ציוניסטישע סומפאטיקער מענען זיין צופרידען  
וואס דאס איז אזוי געשעהן. א צווייטער דיסטריקט, א לעבעדיגער,  
אריינסטואמער, מיליאנאמער, איז שוין לאנג געווען נויטיג ביי אונז  
אין שטאדט. דער אלטער דיסטריקט האט אים די לעצטע יאהרען  
שוין אפיסעל צופיל זיך פארלאזט אויף זיין אמאליגער רעפובליקאניזם  
האט געלעבט מעהר מיט דער פארגאנגענהייט, ווי מיט דער געגענ-  
ווארט. ציוניסטישע טעטיגקייטען האבען זיך אין שטאדט געפייהלט  
זעהר וועניג און אין די ציוניסטישע הייזען האט זיך געשטארקט דאס  
געפייהל פון אומצופרידענהייט.

דערפאר איז א נייע ארגאניזאציע געווען נויטיג און דערפאר  
טאקע דארפען אלע ציוניסטען איצט זיין צופרידען, וואס זי איז גע-  
שאפען געווארען. אונזער דער פערזענליכער און גייסטיגער פיהרער  
שאפט פון אזא אויספרידענען און פעחגען פיהרער, ווי דאס איז אונז  
צווייפעלשאפט ראשי אפא הלל סילווער, זיינען פאראן אלע אורזאכען  
צו גלויבען, אז דער נייער דיסטריקט וועט אינגיכען ווערען א וויכטיגער  
פאקטאר אין ציוניזם פארט און אין היגען אידישען לעבען בכלל.

אונזער קיין שום אומשטענדען טאר דאס אבער נאך נישט הייסען.  
אז דער אלטער דיסטריקט דארף ארויס פון די "פיונעס" און אויפ-  
הערען צו עקזיסטירען. פארקערט. דוקא די טעטיגקייטען פון דער  
נייער ארגאניזאציע וועלען קאנען זיין אן אינספיראציע צו דער אל-  
טער. די פיהרער וועלען קאנען פארגעסערען זייערע אקטיוויטעטען  
אין פאלעפען זייער ארגאניזאציע מיט א פרישקייט און נייער וועגנט,  
וואס זאל פרעגנען דעם ציוניזם נוצען.

קליוולאנד האט א באפעלקערונג פון אריבער הונדערט טויזענט  
אידען און אזא געמיינדע האט פלאן פאר צוויי ציוניסטישע ארגאני-  
זאציעס. מיר ווילען דא נישט קריטיקירען די פיהרער פון אלטען דיס-  
טריקט, אבער ווי אליין ווייסען דאך, אז זיי האבען קיינמאל נישט  
געקאנט ארומנעמען די גאנצע שטאדט. צוזאמען, כאטש ארבייטענ-  
דיג באזונדער, וועט מעגליך זיין צו טאן פיל מעהר און געווינען וועט  
פון דעם דער ציוניסטישער אידעאל און די ציוניסטישע באוועגונג.

עס איז נישט קיין שום סיבה פאר קאנקורענץ צווישען די צוויי  
דיסטריקטען און יענע עטליכע אויזגערופענע "פיהרער" פון דעם אל-  
טען דיסטריקט וועלען זיך אליין לעבערליך מאכען, ווען זיי וועלען  
נאך ווייטער ארומלויפען אין שטאדט און באווארפען די נייע ארגא-  
ניזאציע מיט שמין און אומפארגינדעטע פארהאכטען.

ביידע דיסטריקטען קאנען עקזיסטירען און זיך אנטוויקלען זייט  
ביי זייט, ווען די פיהרער וועלען האבען דעם גוטען ווילען. הונדער-  
טער ציוניסטען, גוטע און איבערגעפענע צום אידעאל, האבען זיך נישט  
געקאנט אויסלעפען אין דעם אלטען דיסטריקט. הונדערטער אנדערע  
אידען האבען געוואלט ווערען ציוניסטען, אבער זיי זיינען נישט גענוג  
ערמייגט געווארען פון דער פיהרערשאפט. זיי אלע שליסען זיך  
איצט אן אן דעם נייעם דיסטריקט. זיי וועלען דארטען ארבייטען, זיי  
וועלען פייטראגען צום ציוניזם, וויפיל זיי וועלען קאנען. וואס פאר  
א פארברעכען איז דאס? ווארום באווארפען די ארגאניזאציע מיט  
לעבערליכע פארהאכטען?

מען רעדט אזמעטום וועגען שלום. אונז שיינט, אז דער בעסטער  
אופן צו פארמיידען ווייטערע מחלוקות וועט זיין, ווען יעדע ארגאני-  
זאציע, וועט זיך אנטהען מיט איהר אייגענער ארבייט און איינע וועט  
נישט שטערען דער צווייטער. צו דעם טאקע דארפען שטרעבען די  
פיהרער פון ביידע דיסטריקטען און דעמאלט ערשט וועט זיין מעגליך  
דא צו טאן אמת ציוניסטישע ארבייט.



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**אסתר פיליפס, ע"ה**

אסתר פיליפס, 57 יאָהר אלט, פון 3442 איסט 114טע סטריט, איז גע- שטארבען פרייטאָג, 10 אָהר—אָווענט. די פארשטארבענע לאזט איבער איהר מאן דזשיקאב, צוויי זיין, אַסקאָר און מייער, צוויי טעכטער, מרס. ל. שר פערט און דזשין פיליפס, און פיער אייניקלאך. די לויז וועט פארקויפֿען היינט, זונטאָג, דעם 24טען פעברואַר, דריי אָהר נאכמיטאָג, פון קאַהן און מאַרגאָווסקי'ס פּיונעראל פארלאָרס, 772 איסט 105טע סטריט. זי וועט באַערדיגט ווערען אויף דער חסד של אמת סעמעטערי, רידזש ראָד, וועסט 73טע און רעניסאן עוועניו.

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February 25, 1935.

Mr. Aaron Pearl,  
3599 E. 93rd St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Pearl:

I was very happy to receive your letter enclosing an application for membership to the new Zionist District and your check. I particularly enjoyed what you said in your letter.

With best wishes and hoping to see you at the meeting on Wednesday evening in Mahler Hall, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK



February 27, 1935

ORDER OF MEETING

- 1) CHARLES DE HARRACK - well known pianist of Cleveland. Mr. De Harrack will announce his own compositions.
- 2) JOSEF FUCHS - concertmaster of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.
- 3) Before announcing Dr. Nelson Glueck announce the appointment of the Nominating Committee which will retire to draft the list of nominees for Officers and Board of the District.
- 4) DR. NELSON GLUECK - subject: "DIGGING UP BIBLICAL CITIES."  
Dr. Glueck is a Professor at the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Glueck returned in September after a six months' period of service as Annual Professor in charge of the American School of Oriental Research at Baghdad. During this period he conducted a joint archaeological expedition under the auspices of the H.U.C., the American School of Oriental Research and the Department of Antiquities of Transjordan, which completed the work inaugurated by him in the preceding year, in which he served as Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. In this last expedition, Dr. Glueck succeeded in definitely establishing the boundaries of the ancient Edomite Kingdom and determining the sites of its most important cities, and perhaps most important of all, in discovering and determining the economic history of the copper mines which were worked in the days of Solomon and in the period following thereupon, and which provided one of the chief materials of export both of Solomon and of the Edomite rulers.
- 5) READING OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION BY MR. SAUL DANACEAU - and adoption.
- 6) REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Nelson Glueck

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The Temple - Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.

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DR. NELSON GLUECK TO ADDRESS NEW ZIONIST DISTRICT  
Adoption of Constitution and Election of Officers next Wednesday, February 27.

(Please Publish with picture of Dr. Nelson Glueck)

Dr. Nelson Glueck, Professor at the Hebrew Union College, will address the first meeting of the newly organized Cleveland Zionist District on Wednesday evening, February 27, at eight o'clock P.M. at Mahler Hall. He will speak on "Digging Up Biblical Cities." The lecture will be illustrated with slides.

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Mr. Charles De Harrack, well known Cleveland pianist will play. The constitution for the organization will be adopted and officers elected. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

There has been a most gratifying response to the call for a new Zionist District in Cleveland. Applications for membership are coming in daily.



★ ELMER LOUIS

February 28, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 street and Ansel road  
Cleveland, Ohio

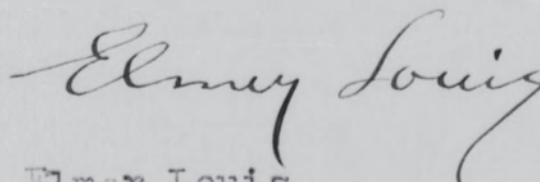
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to take this opportunity to present my  
name for membership in the Cleveland Zionist  
District Number 2.

I would be very much interested in the chairmanship  
of your publicity committee, and in membership  
on your program committee.

Hoping that I can be of value to the organization,  
and with cordial personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Elmer Louis  
966 Pembroke Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio



J. J. KESSLER

12810 BRACKLAND AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Feb. 28th, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd., & E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

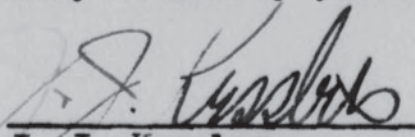
When I left the committee meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th, 1935, I was under the impression that I was a candidate for the executive committee. However, I was surprised and disappointed to find that of all the names selected on Tuesday evening, my name was the only one omitted on Wednesday evening.

I would like to know, if I was left off because I was deemed incapable of acting on that committee or because Mr. Wiesenfeld, who so strenuously objected to serving, suddenly had a changed of heart and room had to be made for him.

When you announced the formation of this Zionist District from your Temple Pulpit, I immediately filed my application, hoping to be active in this organization and I am still desirous of doing so.

I would appreciate talking this matter over with you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

  
J. J. Kessler.

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Feb. 28, 1935.  
10809 Greenlawn Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Rabbi;

We are taking this opportunity to  
offer our musical services for any of  
your future rally meetings in regards  
to the newly organized Zionist District.

We have appeared many times for  
Zionist Organizations.

Our ensemble consists of the following:

Jennie Gold, Voice & Piano  
Harry Gold, Violinist  
Hyman Gold, Cellist

Sincerely,

"The Gold Trio"



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February 28, 1935.

Rabbi ~~Abba~~ Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I desire to offer hereby my services in any capacity for  
which you deem me qualified to the Cleveland Zionist District No.2.

Enclosed herewith are Three Dollars (\$3.00) in currency for  
my membership dues.

I am glad that you saw fit to assume the leadership of  
this new organization. Lack of confidence in leadership, whether  
manifested at the inception of an organization or thereafter,  
has caused many organizations with worthy purposes to be destroyed.  
Even Zionism can not escape from the application ~~of~~ this fundamental  
principle of mass action. You not only have the confidence but in  
the assumption of leadership you demonstrated the practicality of  
maintaining the confidence at all times.

Here is hoping that at the end of your official stewardship  
you will have so inspired those who may be called upon to carry  
forward the leadership, and so infused them with the ~~true~~ spirit  
of Zionism, that confidence in its leadership will not be jeopardized.

Sincerely,

*Philip Schoenberg*



## Cleveland Zionist District No. 2

P. O. BOX 1859, STATION E

CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 1, 1935.

Dear Friend:

I am calling a meeting of the Officers and Board of the Cleveland Zionist District No. 2 and of the newly organized Membership Committee, to meet on Monday evening, March 4 at eight o'clock P.M. in the Board Room of The Temple, East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.

I trust that you will be able to attend this very important initial meeting. Please bring in as many applications as you can to this meeting as we are about to forward our membership list to the Zionist Organization of America.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

AHS:BK



March 1, 1935.

Dr. Nelson Glueck,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Nelson:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$50 to cover your traveling expenses and your altogether inadequate honorarium. I need not tell you that we enjoyed your lecture tremendously. I have been hearing the most favorable comments about it from all sides. Personally, I was delighted that you were here and that I had the opportunity of seeing you and chatting with you. I hope that the next time we meet I shall not be so rushed.

Please convey my best wishes to your dear lady in which Virginia joins me. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 1, 1935.

Mr. Josef Fuchs,  
2311 S. Overlook Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Fuchs:

I need not tell you that we all tremendously enjoyed the program which you presented at our meeting last Wednesday. The one universal complaint was that it was too brief. I do hope that we shall have the pleasure of having you with us again soon.

The enclosed is a token of appreciation for your services, not in any sense adequate remuneration for your playing.

With best wishes to you and to your dear lady,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



March 1, 1935.

Mr. Elmer Louis,  
966 Pembroke Road,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Louis:

I was very happy to receive your note of February 28, and I shall be very pleased to appoint you as chairman of the publicity committee. Please drop in to see me sometime next Monday so that we can talk over both the membership of the publicity committee as well as the necessary publicity for next week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I would suggest that you send in your three dollars inasmuch as one must do that before one is elected as a member to the District.



March 1, 1935.

The Gold Trio,  
10809 Greenlawn Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friends:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to offer your services to the new Zionist District. I shall present your letter to the Program Committee and I am sure that they will have occasion to avail themselves of the services which you have so kindly volunteered.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



March 1, 1935.

Mr. J. J. Kessler,  
12810 Brackland Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kessler:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 28. I assure that the omission of your name was a pure over-sight on the part of my secretary. There were two names to be put on the Board, the name of Julius Kessler and your name. My secretary assumed that the two names were the same. I explained that Wednesday evening to Mr. Hyman Horowitz, Dr. Falkman and I believe to a lady relative of yours. Your name will, of course, be included in the list of fifteen to be voted upon at the next meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Our Board members are making an effort to get in new members. I am enclosing a few application blanks herewith.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 3,  
1934, 10 A.M., AT HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Messrs. Morris Margulies, Harry P. Fierst, Louis P. Rucker, Charles A. Cowen, Jacob Fishman, Abraham Goldberg, Louis Lipsky, Dr. S. Margoshes, Bernard G. Richards, Leo Wolfson, Abraham Krumbein, Louis Rinsky, Sigmund Thau, Judge Saul Berman, Rabbi Maurice Bloom, Sol Cohen, Bernard S. Deutsch, David Freiburger, Abraham Goldstein, Rabbi Louis Greenberg, Dr. A. M. Heller, Arnold K. Isreeli, Samuel Jeudenfreund, Joseph Kraemer, Dr. Leon R. Levinson, Rabbi I. H. Levinthal, Dr. Isidore Mogil, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Judge Hyman J. Reit, J. I. Rudavsky, Bernard Shelvin, Robert Silverman, Abraham Spicehandler, Meyer W. Weisgal.

Excuses for non-attendance were received from the following persons: Dr. Ilie Berger, Robert M. Bernstein, Benjamin F. Evarts, Herman Gessner, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, Jacob B. Hoffman, Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Prof. Gustave Klausner, Rabbi Felix A. Levy, Jacob Rabinowitz, Elder Markson, Nelson Ruttenberg, Ezra Shapiro, Simon Shetzer, Max Shulman, Elihu D. Stone, Dr. I. S. Wechsler.

In the absence of the President, the Committee elected Mr. Louis P. Rucker as Chairman of the session.

Mr. Rucker read the following telegram from Mr. Rothenberg:

"OWING DEATH OF MY BROTHER FUNERAL TODAY WILL NOT  
ATTEND TODAY PLEASE ADVISE MEETING".

It was duly moved, seconded and carried

THAT a message of condolence be sent  
to Mr. Rothenberg on behalf of the Admin-  
istrative Committee.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP:

The Chairman called on Mr. Margulies to present a report on membership.

Mr. Margulies reported that the membership this year showed an improvement over that of last year, in spite of the fact that the Organization was engaged in a number of other activities. On February 28, 1935, we had a membership renewal of 7,903 members, as compared with 5,819 on the same date last year. Mr. Margulies believed that with the proper effort on the part of Zionists between now and the Convention, the goal of 25,000 members for this year would be achieved.

Mr. Margulies then suggested that the proposal for a uniform membership dues should be considered by a committee before the



Convention. At present there is a \$6 dues and a \$3 dues. This tends to create confusion especially in the matter of receiving The New Palestine. He called attention to the survey which had been made of the State of Texas, as an illustration of the average income received by the Z.O.A. from membership. This year the average in Texas is \$2 per member; when their membership was smaller, the average was over \$3. That is, as the membership numerically increases, the income decreases per member. Mr. Margulies felt that serious thought will have to be given to the matter of membership dues, if the Zionist Organization is to look to its dues as a substantial income and endeavor to become independent of subsidies in the future. He therefore urged that the matter of returning to a uniform dues be considered, and suggested the following scale as a basis. That there be a uniform dues of \$5 per member, out of which a refund of \$1 is to be given to the District and \$1 to the Region, leaving \$3 for the Organization. The \$5 membership dues will include a subscription to The New Palestine and Shekel payment, and will average a much higher income for the Organization than the present membership dues. In addition to the regular dues of \$5, there should be an associate membership dues of \$10 per year (of which \$2 is to go to the District and \$2 to the Region), and a sustaining membership dues of \$25 per year (out of which \$5 is to go to the District and \$5 to the Region). On the present basis of \$3 dues, out of which the District gets 50¢ and the Region 50¢ per member, it is obvious that neither the District nor the Organization derive sufficient revenue for their maintenance. The Organization used to have a substantial income from sustaining members who paid \$25 a year, and also a large associate membership at \$10 a year, but in recent years we have stressed only the regular membership. When the life membership was instituted, many of the sustaining members became life members, paying \$100 dues, and the Organization realized close to \$40,000 through the life membership. The \$100 received from each life member was supposed to have been invested by the Organization in six per cent bonds, but this was never done, and the money was expended. The Z.O.A. now has more than 300 life members who cost the Organization about \$2,000 every year, because a Shekel has to be paid for each one of them every year, and The New Palestine is sent to them regularly, although no income whatever is received from them.

Mr. Goldstein thought it premature to discuss the matter of dues at this time.

Mr. Rucker said he had always thought the \$3 membership dues was a grave error.

Mr. Wolfson moved

THAT the matter of membership dues be referred to the Governing Council, and that the Governing Council report to the Administrative Committee its recommendation for dues to be fixed at the next Zionist Convention.

Mr. Shelvin suggested that this matter is within the jurisdiction of the sub-Committee on Organization, of which he is a member, and which the President had appointed many months ago, but which to his knowledge is not functioning.



Mr. Wolfson stated that a meeting of the sub-committee on Organization of which he is Chairman had been called some time ago, which Mr. Shelvin did not attend. Those who were present -- Messrs. Isreeli, Margulies, and Wolfson -- were unable to proceed, as they did not know the functions of the sub-Committee and had no instructions.

Mr. Shelvin reminded Mr. Wolfson that he was present at the meeting referred to, but that the sub-Committee did not know what its functions were.

Mr. Rucker said the matter would be called to Mr. Rothenberg's attention, with a view to having the sub-Committee on Organization function in the future. The entire matter of dues, etc., will in due course be considered by the Governing Council, he added, but thought it would be a very good thing for all the members of the Administrative Committee to give some thought to the matter.

#### REPORT ON ROLL CALL :

Mr. Margulies reported that the total number of Roll Call books distributed is 24,700. Of these 12,334 were sent out-of-town to members; 5,683 to Districts at their request, and 209 were sent to various individuals and smaller groups, making a total of 18,226 books outside of New York. In New York City 6,474 books were distributed as follows: 2400 to members, 989 to Districts, 650 to individuals and the balance to various groups including the Women's Division.

To date there have been received at the Z.O.A. office filled or partly filled books - 1,155 - for which the sum of \$8,257 has been turned into the office; 939 books were returned unfilled. 21,087 books are still outstanding.

Mr. Margulies added that the cities that were to have conducted active campaigns for the Roll Call, such as Cleveland and Baltimore, had not yet reported. There is no definite information as to the progress made in these places, except reports in The New Palestine and local newspapers. If the reports from Cleveland are correct, Cleveland alone should remit from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for the Roll Call, but thus far nothing had come in. Chicago is the only large city outside of New York which has sent in any money, the sum of \$1300 having been received from there. In this total are included 830 registrants enrolled by one individual who filled 83 books. Outside of New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Baltimore there does not seem to be much activity for the Roll Call.

Mr. Margulies then referred to the announcement at the Washington Conference, that the Roll Call activity would be extended until Pesach week which would mark the culmination of this effort. The primary purpose of extending this activity was to utilize the Roll Call as a means for selling shekolim in connection with the forthcoming Congress elections. Mr. Margulies added that the Z.O.A. had not given much thought to the Congress, and that we therefore ought to be grateful to Mr. Lipsky for his editorial in this week's New Palestine, calling attention to the fact that we have as yet formulated no program. After adopting a program, however, the Organization must have a constituency to vote, and such a constituency will only be provided through



a successful Roll Call registration, because if the Roll Call activity will not succeed, we will not succeed with the sale of shekolim. In this connection, Mr. Margulies pointed out that he had been informed by various workers that it was easier to secure Roll Call registrants at one dollar than to sell shekolim at fifty cents.

Rabbi Heller inquired how much the Organization had spent in securing this income of \$8,267 from the Roll Call reported thus far by Mr. Margulies.

Mr. Rucker replied that the cost was about \$5,000 to date which included the cost of sending out 24,000 booklets, the returns for the major number of these, not yet having come in.

Mr. Weisgal referred to Mr. Jabotinsky's presence in this country and asked what the Zionist Administration is doing to counteract the propaganda of Mr. Jabotinsky, and what was the attitude generally with regard to Mr. Jabotinsky's activity in the United States.

The Chairman replied that at the afternoon session this matter is scheduled for discussion.

Mr. Shelvin called attention to Mr. Margulies' statement that if we sell more Roll Call books we will be more secure with our delegation to the Congress. This was not correct said Mr. Shelvin, for the Z.O.A. had always sold more shekolim than the other parties but had fewer delegates. Therefore strengthening our delegation to the Congress has nothing to do with the Roll Call, and other methods must be adopted.

Mr. Margulies replied that it is not true that the other parties had larger delegations than the Z.O.A., except for the Labor group two years ago. Moreover, it is not correct that the Z.O.A. shekolim amounted to more than the combined number of shekolim of the other parties. This would be so only if Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion shekolim are included, but if Hadassah does not vote, as was the case last time, the position of the Z.O.A. is greatly weakened. He recalled that in 1933 out of 12,000 votes cast, 10,000 were by Z.O.A. members and 2,000 by Hadassah, whereas the Labor Party cast 14,000 votes. Mr. Margulies pointed out that now was the time to prepare for a campaign of education in connection with the next Congress elections and therefore it was necessary to stress the matter of the Roll Call for the next two months in order to provide a large shekel constituency.

Mr. Sol Cohen inquired as to the plans of the Organization for securing reports on the 22,000 Roll Call books still outstanding.

Mr. Margulies replied that a follow up letter had been sent out. In addition the attention of the Zionists is being called to this matter through The New Palestine. It is proposed also to stimulate interest in the Roll Call through the offering of prizes as inducements to the workers.

Mr. Margulies added that there were present at this meeting of the Administrative Committee members from various Eastern cities who should be made aware of the significance of the Roll Call in relation to the next Zionist Congress.



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Mr. Cohen suggested that a letter be sent out to the Districts informing them that it is incumbent upon every member of the Executive Committee of the District to make himself personally responsible for the Roll Call, and to assign a definite number of members to each member of the Executive Committee, to cooperate with him in securing Roll Call registrants.

### FINANCES :

Mr. Rucker presented a report on behalf of the Finance Committee as follows:

Total Income from all sources . . . . . \$74,448.41  
(July 1, 1934 - February 28, 1935)

Total Expenses for same period . . . . . 88,252.97

Over expenditure. . . . . \$ 13,804.56

Mr. Rucker explained that this deficit arises primarily from the fact that this period takes in three of the summer months - July, August, and September -- and is not on a yearly basis.

He further reported:

Membership Income - 1934 - \$25,124.28      1935 - \$30,061.55

Roll Call      "      "      " - 7,362.25

Zionist Extension Fund      " - 10,742.36

Roll Call Expenses . . . . . \$5,200

Extension Fund Expenses... 5,789.61 to date

Book Deficit, February 28, 1934 . . . . . \$85,840.92

Deficit at end of February 28, 1935 . . . . . 67,737.26

Mr. Rucker added that an adjustment is to be made with the World Zionist Organization which will reduce the present deficit by about \$9,000.00

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Mr. Lipsky inquired of Mr. Rucker, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, whether the Organization is being run on a planned budget.

Mr. Rucker replied that the year is always started with a planned budget. The Finance Committee has found that the last three years we came through pretty much in accordance with the budget as laid out. The Finance Committee was one Committee that met regularly and invariably had all of its members present at its meetings.



Mr. Lipsky asked whether it is correct to say that the Finance Committee is the Comptroller and the sole determining factor with regard to budget, and if it is possible that in an Organization of the size of the Z.O.A. all financial matters are given over to the absolute control of a Finance Committee which is not even under obligation to make a report to the Administrative Committee. He raised this question, he said, because at the meeting of the American Palestine Campaign of which he is Chairman, a budget was submitted, which was presumably adopted legally by the Finance Committee and is therefore presumably the legal budget of the Zionist Organization of America. It was his understanding that a budget had been adopted immediately after the Convention by the Finance Committee, which presumably the Chairman of the Finance Committee also reported to the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Rucker said he had never reported it. As he understood the situation, the Finance Committee claims the full power with regard to the budget, Mr. Lipsky replied. To this Mr. Rucker answered that the Finance Committee never did, and he said he would be very glad to submit a copy of the budget, which he had with him, to the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Lipsky then asked if this budget is to be submitted to the Administrative Committee for its adoption, or merely as a matter of information.

Mr. Fierst stated that a budget is always adopted at the Zionist Convention, and that at every meeting of the Administrative Committee, since his association with it, there was a report to be submitted, as there has been at this meeting.

Mr. Lipsky said he understood that a resolution was adopted by the Administrative Committee, of which a large number of the members are unaware, which gave the Finance Committee full power to make up the budget and to do everything necessary to conduct the finances of the Organization.

Mr. Margulies then read the resolution referred to by Mr. Lipsky, which had been adopted at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A., held on Sunday, September 16, 1934, as follows:

"The Chairman read the resolution passed by the Governing Council at its meeting on July 16th which 'authorized the Finance Committee to deal with all matters relating to the finances of the Zionist Organization of America, and authorized and empowered the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to sign all checks necessary for the withdrawal of funds from the accounts of the Zionist Organization of America, and authorized and empowered the Finance Committee to fix and disburse salaries or remuneration of employees and officials, as well as to reimburse any officials for outlays necessitated in connection with their duties.'

"Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Finance Committee was authorized to draw up and execute the budget under the guidance of the Governing Council."



Rabbi Heller thought that the Administrative Committee did not meet often enough to keep in touch with the actual work of the Organization.

Mr. Silverman suggested that the Chairman explain how the deficit is being reduced, -- whether it is due to the increased income of the Organization, or to any other cause.

Mr. Rucker stated that reduction in the deficit had been brought about in the following manner: (1) by subvention from the American Palestine Campaign; (2) through adjustment with creditors; (3) by realizing \$25,000 from an old claim against the Wingrowers Association. These are not increases in the income of the Zionist Organization, he pointed out, but practically a liquidation of what were frozen assets of the Zionist Organization. For the last three years, the Z.O.A. had been receiving a substantial payment from the American Palestine Campaign, last year's payment amounting to almost \$34,000; this year the American Palestine Campaign has agreed to give the Z.O.A. approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Maltin stated that a budget had been presented to the delegates at every Zionist Convention for the past fifteen or sixteen years. The budget was never adopted or carried in the form presented to the Convention, excepting in general outline, and was then turned over to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lipsky interpolated that no one is questioning the procedure whereby the Finance Committee draws up the budget, but whether it is a proper procedure for the Zionist Organization to hand over unlimited power to the Finance Committee. The question only is where the sanction should come from; should it come from the Finance Committee alone, or should it be derived from the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Maltin further stated that at no meetings of the Administrative Committee were the Finance Committee reports demanded, although the reports were ready for presentation at every meeting. With regard to subsidies from the American Palestine Campaign, Mr. Maltin pointed to the fact that since 1914, the Zionist Organization of America had been subsidized by that Organization to a great extent; the fact has been printed, as our financial reports included every income from all sources.

Judge Berman expressed the view that the resolution which the Administrative Committee had adopted on September 16, 1934 should be rescinded. Apparently the members of the Administrative Committee had given very little thought to that resolution, he said, because no one here seemed to know anything about it. He knew of no organization which does business on any scale at all, to turn over full power to a Finance Committee to draw up the budget and revise the budget and never make a report to anybody. He thought Mr. Lipsky had brought up a very vital point, and the sooner we corrected the situation, the better it would be. A Committee that has power to regulate finances and control finances has power over the very life-blood of the Organization, and in giving the Finance Committee full power, the Administrative Committee has divested itself of all power. That was the most irrational resolution that could ever have been adopted by this Organization at any



time, and it should be repealed, he believed. The Finance Committee should prepare the budget which should be presented to the Administrative Committee for acceptance, and then the Finance Committee should be given such power as necessary.

Mr. Goldstein did not share Judge Berman's views. The members of the Administrative Committee cannot decide upon certain details; the matter of dealing with finances and all details involved must be left to the Finance Committee. On the other hand, if the Finance Committee and the Administrative Committee should disagree on any important matter, the resolution could then be amended.

Mr. Rucker stated that he had a report prepared for the Convention, but the Convention never got to the financial report. The same thing invariably happens at meetings of the Administrative Committee; they never get to the point where they ask for a report on finances.

Mr. Lipsky thought that where the Administrative Committee has no power in the matter, they pass it by as a matter of course, whereas if the Finance Committee were obliged to make periodical reports to the Administrative Committee for acceptance, they would have to be taken up.

Mr. Thau felt that the meetings of the Administrative Committee are not held regularly enough to enable the Administrative Committee to act on financial matters. The business of the Zionist Organization must go on every day, and to await the action of the Administrative Committee would, therefore, paralyze the operation of the entire Organization.

Mr. Lipsky then made the following motion:

THAT the Finance Committee be required to submit its financial reports to the Administrative Committee for approval.

SECONDED.

Mr. Cohen suggested that at the first meeting of the Administrative Committee held after the Convention, the Finance Committee should submit a budget for the ensuing year for the action of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Fierst felt that the Finance Committee cannot be accused of overstepping its limits; as stated before, financial reports are always ready for submission at Administrative Committee meetings, but they are never requested. The Finance Committee functions daily; Mr. Rucker, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and he (Mr. Fierst) as Treasurer, receive daily reports of the finances of the Organization. He could not understand why, quite suddenly, a motion is proposed that the Finance Committee is to submit its activities to the Administrative Committee that meets once in three or four months, and 99 times out of 100 the Administrative Committee is not interested.



Mr. Lipsky said that while he had the highest respect for the members of the Finance Committee, who are responsible, active Zionists in the Organization, he had to bring up this matter for certain reasons, not from the point of view of the Zionist Organization, but rather from the point of view of the American Palestine Campaign. The budget, he said, was submitted to the American Palestine Campaign on the basis of which certain action was taken. It now appears that the budget had been changed after it was submitted officially to the American Palestine Campaign, and that puts the members of the Zionist Organization on the American Palestine Campaign in a very embarrassing position. In order to avoid this situation there ought to be a provision to the effect that the Finance Committee should report to the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Lipsky's motion stated above was then carried.

At this juncture Mr. Shelvin proposed the following motion:

THAT it is the sense of this meeting that the Administrative Committee meet regularly every month.

Mr. Shelvin's motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weisgal then placed the following motion, in view of the resolution that had just been adopted, and in view of the statement made by the Chairman that a new budget had been adopted on January 1st:

THAT the new budget shall be submitted herewith to the Administrative Committee for their discussion and approval.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Lipsky moved that the Chair appoint a Committee of Five to whom this budget should be submitted; that this Committee of Five be instructed to report back to the meeting of the Administrative Committee this afternoon.

Mr. Rucker called for a vote on Mr. Lipsky's motion which was carried.

Mr. Rucker then read a general outline of the income and the expenses of the Zionist Organization, and thereupon referred the budget to the Committee of Five which he appointed, consisting of the following: Judge Saul Berman, Sol Cohen, David Freiburger, Rabbi A. M. Heller, Abraham Spicehandler.



REPORT ON PALESTINE DEPARTMENT:

Dr. Bernstein presented a report on the activities of the Palestine Department. He emphasized the fact that the question of American immigration to Palestine should be of greater concern to American Zionists than heretofore. The immigration primarily during the past few years was capitalist immigration. This has changed recently. At present a great many young men and women of the Chaluz category are anxious to go to Palestine, among them relatives of persons already settled in Palestine, and there are not enough certificates for them. Applicants with Hachshara training are given preference in the allotment of Chaluz Certificates. The Palestine Department now has in its possession 35 certificates for distribution among Chaluz applicants with Hachshara training. These people will probably sail for Palestine next month.

Dr. Bernstein urged that something be done at the next Zionist Congress, whereby a special allotment of about 100 certificates be made to America for special cases.

Mr. Freiburger inquired whether certificates were earmarked for "Hachshara", to which Dr. Bernstein replied in the affirmative.

Dr. Bernstein then pointed out that there were hundreds of Zionists in Russia who were anxious to go to Palestine, but that the Jewish Agency was able to allot only 40 permits for them. He added that in connection with the immigration of Russian Zionists, Mr. Morris Rothenberg had rendered great service in negotiating for a reduction in the cost of a passport from Russia.

Dr. Bernstein further reported that 100 families of the capitalist category left America for Palestine in January, and 98 such families in February, and that the present indications are that 1200 such families will have emigrated by October 1st.

Mr. Spicehandler advocated that a resolution be adopted at the next Congress, for the purpose of setting aside a certain number of certificates for America, in order to enable the Z.O.A. to deal with special cases referred to by Dr. Bernstein.

Mr. Leo Herrmann believed it necessary to emphasize the difficulties involved in securing such certificates. He pointed out that under the Palestine immigration laws which regulate the procedure of the Jewish Agency in the matter of issuing the certificates, relatives of Palestine settlers are considered dependents only up to the age of 18. Moreover the mere adoption of a resolution by the Congress will not help matters, because Hachshara certificates can only be issued to bona fide chaluzim. In this connection, he pointed out that the Executive endeavored to exercise some pressure in securing about 30 certificates for important Zionist workers who did not have the required amount of capital but who were not actually chaluzim, and as a result of this effort the Jewish Agency had been summoned before the Mandates Commission in Geneva for abusing the powers granted to the Jewish Agency in connection with the distribution of certificates. Therefore, Mr. Herrmann pointed out, it is not a question of good will on the part of the Jewish Agency to grant such special cer-



tificates to America, but a matter of rigidly adhering to the immigration laws.

Judge Berman doubted the advisability of setting aside 25 to 50 certificates over which the Palestine Department of the Z.O.A. would have special discretionary power, as that would only create ill feeling on the part of other persons who are in the same category and who would feel that they were being discriminated against.

Mr. Margulies did not agree with Dr. Bernstein's attitude. Mr. Margulies was of the opinion that we should become earnestly interested in chalutzim and control that movement in this country.

Mr. Shelvin pointed out that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, he reported on the necessity of the Z.O.A.'s taking an active hand in the present Hachshara activities in this country, and what would be even still better, for the Z.O.A. to have its own Hachshara farm. He was of the opinion that in view of the increasing importance of the Palestine Department of the Z.O.A., the Z.O.A. should be in a position to supply real chalutzim and therefore the Organization should control this activity. Moreover whether it has anything to do with these Hachshara farms or not, if anything goes wrong with this phase of the work in America, the Z.O.Z. will be charged with responsibility. He suggested therefore that the Palestine Department go into this matter and report to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee whether the Z.O.A. should take over the Hachshara farm or not.

Mr. Blitz said that it would be a grave injustice for Americans to take away certificates from chalutzim and utilize such certificates for persons in other categories. He believed that Hachshara should be our chief concern, and that the other parties would welcome the cooperation and even the control of the Z.O.A. in this activity, but that certificates must be used exclusively for Hachshara since these are the persons who are prepared to work and remain in Palestine.

It was finally moved, seconded and carried

THAT the Governing Council take up the matter of chalutzim in America, giving earnest consideration to it, and work out a plan whereby the Zionist Organization will cooperate and participate in this activity.

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Adjournment for lunch - till 3:30 P.M.



AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Mr. Morris Margulies, and Mr. Rucker was elected Chairman.

NEW PALESTINE: ZIONIST DISCIPLINE :

The Chairman stated that the New Palestine was placed on the agenda so that the members of the Administrative Committee could voice their opinions with regard to The New Palestine in its present form.

Mr. Lipsky stated that the decision to issue The New Palestine as a weekly paper was made by the Administrative Committee and the Governing Council, and that the President of the Z.O.A. had appointed a Committee to take care of The New Palestine, consisting of: Arnold K. Isreeli, Jacob Fishman, Bernard G. Richards, Louis P. Rucker, Morris Rothenberg, ex officio, and Mr. Lipsky. The Committee had one or two meetings and decided as to the form of the paper, its name, and as to various detailed matters. The New Palestine is under review every week by the members who read it. Since the New Palestine had made its appearance in its present form, there have been more comments on the paper from the outside than from the inside. The paper, however, ought to be regularized, Mr. Lipsky thought, and the Administrative Committee should take action to establish the responsibility for The New Palestine. Mr. Lipsky added that he had been helping in The New Palestine, as a matter of cooperation, but not as a matter of responsibility. In writing for The New Palestine he has had to take into account the known views that prevail in the Administrative Committee and in the Governing Council, he said.

Mr. Lipsky felt that there ought to be some regulation of the place of The New Palestine in the propaganda of the Zionist Organization. The Publications Committee has nothing whatever to do with the budget of The New Palestine. There has been no appropriation for writers or for anything else, except for the Palcor News Service. But the Committee has no fund at its disposal and cannot engage any writers for lack of funds. Something has to be done, therefore, by the Administrative Committee, to determine the place The New Palestine is to occupy in the administration of the Zionist Organization of America.

Mr. Weisgal thought the Administrative Committee owes a debt of gratitude to the editorial management of The New Palestine, since it has assumed its new form, because it is a new New Palestine. The New Palestine that immediately preceded this one was really a reflection upon the Zionist Organization of America, he thought, and in its new form the New Palestine has made considerable progress.

Referring to Mr. Jabotinsky's presence in this country, Mr. Weisgal stated that we are being beguiled with the attitude that Mr. Jabotinsky has adopted here of being a gentleman, and he thought that the Administration should take an attitude with regard to this matter. The Zionists are entitled to know where the Administration stands with regard to this question.



In response to an inquiry, Mr. Lipsky stated that the Managing Editor of The New Palestine is Mr. Meyer Steinglass. We have had the cooperation in an unofficial capacity of Mr. Henry Montor, of Mr. Jacob Fishman, of Mr. Abraham Goldberg, and of one or two other Zionists whose names have appeared in the paper. For the last two or three weeks, Mr. Samuel Caplan has had charge of the pages devoted to organizational matters. The Publications Committee, as a sub-Committee of the Administrative Committee, has been running a paper, but the actual administration of the paper is not in the control of the Publications Committee.

Mr. Margulies called attention to the fact that the specific matter referred to by Mr. Weisgal was discussed at a meeting of the Governing Council, and a policy was proposed and adopted, and The New Palestine has been carrying on that policy. He therefore did not think it necessary to adopt any further measures. He added that he thought the editorials in The New Palestine which are written by Mr. Lipsky, are admirable, and this sentiment has been expressed by hundreds of Zionists all over the country. Everything that is put into The New Palestine has to have Mr. Lipsky's approval and if this Committee ~~be~~ prepared to give it to him, if Mr. Lipsky wants to have more power, but it ought to be made clear that The New Palestine, though it is the official organ of the Zionist Organization of America, is being guided and controlled for the Zionist Organization of America by Mr. Lipsky.

Dr. Margoshes referred to the policy of The New Palestine with regard to Revisionism. Mr. Jabotinsky's coming here, and delivering gentlemanly speeches in colleges and other places, without revealing his true face, is deluding a great many people, he thought. We are actually rearing a Frankenstein here by being as gentlemanly as Jabotinsky, as Jabotinsky finds it expedient to be while in this country. We can be very gentlemanly and at the same time tell the readers of The New Palestine what Mr. Jabotinsky actually stands for, not only in the United States, but also in Europe; tell of a number of things that he has been preaching throughout the world -- in other words, tell the truth about Jabotinsky; Dr. Margoshes urged. If we give such instructions to the editorial management of The New Palestine, we will prevent many consequences which may follow if we are to continue our polite silence with regard to Jabotinsky's activities, he said.

Dr. Margoshes then moved

THAT the editorial management of The New Palestine be requested to adopt a more aggressive policy with regard to Revisionism and also with regard to Jabotinsky's activities in the United States.



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Mr. Goldberg expressed the view that it is not true that everything that the Revisionists say is bad, just as it is not true that everything the Histadrut demand is good. We have a right to choose, and therefore we are General Zionists. The New Palestine leans too much towards the Left. The reasons for that may be our lack of funds for writers. Some of the writers who contribute to The New Palestine at the present time, who are members of the Agency, are also members of the Labor Party; naturally they lean toward the Left, and these articles with their Labor leanings convey the impression that The New Palestine is a Histadrut paper. Mr. Goldberg feared, therefore, that difficulties will arise in connection with the elections for the next Zionist Congress, in the matter of educating the General Zionists to vote for the General Zionist ticket and not for Histadrut.

Mr. Goldberg further expressed the view that if the Revisionists are what we say they are, then they have no room in our movement. Our policy should be aggressive, and we should show the same aggressiveness for every Party.

Mr. Goldberg urged that the American point of view be represented by the articles that appear in The New Palestine, and said that he personally was prepared to write two articles against Revisionism, in line with Dr. Margoshes' suggestion for aggressive policy. He felt, furthermore, that a middle course should be followed, rather than the policy pursued by Mr. Lipsky in his writings at the present time. He added that if we have an editorial board that is responsible, with a budget at its disposal, a worthwhile paper will be developed.



Rabbi Bloom agreed with Mr. Goldberg that the New Palestine should be the organ of the general Zionists, but he was of the opinion that the discussion regarding Mr. Jabotinsky's visit to America should not have come up at this time. He urged the adoption of a motion that The New Palestine be headed by an editorial Board which would take responsibility and have authority.

Mr. Cowen stated that he did not agree with Mr. Goldberg nor with Rabbi Bloom, but that in the last analysis responsibility for The New Palestine rested with the Administrative Committee and the Governing Council and that if Mr. Lipsky required more definitely formulated authority, such a motion should be formulated by the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Cowen then called attention to the fact that Mr. Jabotinsky says one thing about Revisionism at one time, and something else at another time. It is quite possible that what Mr. Jabotinsky preaches about Revisionism, in this country, is something that is quite harmless, and it would therefore be absurd to attack his statements. It should not be said therefore that the Governing Council has ignored its responsibility, inasmuch as for the time being Mr. Jabotinsky has not preached any doctrines of any consequence. Mr. Cowen added that in this discussion on The New Palestine, there were two questions to be considered: The first is the question of responsibility, in connection with which a resolution should be adopted giving Mr. Lipsky all the necessary authority and assistance. The second is the question of content, particularly in the face of the problem of Mr. Jabotinsky's visit. Mr. Cowen was of the opinion that up to now the New Palestine has followed the wisest course.

Mr. Isreeli called attention to the fact that after the last Convention, Mr. Rothenberg appointed a committee to supervise the New Palestine. The Committee decided that it needed \$20,000 in order to proceed with issuing The New Palestine, and the Finance Committee approved such budget. The time has now come for the committee to be made permanent and given full power, it being understood that the committee would report to the Administrative Committee from time to time. Mr. Isreeli then moved to this effect.

Rabbi Newman stated that he was very much interested in the editorial in this week's issue of The New Palestine as to what is general Zionism. Moreover he is aware of the fact that this definition of General Zionism is being utilized by those who have written editorials during the last month to provide strength for certain articles as an instrument to attack Revisionism and defend the Histadrut point of view. Rabbi Newman referred to the article of Rabbi Israel and particularly the editorial of a week ago last Friday attacking him (Rabbi Newman). He considered it an error for The New Palestine speaking for the Zionist Organization of America to take so partisan a stand in favor of the Histadrut.

Dr. Newman called attention also to the meeting held last Friday evening by the Labor Party in order to prepare for the political rule of the Labor forces at the forthcoming Zionist Congress, as a demonstration of the strength of Labor against it.



opponents. It is clear that a political offensive is under way and has been under way for many months. Continuing Rabbi Newman said that the policy of General American Zionism is not to stand for any particular group officially, whatever may be the individual affiliations of particular persons within the various committees, but the job of The New Palestine is to place fairly and impartially the viewpoints of all parties within General Zionism. There is such a thing as the philosophy General Zionism and it is our duty to formulate it. He considered it within the purview of General Zionism not to become so intolerant and fanatic that it closes rostrums and meeting to any Zionist whatever his viewpoint.

Rabbi Newman added that he is not a Revisionist, and that if the Administrative Committee wishes to solidify the opposition against those who are delivering over the ZOA to the Histadrut, it would be by taking the aggressive attitude proposed and make The New Palestine what it has been the last month. This will raise up a very strong opposition and create a schism in American Zionism. But if the Committee wishes to protect General Zionism, it should make the New Palestine non-partisan, not one-sided, not turning it over to any party whether Histadrut or Revisionist. Therefore if the proposed resolution means giving carte blanche to the men who have written this editorial and given space to those articles, it should not be passed.

Mr. Kraemer then asked for the text of the resolution.

Mr. Rucker repeated the resolution as follows:

THAT this Administrative Committee appoint a Board of Editors and managers for The New Palestine, headed by Mr. Lipsky, responsible to the Administrative Committee for the conduct of The New Palestine, and that the budget of \$20,000 mentioned above be assigned to this Committee in this connection.

Mr. Silverman pointed out that the various currents of thought expressed in The New Palestine indicates that it is a live organ, making it read and appreciated by the Zionists of this country. It would be unfortunate if The New Palestine took on that colorlessness whereby nobody disagreed.

Mr. Silverman then referred to Rabbi Newman's reference to the rise of small capitalists in Palestine. He himself had invested his private capital in Palestine, he said, but it would be a sorry day for that country if the capitalists were permitted to gain the upper hand and throttle the laborers. He could not understand the attitude of those who were for Labor in America and against it in Palestine.

With regard to the claim of Rabbi Newman and others that they are followers of Mr. Brandeis, Mr. Silverman stated that when it comes to real fundamentals and principles upon which the future of Palestine should be built, we are with Mr. Brandeis and those



liberal forces in Zionism which it make worthwhile to work for the Zionist cause. He pointed out that Rabbi Newman and his associates seem to have forgotten the Pittsburgh Program, and that it was difficult to understand their purely intellectual attitude toward these fundamental problems that are so alive and vital in Palestine today. He favored the substitute motion that The New Palestine should become even more aggressive if necessary in connection with these fundamental ideals for the upbuilding of Palestine.

Mr. Lipsky said that Dr. Newman had given the impression that he had to use high voltage pressure in order to get certain things into The New Palestine. The New Palestine was prepared to print his statement, and did print it, but it is not prepared to print letters which contain indiscriminate charges against a whole Party.

Referring to Mr. Goldberg's remarks, Mr. Lipsky said that The New Palestine does reflect favorably the activities of the Zionist Executive. Eliezer Kaplan is a leader of Histadrut and at the same time he is the Treasurer of the Executive. His statement was a very clear-cut statement of the situation, convincing in every particular, and showing a mastery of the finances of the Executive which had seldom been revealed in previous years by any member who represented the Treasury. It happens that the members of the Histadrut who are on the Executive are also very capable publicists, and when they make statements they read well. The impression therefore is made that The New Palestine is furthering the interests of the Histadrut. The reports that are coming through the Palcor are designed to reveal the activities of the Executive and the Yishub in the upbuilding of Palestine; and when these things are put into the paper, it gives the impression that the Labor Party is doing all the constructive work in Palestine. We have also printed several articles by members who are not members of the Histadrut, like statements by Dr. Ruppin. The New Palestine is trying to give an idea of what is being created in Palestine.

Rabbi Newman asked Mr. Lipsky to explain his editorial.

Mr. Lipsky stated that being a Revisionist is not anything to be ashamed of. He said he assumed that Rabbi Newman is a member of the Revisionist Party without knowing it, and that he is acting on behalf of Mr. Jabotinsky as Mr. deHaas is doing it; and that he had no right to do so on the plea that he is a neutral. Mr. Lipsky referred to the fact that no letter came out from the Zionist Organization telling the Zionist Districts not to arrange meetings for Mr. Jabotinsky. He therefore thought it unfair for Rabbi Newman to say that the Zionists did not give Mr. Jabotinsky the right kind of a reception. There was no attack on anything said by Mr. Jabotinsky, except his statement that "the Zionist Organization is a Federation of Parties, and the Zionist Organization has no sovereign power over its members." We said something about that and also about the devious method employed by Mr. de Haas in signing people into joining a sponsorship committee for



Mr. Jabotinsky. As far as The New Palestine is concerned, it is an open sheet; it has not taken a position in favor of Labor. Anybody would have to be blind not to see that it is the Labor Group which is responsible for the upbuilding of Palestine, Mr. Lipsky thought. What is this General Zionism? In 1921 there was involved an issue concerning which the Zionists spoke with 99% unanimity and that issue was the sovereignty of the Zionist Congress. Today, Mr. Jabotinsky comes along and says the Zionist Congress has to be destroyed; and we have to combat that idea. It is quite true that most of the articles that appear in The New Palestine are written by Zionists on the other side, but we are anxious that the Zionists of this country should begin to speak in The New Palestine, and that somebody should actually work out what this General Zionism is all about. The question is whether Palestine is to be built up as a cooperative organic thing that represents the Yishub and the Jewish People. How to frame that nobody knows; everybody has tried it. If it cannot be done, Mr. Lipsky added, he is not going to make a fetish of General Zionism; if there is no such thing as General Zionism, he will go with Histadrut. But he believes there is a General Zionism. One thing is certain, that the idea of Rabbi Newman's group that General Zionism has to do with capitalistic industry, has no relation to this idea. How does he expect to build up a State? Not upon lack of discipline and lack of authority, but by quiet, plodding work that has to do with the realities of Jewish life.

Mr. Lipsky expressed the belief that with the formation of an editorial board which has some authority, we may be able to harness a lot of minds into the service of this idea, to find the thing that joins us together. We are not parties to the Poale Zion or to the Revisionists, and we have to find out what General Zionism is.

Rabbi Newman stated that he was glad to hear Mr. Lipsky say that The New Palestine was impartial, and that the ZOA was working for a program independent of the Poale Zion or Revisionism. Rabbi Newman then went on to say that the development of Palestine from 1921 to 1930, before the coming of capital to Palestine, may be regarded in terms of "limping", but now with the coming of the bourgeoisie with \$50,000,000 a year, Palestine is going ahead with private initiative and industry. He believed that we, General Zionists, should stand not for a Fascist Dictatorship, nor in the image of Communism, nor modified Socialism where we haven't got the power of taxation, but that the future of Palestine should be built in terms of American constitutional liberalism, and in terms of a balance between the various economic factors. He expressed certainty that Palestine's pace had been accelerated since the coming of private capital, and he felt that General Zionism must speak in terms of Herzl, and not be ready to deliver over the Yishub or parties in the Galuth to the domination of the Histadrut. He pointed out that the various groups in Palestine are becoming articulate and politically and economically expressive. Therefore when he suggests that we listen to Mr. Jabotinsky, it is with that that objective in mind, and he asks that attitude from this Administrative Committee and from The New Palestine.



The following motion was then finally seconded and carried:

THAT a Committee of Five with Mr. Lipsky as Editor and Chairman, shall be responsible for the editorial policy and management of The New Palestine, and that the budget of \$20,000 allotted to The New Palestine be assigned to this Committee for this purpose.

The following Committee was subsequently appointed:

Messrs. Louis Lipsky (Chairman) A.K. Isreeli, Jacob Fishman, Abraham Goldberg, Dr. S. Margoshes, and Bernard G. Richards.

#### CLEVELAND ZIONIST SITUATION :

Mr. Margulies reported the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Alfred Sachs of Cleveland, advising that he was coming to New York in order to present to the Administrative Committee the situation that has arisen among the Zionists of Cleveland. Mr. Margulies explained that the matter had already been brought to the attention of the Governing Council, since about three weeks ago a communication had been received from Mr. Kats who was the Chairman of a Zionist Club in Cleveland, advising that Rabbi Silver desired to organize a new Zionist District in Cleveland. Mr. Kats desired to know what were the Constitutional provisions in such a case. Mr. Margulies then replied to Mr. Katz that according to the constitution of the ZOA, no new districts can be formed in any city outside of New York, without the consent of the existing district, but that they could form a Zionist club, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Philadelphia Convention, which provides the same rights and privileges to a club, as that enjoyed by Districts except that the Club must have some specific function or purpose in addition to Zionism. Nothing further was heard from Mr. Katz nor anyone-else, but according to newspaper reports the new district was formed in Cleveland, and in view of the attitude of this new district, considerable difficulty has arisen.

Mr. Margulies then presented Mr. Sachs to the meeting.

Mr. Sachs expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him by the Committee and said that he would endeavor to present the matter as briefly as possible. He pointed out that the situation in Cleveland concerned Zionist discipline and the integrity of the Cleveland Zionist District which is a constitutional subdivision of the ZOA, and concerns also the Zionist life of Cleveland which has been an important part of American Zionism for many years. He then referred to the letter from Mr. Kats to which Mr. Margulies had alluded. He pointed out that in this discussion he did not intend to deprecate Rabbi Silver's position in American Jewish life, but that Rabbi Silver's actions cannot be ignored, for any undertaking in Cleveland, along Jewish lines,



which Rabbi Silver chooses to boycott or sabotage, is misconstrued by the community as an indication that there was something wrong with the project. Rabbi Silver's "free-lance" attitude has been causing considerable difficulty in Cleveland for many years.

Mr. Sachs then referred to the invitation extended to Dr. Silver about two months ago by the National Administration, to be one of the speakers at the Washington Conference. Whereupon representative members of the Zionist District wrote to Mr. Rothenberg, expressing their surprise that Rabbi Silver who had done nothing to promote Zionist activities in Cleveland for many years, should have been singled out to be one of the Conference speakers. The Governing Council then informed Rabbi Silver that there was protest against his appearance in Washington on grounds of non-cooperation, and that he should get in touch with the local group. Dr. Silver replied that there was nothing to be adjusted, and he wanted to know whether that was the condition upon which his appearance in Washington was predicated. Mr. Rothenberg had replied that there was no condition attached to his speaking in Washington, but that his suggestion that he adjust matters with the local Zionists was the result of the situation which had arisen in Cleveland, which if exposed would cause embarrassment to the ZOA and Rabbi Silver.

Mr. Sachs then pointed out that Dr. Silver did not come to Washington, but that on Sunday night, January 20th, while the Conference was in session at Washington, he addressed a group in Cleveland which had gathered to celebrate Palestine Day, in the course of which address Dr. Silver said that the "Zionists of Cleveland were conducting a sort of racket" and that he was going to eradicate this "racket". This was said in the presence of newspaper reporters, and this statement was featured in the Cleveland general and Jewish press for a week. Moreover, this statement was made by Dr. Silver at a time when the leaders of Cleveland Zionism were away in Washington. Upon their return to Cleveland, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist District was called. Twenty-two members of the Committee came to this meeting and it was decided that under the circumstances the wisest course would be to ignore this type of attack.

Rabbi Silver then issued a call, with the assistance of one of the editors of the Cleveland Jewish World and a few other papers, for the organization of a new district, and it was in this connection that Mr. Katz had written to Mr. Margulies. About 2,000 to 3,000 Jews were invited by Rabbi Silver to attend this meeting for which a special musical program had been arranged and to which the press had been invited and considerable advance publicity had been given.

Here Mr. Sachs quoted some of the statements made at this meeting. Mr. Leon Weisenfeld, Rabbi Silver's principal assistant in the organization of the new district said:

"It was originated by a few politicians in New York. It was originated with the Romance 'bluff' in this town."



"This district will do the work that was neglected here and in New York City."

"We are not going to be ruled by New York politicians. They are plenty far off."

Rabbi Silver said:

"I reached that point with the Zionist politicians of this city a few years ago, and I wearied, frankly, of the kind of politics which was being played largely through the wire pulling through headquarters in New York."

"I wearied particularly of a certain individual who was the impressario of the Zionist District in the city for a great number of years, a particular venomous rattlesnake by the name of Isaac Carmel."

"I knew that the Romance of a People had been a financial failure in Philadelphia."

"I knew that the money would go to pay the actors and impressarios and stage managers, etc., and that nothing would be left for the great cause. I knew that the whole Jewish community had lined up for the Romance of a People, but I was not going to be stampeded into it because the whole Jewish community had lined up with it."

In connection with the last statement, Mr. Sachs pointed out that as he had written to Mr. Rothenberg, this was entirely untrue, since the first planning for the Cleveland performance was done fully two months before the actual performance in Philadelphia. In fact, both performances were concurrent, and at the time when Rabbi Silver's cooperation was solicited only a prophet could have foretold the financial success or failure of either the Cleveland or the Philadelphia performance.

Mr. Sachs reported further that when the new district was organized, a resolution was passed and published in the Jewish Daily Bulletin and other publications, containing the statement that "it is necessary to establish a new district in order to attain 'Honest Zionism' in Cleveland." It is obvious that this resolution impugns the honesty of every member of the Cleveland Zionist District and the integrity of the District as a legal subdivision of the ZOA.

Mr. Sachs called attention to the fact that this new District has no relation to the ZOA nor the Basle program. There have been reports that 1000 members have joined, but actually it appears that no more than 100 persons have paid dues, and included therein are from 30 to 50 members of the original Cleveland. Moreover the organization of this new district is without constitutional sanction without the consent of the Cleveland Zionist district and without any need for such district.



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Mr. Sachs reported also that Mr. Jacob deHaas, a member of the Governing Council and Administrative Committee of the ZOA was in Cleveland recently in connection with the Jabotinsky meeting at which Mr. deHaas made a scurrilous attack upon Mr. Ezra Shapiro, the Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA.

Mr. Sachs felt it incumbent also to report that Rabbi Silver had stated that the "present Zionist group in Cleveland is led by Aaron Garber, 'a broken-down real estate man' and by Ezra Shapiro, 'a cog in the wheel of a political machine.'" Two weeks later Rabbi Silver notified Mr. Friedland, Chairman of the Ohio Zionist Region and outstanding American Zionist and Jewish educator, that unless he will publish an apology, he (Rabbi Silver) will make a public attack against the Hebrew schools of Cleveland. A week ago Rabbi Silver wrote to the Bureau of Jewish Education, resigning on the ground that Mr. Friedland was an unfit person. At the last meeting of the new district, Rabbi Silver was elected president, and it was announced in the press that the ZOA had given its consent to the organization of this district.

Summing up the situation, Mr. Sachs said that the issue, -in short, is:

1. The allegation circulated through the press in Cleveland and throughout the country, that Cleveland Zionism is dishonest and therefore Rabbi Silver has had to organize a new group for the purpose of introducing honesty, should either be found true, in which case the Cleveland group including the Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA are unfit to be members and leaders of Zionism in Cleveland, or, if this allegation is made because of a personal quarrel on the part of Rabbi Silver, the ZOA should pass a proper resolution of confidence in the Cleveland group which has carried the burden of Zionist activities, the Keren Kayesed, the Jewish National Fund for many years. The resolution should deplore the fact that anybody should attempt to organize a new group on the basis of introducing "honest Zionism."

2. That the new district be informed that it is unconstitutional for them to function in Cleveland as a District, and that a statement be published that this district is functioning without authority and is therefore not warranted either in its solicitation or its collection of dues for the ZOA, and that they were without authority to make the statements published in the local press to the effect that the National Administration had already authorized their organization as a legal and constitutional entity.

#### DISCUSSION ON CLEVELAND SITUATION:

The Chairman then called for discussion on the Cleveland situation as reported by Mr. Sachs, calling attention to the fact that the subject had been discussed at the last meeting of the Governing Council and that there were present at this meeting at



least a half dozen persons who are familiar with the subject.

Mr. Kraemer moved

THAT this matter be referred to a Committee of Inquiry to act and report back to the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Margulies stated that the Cleveland Zionist District is an official branch of the Zionist Organization of America, which sent an official emissary to this meeting and asks this Administrative Committee to support it, because the reflection cast on the District is an indirect reflection on this Committee; if the group in Cleveland is dishonest, we, the members of the Administrative Committee are also not entirely honest.

Mr. Goldberg said that when the question came before the meeting of the Governing Council, he urged that action be taken immediately, instead of waiting until complaints are brought to us. He made the following motion:

THAT we resent the stand taken by Rabbi Silver.

Mr. Sol Cohen said he had heard both versions of the story, and was in perfect accord with the suggestion of Mr. Kraemer that a Committee of Inquiry be requested to look into and consider the matter before taking any action.

Mr. Weisgal urged that the only duty before the Administrative Committee today, apart from the suggestion made by Mr. Goldberg, is to pass a vote of confidence in the integrity and devotion of the Zionist leadership in Cleveland. He then spoke of his experiences in Cleveland, in connection with the production of the Romance of a People. Rabbi Silver, he thought, has been responsible for the downfall of Zionism in Cleveland, which might have thrived today as one of the greatest strongholds of Zionism in this country, because he refuses to submit to discipline, and, if he is not in control of something he is opposed to it. Our duty in this matter is plain and clear, and we should pass a vote of confidence in the honesty and integrity of those in control of Zionist affairs in Cleveland, he urged.

Mr. Weisgal then referred to Dr. Silver's tactics in connection with the "Romance", and said it was he who was responsible to a large extent for the financial failure of the production in Cleveland, and children of 12 and 14 years who had been impressed by this great spectacle asked Dr. Silver why he had stayed out of it, and he replied: "Because the money is wasted by those who are leading it." Mr. Weisgal suggested further, in addition to the adoption of the motions presented by Mr. Goldberg and himself, that a letter be written to Rabbi Silver stating that we have confidence in the Cleveland Zionist leaders; that according to American law innocent until found guilty that therefore we have to assume that our Cleveland Zionists are innocent unless proven guilty. Mr. Weisgal felt that anything less than this action on the part of the National Administration would be an injustice to ourselves and to the Zionists of Cleveland.



Rabbi Heller said that he was virtually in full agreement with regard to the conclusions but not with regard to the methods suggested. If the matter cannot be adjusted by correspondence, he suggested that a responsible person be sent from headquarters to straighten it out to the best of his ability. He pointed out that he does not of course believe any of the statements made by Rabbi Silver with regard to "dishonesty," but that he advocated this procedure in view of the latter's position and the inadvisability of estranging him from the Zionist movement. He suggested therefore that either Mr. Rothenberg or Mr. Lipsky go to Cleveland and use his best office to adjust the situation in behalf of the Organization.

Mr. Cowen stated that as a member of the Governing Council, he had previous knowledge of this situation and had seen the correspondence between Cleveland and New York, and that the Committee should not delay even for another minute, its repudiation of the aspersions cast by Rabbi Silver upon Cleveland Zionists. Therefore the Committee should immediately pass a resolution expressing its highest confidence in the honesty and integrity of the Cleveland Zionists who have carried the burden of Zionism so faithfully these many years. If the situation call for investigation, it should be done, but first this resolution must immediately be adopted, expressing confidence in Mr. Friedland, Mr. Shapiro, Mr. Klein, Mr. Kohrman, Mr. Sachs and the others.

Mr. Kraemer said that if the Cleveland group is entitled to vindication, we should give it to them in a meaningful way, but not by a resolution of confidence at the outset. A notice should be sent to Rabbi Silver that these charges have been made, and if he does not prove them within two or three weeks, an impartial committee should investigate the, so that our vindication will be more effective. He added that he did not object to a resolution condemning the action of the same people in Cleveland in organizing themselves without permission. He therefore seconded Mr. Goldberg's resolution, with the omission of the vote of confidence.

Rabbi Newman pointed out that the Administration has been working with Rabbi Silver for about 20 years, and that while he (Rabbi Newman) had nothing to say by way of judgment regarding this particular issue -- and he was in Cleveland early in February-- there should be some way out of the situation. Therefore it may be possible through the Committee of Inquiry which has been suggested, to work out a plan whereby Rabbi Silver and his group could continue as a separate district, if this is desirable, in order to have peace in the community but without recriminations.

Mr. Fishman was of the opinion that it is not merely a question of vindication, but that Rabbi Silver has been mistreating the Zionist Organization for over ten years. Moreover Rabbi Silver did not make these charges directly to the Cleveland Zionist District or to the New York headquarters, but to the English non-Jewish press, and therefore we owed it to the Cleveland District to express immediately our confidence in its members, who have made great sacrifices for the Zionist cause and whose devotion is second to none.



Mr. Lipsky explained that the invitation had been sent to Rabbi Silver as one of a large list of prominent speakers, and that subsequently the protest from Cleveland Zionists came in private communications to Mr. Rothenberg and himself, without any publicity. As has been reported, Mr. Rothenberg then informed Dr. Silver of this protest, and the latter replied that he would not come to Washington. Nothing further was done by the Cleveland Zionists, but on January 21st, Dr. Silver spoke at a public meeting in Cleveland and made the statements referred to above, at a time when the Cleveland Zionist leaders were away from the city, and all the publicity has emanated from Rabbi Silver and Mr. Weisenfeld, which constitutes a wanton attack upon the reputations of the Cleveland Zionists. Mr. Lipsky suggested therefore that the following resolution be adopted:

The Administrative Committee expresses its complete and unequivocal confidence in the integrity, loyalty and devotion of the Zionist leaders of Cleveland District, who have, for more than a decade, given of themselves, of their time, thought, energy and resources to the strengthening and development of Zionist endeavor and Jewish culture and education in Cleveland and in the State of Ohio, in a measure that makes them representative of the finest ideals and traditions in the Zionist movement in America.

(Rabbi Newman and Mr. Cohen desired to be recorded as voting against this motion, because they did not wish at this time to pass judgment on the situation, inasmuch as they were in favor of a motion to appoint a Committee on Inquiry.)

The above resolution was then carried.

Mr. Goldberg said that he is absolutely in accord with a resolution asserting that we have the fullest confidence in the leaders of the Cleveland Zionist District. He thought, however, that a motion of confidence alone, especially when an emissary has been sent to us, is insufficient, and would convey a poor impression. Dr. Silver should be requested to repudiate his statements, he urged.

The Chairman then called for a vote on the motion previously made by Mr. Goldberg, to wit:

The Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, in session assembled at Hotel Astor, New York City, on Sunday, March 3, 1935, after due consideration of the present controversy between Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and the leaders of the Cleveland Zionist District, expresses its resentment at the unwarranted aspersions and attacks publicly made by Rabbi Silver, impugning the integrity of the Cleveland Zionist leadership, and the Committee hereby declares as a breach of discipline of the Zionist Organization of America, the attempt to establish, without sanction or authority, a new Zionist district in Cleveland.



(Rabbi Newman and Mr. Cohen wished to be recorded as voting against this resolution also, for the same reason as given before.)

This resolution was also carried.

Mr. Kraemer's motion

THAT a committee of inquiry be appointed -- was then voted upon and not carried.

Mr. Lipsky then moved, and it was seconded and unanimously carried:

The Administrative Committee authorizes and directs the President of the Zionist Organization of America to appoint a special committee which shall consider the Zionist situation in Cleveland with a view to composing the differences that have arisen.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF FIVE, IN RE: Z.O.A. BUDGET :

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at this morning's session, for the appointment of a sub-committee to take up the budget of the Z.O.A. and report back this afternoon, the sub-committee had met and were now ready to report. He then called upon Mr. Spicehandler to report on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Spicehandler stated that the Committee, consisting of Judge Berman, Sol Cohen, Rabbi A.H. Heller, David Freiburger, and himself had met and gone over the details of the Z.O.A. budget for 1935, as presented by the Finance Committee to this morning's session, and that the sub-Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the budget as presented to this Administrative Committee.

Mr. Rudavsky insisted upon the reading of Schedule A. of the Budget.

Mr. Silverman thought it would be unfair at this time to bring up the matter that Mr. Rudavsky referred to, and moved that the report of the sub-Committee be referred to the next meeting.

Mr. Margoshes moved for the adoption of the report of the sub-Committee.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion.

Mr. Rucker stated that if any members of the Administrative Committee cared to discuss any one of the details of the proposed budget, he would be glad to discuss it with him at any time. He then called for a vote on the unanimous recommendation



March 3, 1935

of the sub-Committee

THAT the 1935 budget be adopted as presented  
to this meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Carried. Nine in favor; three opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS MARGULIES  
Secretary





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The Temple

March 4, 1935.

Mr. Leo M. Berman,  
Hotel Hollenden,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Berman:

Mr. Joseph Guggenheim turned over to me yesterday your application for membership to the new Zionist District. I need not tell you that I am delighted to have you join our forces and I trust that you will enjoy your affiliation with us.

With all good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



*not sent*

March 4, 1935.

Zionist Organization of America,

New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

We petition herewith to be admitted to the Zionist Organization of America and ask that we be known collectively as Cleveland Zionist District No. 2.

More than four hundred Jewish men and women of Cleveland, many of whom have not hitherto been identified with any Zionist organization, all anxious to serve the cause of Zionism, found it necessary to form a new Zionist district. Our members are devoted to Zionism and ask an opportunity to do our work efficiently and in harmony in an organization of our own choosing and suitable to our needs.

We have taken the liberty to choose the name Cleveland Zionist District No. 2. The territorial limitations of both districts are the same and some of the former officers of the original district are now holding office in our organization.

The reasons impelling the formation of this new organization are well known to Clevelanders and reference thereto is made in a resolution, a copy of which is enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the Constitution of our organization and a list of our officers. Immediately following the granting of our petition, the full membership list will be forwarded.

Should the committee to which this matter will be referred render an adverse decision, it is our request that the matter be referred to the



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coming National Convention.

Please be advised that our membership fully understand that, if we are unable to proceed as a district, we are ready to function as a Zionist Society within the Zionist Organization of America.

We remain

Respectfully yours,

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President

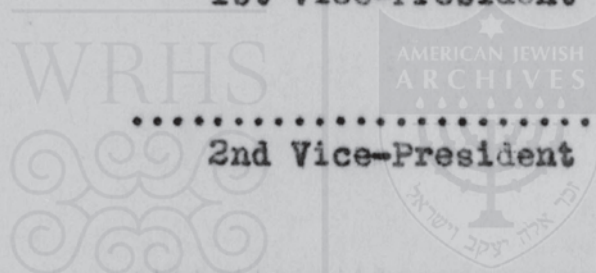
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C O P Y

To Rabbi Silver - on 3-4-35

SPEAKING FOR A GROUP OF ZIONISTS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WHO ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN AND WORLD ZIONISTS MOVEMENT AND WHO SEEK TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN YOUR EFFORT TO DEVELOP THOSE FORCES WHICH WILL LEAD TO A REVITALIZATION OF THE AMERICAN AND WORLD ORGANIZATIONS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COOPERATION OF YOUR ASSOCIATES AND YOURSELF IN THE CREATION AND PROMOTION OF A PROGRAM WHICH WILL ACHIEVE GREATLY NEEDED REFORMS IN ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION AND POLICY

Signed:

JACOB DE HAAS ISAAC ALLEN AND MAURICE J BLOOM  
AND LOUIS I NEWMAN

New York

Greetings to the new organization and warm appreciation of the leadership of Rabbi Silver were also received from Judge Julian W. Mack of New York, former President of the Zionist Organization of America and now honorary chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.



C O P Y

"PLEASE REFER RABBI SILVERS ARTICLE JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH ATTACKING ENTIRE SYSTEM AMERICAN  
HEBREW SCHOOLS BUREAUS JEWISH EDUCATION STOP BULLETIN UNDOUBTEDLY  
PREJUDICED SILVERS FAVOR BUT BELIEVE WOULD NOT DARE SUPPRESS  
PUBLICATION NUMEROUS LETTERS FROM JEWISH LEADERS AND BUREAU HEADS  
STOP SUGGEST YOU SEND PROMPTLY VIGOROUS ARTICLE TO BULLETIN AND  
JEWISH DAY AND TAKE OTHER STEPS TO MAKE THIS MATTER PUBLIC ISSUE  
PLEASE REPLY BY WESTERN UNION."

This telegram was signed by A. H. Friedland, Nathan  
Brilliant, and Alfred Sachs.





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3-4-35

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To Rabbi Silver

Street and No.

Place

YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO ZIONISM SINCE YOUR YOUTH AND YOUR MANY

FINE QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP WILL I HOPE BE RECOGNIZED AS THEY

SHOULD BE IN CLEVELAND THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION IN SOME FORM WITHIN THE

Z O A CONSTITUTION HEARTY GREETINGS

Signed: JULIAN W. MACK

Sender's address  
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Sender's telephone  
number



*March*

February 5, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

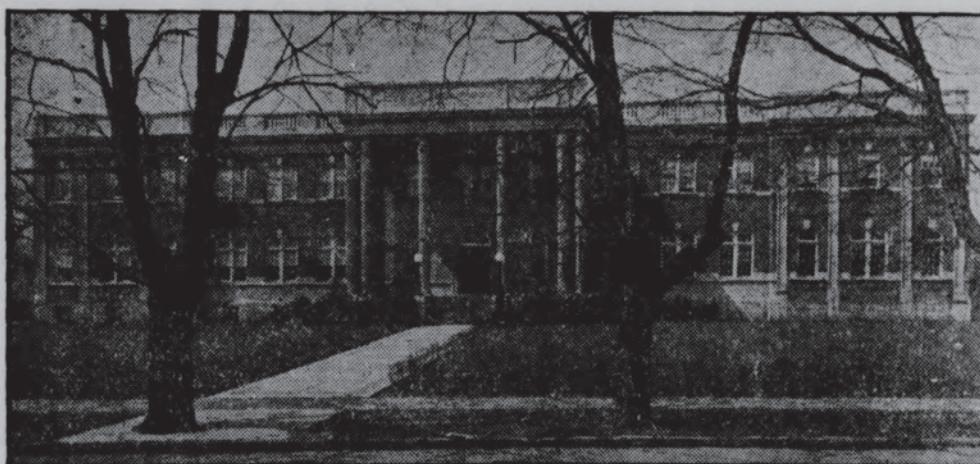
In view of the resolutions of your Administrative Committee which appeared in the daily press of Cleveland on Monday, March 4, the Executive Committee of the newly organized Zionist organization of Cleveland which will apply for recognition as another Zionist district in Cleveland, unanimously adopted the enclosed resolutions on Monday evening which I have been instructed to forward to you.

Respectfully yours,

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Recording Secretary





## Orthodox Old Home

בית מושב זקנים

736 Lakeview Road

Cleveland, O.

March 5, 1935

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
% The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

After participating at your meeting of the newly organized Zionist District #2, it delighted me to see you elected at the Helmet of the Organization. I then decided to become a member of this group.

However, after seeing in the papers the noncalled for slander brought upon you, and listening to the uncalled for remarks against you by the speech of Maurice Samuels through the radio, I, feel that all the Jews of the city, especially those members of the Zionist District #2 should give a helping hand and do their utmost to make this the most successful District in the city of Cleveland.

Therefore, Dear Rabbi, I am at your service willing to do all in my power towards the success of the District and the general success of the National Zionist Organization as a whole.

I, am enclosing my check of \$6.00 for one years dues for myself and Mrs. Green. With best wishes for your great success, I am

Yours very truly,

*Lewis Green*



March 7, 1935.

Mr. Jacob De Haas,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. De Haas:

I appreciated very much the telegram which you sent me signed by yourself, Issac Allen, Maurice Bloom and Rabbi Newman. Please convey to the other men my deep appreciation for their friendly act. We gave the message to the press in connection with the resolutions which the Board of the new Zionist organization adopted in answer to the resolutions of the Administrative Committee. The "gentlemen" of the old District, as soon as they received the resolutions from New York last Sunday, rushed them to the English press and we were therefore forced to publish our statement also. I also received a telegram from Judge Mack which I appreciated very much.

I would appreciate it ~~very much~~ if you would send me a detailed report of the Administrative Committee meeting -- who and how many were present and who spoke and what was said. I understand that the officers of the old District sent down that scamp Mr. Alfred Sachs to represent them. This fellow is a liar of the first water and can manufacture facts better than any one I know. It is amazing that the officers of the Administrative Committee did not apprise us of this meeting nor request that a representative from our side should be present. However, I know the crowd....The resolutions of our Board will probably appear in the Jewish Daily Bulletin this week.

I don't know whether I gave you a copy of the communication which the local Zionist officers, without authorization of their own Executive Committee, sent to Mr. Rothenberg when they requested that his invitation to me be recalled. I am enclosing that choice bit of "Zionist ethics" herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



March 8, 1935.

Judge Julian Mack,  
Woolworth Bldg.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Mack:

Let me tell you how deeply I appreciated your telegram. It helped us a great deal. You have probably read by this time the resolutions adopted by the New York Administrative Committee and the answer of the Board of our new organization in Thursday's Jewish Daily Bulletin. Representatives of the old District called on me yesterday to make peace. In the next few days there is a possibility that the whole situation will clear up with the new Zionist organization functioning as the Cleveland Zionist Society. However, this is not final.

The contemptible thing about the meeting of the Administrative Committee is that they did not even advise us that the Cleveland situation would be discussed at the meeting and while having at the meeting an official representative of the old District, they did not ask for a representative from the new organization. Thus only one side was heard, and on the basis of the ex-parte evidence, resolutions condemning me were adopted. Thereupon, in true Jesuit fashion, they appointed a committee to investigate.....What a gang!

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Mack and hoping to see you in New York within the next few weeks, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



TELEPHONE:  
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March 11, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for yours of the 7th. I am going in to the Z.O.A. today and if I can get possession of a copy of the report of the Administrative Committee meeting, I will send it to you. So far, they have been very reluctant to facilitate such matters. According to my opinion, Albert Sacks represented the Cleveland gang at the meeting. I shall be sending you by a succeeding mail, the "B" Group program which no doubt you have seen in the Bulletin. I shall be glad to know your reaction thereto.

Wise, as I foresaw, has come out against Jabotinsky without stepping finally into the Histadruth crowd though no doubt he is impressed this morning that the Jewish Morning Journal carries the whole of his speech yesterday at Carnegie Hall. He certainly needs to get across next Sunday at the Congress Session. They need him to lambast all opposition. The Z.O.A. has as much use for him as for a dead dog and they make no secret about it either. I am not prepared to say that Ezra Shapiro learned the trick of the resolution you sent me or whether the Histadruth gang borrowed such ideas from the Z.O.A. crowd. Historically, of course, Lipsky started such stunts in 1919 but I think you will have to come to the conclusion that I have long since come to, -that both these groups, Lipsky and his way and the Histadruth in their way, want exactly what Hitler and Stalin want although just

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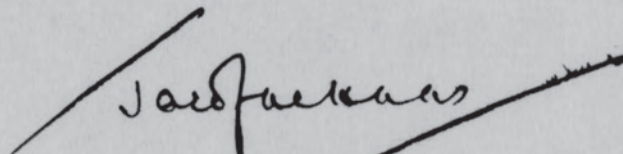
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now if I am well informed, Lipsky is very nervous at the idea that the Histadruth crowd may feel strong enough to purge itself even of his superiors. Louis I. Newman who was at the administrative meeting and defended ~~him~~ told me the language used was vile but I doubt that we will find it in any public record.

Kind regards.

Yours very truly



Jacob de Haas

JdH:PK





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March 15, 1935

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMIN-  
ISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZOA;

Dear Friend:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A.

I also want to take this means of informing you that the next meeting of the Committee will be held in New York, on Saturday evening, March 30th and Sunday, March 31st.

To this gathering will also be invited representatives of all the Regions, since this meeting will consider the program that is to be issued by the Zionist Organization of America in connection with the forthcoming World Zionist Congress elections.

Please take note of the date, as your presence is of the utmost importance.

You will subsequently be notified of the exact place of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Margulies*  
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IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON YOUR PART TO THE PUBLICATION IN THE  
CLEVELAND JEWISH PAPERS OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REACHED  
YESTERDAY BETWEEN YOU AND THE ZIONIST GROUP STOP KINDEST REGARDS  
E M BAKER..



March 19, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We herewith submit our application for admission to the  
Zionist Organization of America as the "Cleveland Zionist Society".

More than four hundred Jewish men and women of Cleveland,  
many of whom have hitherto not been affiliated with any other Zionist  
organization, have already joined the new Zionist unit. Our organization  
plans to devote itself to the full program of activities of general Zionism  
laying particular emphasis upon cultural and educational activities.

The original resolution calling this organization into  
existence, which was adopted on February 12, a copy of which is herewith  
enclosed, contemplated that the name of the new organization should be the  
"Cleveland Zionist District No. 2 or Society of Cleveland Zionists or  
any other name to be finally adopted." Our constitution which was  
adopted on February 26 likewise vests with the Executive Committee the  
power to "choose any other suitable name" if Cleveland Zionist District  
No. 2 is not advisable. The Executive has decided to call the new Zionist  
organization the "Cleveland Zionist Society".

Upon receiving notice of our admission into the Zionist  
Organization of America, we shall be pleased to send you the full  
membership list of our organization and membership dues.

We also request that the discussions which took place at  
the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization  
of America relative to the Cleveland situation and the resolutions which  
were passed should, in view of the one-sided and inaccurate information  
upon which they were based, and particularly in view of later developments  
and for the sake of harmony in Zionist ranks in our community, be expunged  
from the minutes.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Recording Sec'y  
12405 Brackland Ave.

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March 19, 1935.

Mrs. Mabel Fischer,  
13110 Cedar Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

At Rabbi Silver's request, I am calling  
a meeting of the Program Committee of the Cleveland  
Zionist Society which will be held at the Mid-Day  
Club on Friday, March 22, at 12:30 P.M.

I remain

Trusting that you will be there,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 22, 1935.

Judge Julian Mack,  
Woolworth Bldg.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Mack:

You may recall the name of Mr. Samuel Bialosky, of Cleveland. Up until the time of the depression, Mr. Bialosky was one of the most active Zionists in our community and one of the most liberal contributors to Zionist purposes. I recall in one Palestine campaign, back in 1923-4, he contributed ten thousand dollars. He has also been a very generous contributor to the philanthropic institutions of our city, having once donated a wing to our local Mt. Sinai Hospital. The depression wiped him out completely. On top of that his health is broken and he is in utter destitution. Friends have suggested that a purse be raised for him but he has refused to consider it. He has, however, some twelve shares of the Palestine Economic Corporation. If he could realize on it, it would enable him to carry on at least for a few months. I wonder whether there is any way that the Palestine Economic Corporation can dispose of these shares for him. It would be a mitzvah.

As far as the local Zionist situation is concerned, an armistice peace has been established. The officers of the local district have finally seen the wisdom of apologizing for their infamous communication which they sent to New York in connection with the invitation which had been extended to me. Our new Zionist unit will be known as the Cleveland Zionist Society. Its membership is growing from day to day. It has sent a communication to Mr. Rothenberg applying for admission to the Zionist Organization of America as the Cleveland Zionist Society and also requested that the entire discussion about the Cleveland situation which took place at the last Administrative Committee meeting as well as the resolutions adopted be expunged from the minutes.

The Procedure of the Administrative Committee was disgraceful. A representative of the Cleveland district presented



Judge Mack

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March 22, 1935.

their side of the story. There was no one there to present our side. We had not been apprised of the meeting nor invited to present our case. The Lipsky machine ran to the support of their ward-healers in Cleveland....I do not know whether you are a member of the Administrative Committee, but I believe that an expression of opinion from you would carry great weight.

I was in New York for half a day Wednesday addressing the Hadassah Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria. I shall be in New York again in two weeks and I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Mack in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK





March 22, 1935.

Professor Salo Baron,  
Columbia University,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Baron:

The Cleveland Zionist Society is arranging for a Maimonides Octocentennial celebration on Tuesday evening, April 23. We expect from one thousand to fifteen hundred people at this meeting which will climax a series of Maimonides meetings in our community.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held this afternoon, it was the unanimous expression of the members to extend an invitation to you to be the guest speaker that evening. Being a Zionist organization, we are, of course, poor. But we are in a position to offer you the modest honorarium of \$50 plus traveling expenses. We shall do our utmost to make your stay in Cleveland a very pleasant one.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. F. M. Falkman  
Recording Secretary  
12405 Brackland Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Falkman:

March 22, 1934.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th, submitting an application to the Zionist Organization for recognition of the Cleveland Zionist Society by the Zionist Organization of America. The application was approved by the Governing Council of the Z.O.A., at a meeting held yesterday, and upon receipt of your membership list, together with dues, we shall be pleased to send you a formal charter.

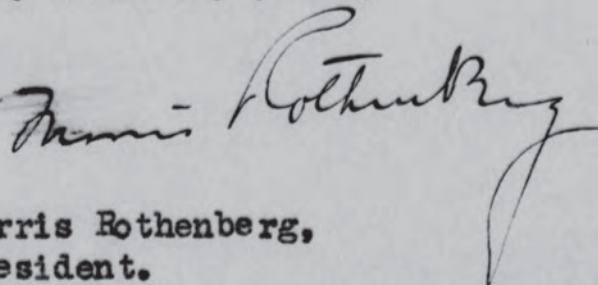
We should like you to be good enough to inform us whether your Society has taken any decision with respect to its relations to the Cleveland Zionist District.

I also wish to inform you that the Governing Council decided to recommend to the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A. -- in the interest of harmonious relations between the District and the Cleveland Zionist Society -- to expunge the record of the proceedings at its meeting on March 3rd, relative to the Cleveland situation.

With all good wishes for the success of the Cleveland Zionist Society and the development of a spirit of cordial relationship in Zionist ranks in your community, I am,

With Zion's Greetings,

Very sincerely yours,



Morris Rothenberg,  
President.



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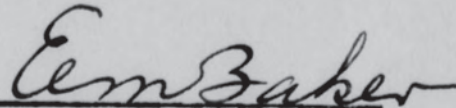
March 25th, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St.,  
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of  
letter which I this day have written to the Jewish World.

Cordially yours,

  
E. M. Baker.



March 25, 1935

The Jewish World  
10600 Superior Avenue  
Attn. Mr. Leon Wiesenfeld  
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

In your news item and editorial in the Jewish World of March 22 in reference to the recent agreement between Rabbi Silver and the Local Zionist Group you inadvertently ~~do~~ a grave injustice to the Zionist Group. They broke no promise in respect to the publicity of the agreement. They were guilty of no breach of faith. The full and sole responsibility in the matter of release rests with me.

In the interests of fairness and better understanding I am asking you to give publicity to this statement.

Very truly yours,

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E. M. BAKER

EMB/A



JULIAN W. MACK  
1220 WOOLWORTH BLDG.  
NEW YORK CITY  
—  
TEL. CORTLANDT 7-2775

March 25, 1935

Dear Silver:

Yours of the 22nd. I am sending a memorandum of what you say about Bialosky to the P. E. C. What, if anything, can be done, I just don't know, but if anything can be done I will see that it is.

No, I am not a member of the Administrative Committee and for that reason don't feel that I should say anything at this time even though I fully agree with you.

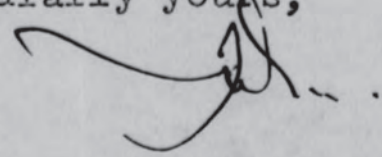
I am glad at any rate that things have been patched up in Cleveland, and I certainly hope that the Administrative Committee will see fit to expunge that discussion.

Bob Szold, I think, is the only one of our group who is a member and he is now in Palestine.

I don't follow their proceedings at all except as I read them in New Palestine.

I will, of course, be glad to see you when you come to New York. I regret to say, however, that Mrs. Mack is now, for the fourth month, still confined to her room, although she is improving. She would join me in kind regards to you and Mrs. Silver and the children.

Cordially yours,



Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland  
Ohio



**Columbia University**  
**in the City of New York**

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 25th, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your kind invitation. I should be delighted to visit Cleveland again and relive the pleasant days which I once spent there as a guest of your Congregation. However, Tuesday, April 23rd, is out of the question for two reasons: I have classes at the University every Tuesday afternoon and I do not wish to leave town during <sup>the</sup> Passover holidays.

With kindest greetings, I am,

cordially yours,

*Salomon Baron*



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## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

1092 EAST 105TH STREET

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Mar. 26, 1935

Rabbi A.H. Silver  
President Cleveland Zionist Club  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to extend greetings in the name of the local Jewish National Fund Council to your new organization.

We are convinced that under your capable leadership the organization will prosper and enroll a large influential membership, all working for the cause in which we are interested.

The local J.N.F. Council consists of representatives of all Zionist groups in our city. We invite your organization to participate in our undertakings and to be represented on the Council, thus helping in our aim; raising funds for the redemption of the soil in Palestine.

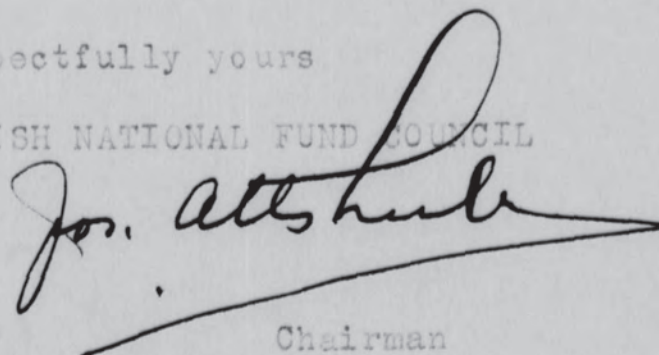
Will you please appoint three delegates as representatives of your organization to the J.N.F. Council? The next meeting of the Council will be held Monday evening, April 1st at 8:30 P.M. at the office, 1092 E. 105th St.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience so that your delegates can be notified in due time about our next meeting.

Respectfully yours

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COUNCIL

By



Chairman

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304 Prospect-4th Bldg.



March 28, 1935.

Dr. Shalom Spiegel,  
Jewish Institute of Religion,  
40 West 68th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Spiegel:

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



**Cleveland Zionist District No. 2**

P. O. BOX 1859, STATION E

CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 29, 1935

Dear Friend:

At Rabbi Silver's request I am calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society which will be held at the Mid-Day Club on Monday, April 1, at 12:15 P.M. This is an important meeting and I trust that you will be there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*J. M. Falkman*  
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To PROFESSOR HARRY A. WOLFSON

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CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY ARRANGING LARGE MAIMONIDES CELEBRATION

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 21. WOULD FEEL HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS

GUEST SPEAKER THIS OCCASION. WOULD COVER TRAVELING EXPENSES

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WOULD APRIL 15 or 22 SUIT YOU. PLEASE WIRE COLLECT. KINDEST

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April 1, 1935.

Dr. Jacob Marcus,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Marcus:

I am delighted that you could accept our invitation to address the Cleveland Zionist Society on Monday evening, April 22. You will receive a splendid reception here and we shall make your stay here a very pleasant one.

We shall announce your subject as the "Rise and Destiny of the German Jews", the subject of your new book. I would suggest that your address last about forty minutes to be followed by a question period of twenty or twenty-five minutes.

We are arranging accommodations for you at the Park Lane Villa which is just across from The Temple. Please let me know at what hour you will arrive. I would also appreciate it if you would send me, at the earliest opportunity, one or two pictures of yourself as well as some biographical material which we may use in our publicity.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to your coming, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 1, 1935;

Mrs. Mabel Fischer,  
13110 Cedar Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Fischer:

I was delighted that you took over the chairmanship of the committee to collect dues from those who have already signed up for the Cleveland Zionist Society. I believe that is where the work lies in the next ten days, and that under your most competent leadership the job will be completed by the time we send our membership list to New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 1, 1935.

Mr. Saul Danaceau,  
Leader Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Danaceau:

I thought you might be interested in reading the  
enclosed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



April 2, 1935.

Mr. Leon Weisenfeld,  
The Jewish World,  
10600 Superior Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weisenfeld:

I thought that the enclosed might be of  
interest to you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

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April 3, 1935

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland

My dear Silver:

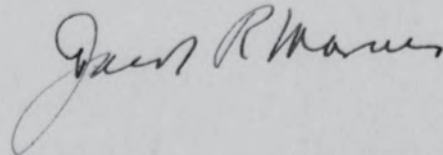
I am sending you under separate cover a couple of pictures for the press. I imagine they will be satisfactory.

As far as biographical material is concerned, there is very little to add to that found in the Jewish Who's Who, which you probably have in your library. As you know, I graduated from the Hebrew Union College in 1920 and was immediately appointed to the Faculty. I studied in Europe from 1922 to 1926, where I not only received my degree at Berlin but also had the opportunity to watch the growth of National Socialism both in Berlin itself and in Munich which I occasionally visited. After leaving Germany I studied in France and in Palestine at the Hebrew University. I occupy, as you know, a chair of Jewish History here at the College.

I hope this will be satisfactory. I am looking forward to my trip to Cleveland and hope to have the chance for a little chat with you before I return that same evening.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



JRM:DA



NEWS RELEASE \* APRIL 5

CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY

*Dear Rabbi Silver: This is a copy of the  
publicity for the Review & Independent this week.  
Elmer Louis.*

Rallying the members of his committee in a final sustained drive to reach a 1000 membership quota by May, Samuel Katz, chairman of the membership committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society staged a pep meeting with the present membership of the fast growing Zionist group, Tuesday evening, April 2, at the Temple.

At this meeting, Mr. Katz urged every member to go into the Jewish community with a message of Zionism, and enroll in its ranks every Jewishly conscious member. Mabel Fisher, financial secretary of the Cleveland Zionist Society, explained the objectives of the membership drive and spurred the workers on in their efforts to attain the quota.

The membership drive, as organized by Mr. Katz and explained at a meeting of the Executive Committee at the Mid-Day Club, Monday April 1st, will be captained by the 30 members of the Executive Committee. Each member will have a quota of at least 10 members. A report meeting of the membership drive workers will be held Wednesday evening, April 10, at The Temple.

In preparation for the next general meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, president, announced that Professor Jacob Marcus, author of "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew" will address the open meeting Monday evening, April 22, in Mahler Hall, The Temple, Ansel road & East 105 street. A forum ~~next~~ period will follow Professor Marcus' address on "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew." Dr. Marcus is professor of history at the Hebrew Union College, and his recently published volume has achieved



great critical acclaim throughout the nation. The Program Committee promises a fine program of Jewish music to precede the lecture.

Rabbi Silver stated, "With this fine lecture program for our April meeting, we hope to bring to a climax the earnest drive for new members of the Cleveland Zionist Society. It is one of the numerous programs which we shall sponsor in the effort to bring before the Cleveland Jewish community the ideals and cultural values of our Zionist movement. Our May meeting is tentatively designated as one which shall deal with information pertaining to the Zionist movement, its objectives, and problems.

The president appointed Dr. Rigelhaupt, Irving Green, and Harry Epstein, as representatives of the Cleveland Zionist Society, to the Jewish National Fund. A nominating committee of seven was appointed to make up the slate of 15 additional members for the executive committee of the newly organized society. This will bring the total of the Executive Committee to 45 members.



*Irwin Greene*  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law*  
*1511 Guarantee Title Building*  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

April 9, 1935

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Cleveland Zionist Society  
P. O. Box 1859 - Station E  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

On account of a previous appointment it will be impossible for me to attend the Membership Committee meeting on Wednesday. However I am doing all I can to procure new members.

As the checks come in I will forward them to the mailing address of the organization.

Respectfully yours

*Irwin Greene*

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# Cleveland Zionist Society

P. O. Box 1859, STATION E  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 10, 1935

Dear Friend:

Palestine, today, is the center of world Jewish interest. Zionism is a movement which is fast embracing increasingly large sections of our people. The large influx of immigration into Palestine and the swift upbuilding of the Jewish homeland have been the sole sources of hope and cheer in this fateful hour of Jewish destiny.

The Cleveland Zionist Society which has been recently organized, is devoting itself to cultural and educational programs for the dissemination of information about Palestine and the ideas underlying the Zionist movement among the Jewish people of our city. We believe that you would enjoy fellowship with us and we invite you to join us. Enclosed is an application blank. Please sign and return it to us with your membership dues of three dollars.

The Cleveland Zionist Society is a member of the Zionist Organization of America. Your membership in the Society makes you a member of the National Organization and will entitle you to vote for delegates to the convention of the Zionist Organization of America and to the World Zionist Congress, both of which will take place this Summer.

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Monday evening, April 22, (Passover week) at 8 P.M. in Mahler Hall.

PROFESSOR JACOB MARCUS of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew." This, you will recall, is the theme of his book which has received such nationwide recognition and acclaim. A question period will follow the address. The Cleveland Jewish Singing Society, under the direction of Mr. Charles Dawe, will render a musical program.

We cordially invite you to attend this meeting.  
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

President

AHS:BK  
Enc.

P. S. If you are already a member of the Cleveland Zionist Society, please use the enclosed application blank to get a NEW member.



April 10, 1935.

Mr. Robert Zimmerman,  
Room 2068,  
New Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

As per our telephone conversation of this morning, I am enclosing herewith an envelope of the "Cleveland Zionist Society" which name was changed from "Cleveland Zionist District No. 2. We would like to use the same permit No. 3842.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

FMF:BK  
Enc.

, Sec'y  
CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY



(USE WITH CUT OF DR. JACOB R. MARCUS)

*Rabbi Silver:*  
*This is a copy of publicity released to*  
*the Independent + the Review + Observer.*  
*E. Davis*

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, professor of history at the Hebrew Union College, <sup>of Cincinnati,</sup> and author of the widely acclaimed book, "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew," will be the guest speaker at the general meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society, Monday evening, April 22, at 8 o'clock <sup>in</sup> at Mahler Hall, The Temple, Ansel road and East 105 Street

Dr. Marcus will address the meeting, which is open to the public, on the subject "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew." This meeting will provide the climax of the intensive membership drive sponsored by the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society. The group is striving to attain a 1000 membership quota by May.

Dr. Marcus <sup>was</sup> ~~is a~~ graduate <sup>from</sup> of the Hebrew Union College ~~when~~ in 1920, <sup>when</sup> he was immediately appointed to the faculty. From 1922 to 1926, he studied in Europe and received his degree at Berlin, where he had the opportunity to watch the growth of National Socialism both in Berlin and in Munich. After leaving Germany, Dr. Marcus studied in France and in Palestine at the Hebrew University.

At the present time, he occupies a chair of Jewish history at the <sup>Hebrew</sup> Union College.

Dr. Marcus has done considerable literary work, <sup>C</sup> contributing numerous articles to the American-Jewish Press. His latest opus, "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew" received wide critical acclaim throughout the nation.

Following the address, Dr. Marcus will lead a question period. The Cleveland Jewish Singing Society, under the direction of Mr. Charles Dawe, will present a musical program.

The membership campaign of the Cleveland Zionist Society, was given added impetus at a report meeting of the large membership committee at The Temple, Wednesday evening, April 10, when Saul Danaceau and Albert A. Woldman, members of



CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY

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the Executive Committee, spurred the workers on in their efforts to reach the 1000 membership quota. According the reports from Samuel Katz, chairman of the membership committee, applications, both voluntary and solicited, are being received rapidly by the new Zionist ~~Society~~ Society, a member of the Zionist Organization of America. The organization is well on its way to having a large enrollment by the time elections for delegates to the conventions of the Zionist Organization of America, and to the World Zionist Congress , ~~which will~~ take place ~~later~~.

Said Rabbi Silver, president of the group, "With the splendid ~~program~~ program of April, featuring our guest speaker, Dr. Jacob R. ~~Marcus~~ Marcus, we are continuing our policy of presenting to the Cleveland Jewish community material both informative and entertaining. To sponsor programs entailing the ideals and cultural aspects of Zionism is our ~~in~~ aim. The May meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society is planned tentatively to concern itself with the present day problems of Zionism."



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION of AMERICA  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

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This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of \$ 612.00 on account of

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*Lilla Hyams*

Dr. F. M. Falkman,  
12405 Brackland Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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12405 Brackland Avenue  
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Dear Dr. Falkman:

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AUDITOR

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 16th, with the enclosure of check for \$612.00, covering dues to the Zionist Organization of America for membership in the Cleveland Zionist Society, for which we thank you.

I also wish to inform you that at the meeting of the Administrative Committee held yesterday, April 21st, a resolution was unanimously adopted to expunge the record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Administrative Committee of March 3rd, relating to the Cleveland situation, in the interest of harmony between the two groups.

With regard to the statement in your letter concerning the action taken by your Board to admit persons who have resigned from the Cleveland Zionist District, upon payment of an additional \$1.00, I shall let you know our attitude towards this procedure shortly, after discussing the matter with our Governing Council, as this involves a question of policy.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg,  
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Encl.



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Fifteen additional members to the Executive Committee to be  
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April 23, 1935.

Dr. Jacob Marcus,  
Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Marcus:

I need not tell you how grateful we all are to you for coming to us and delivering the splendid address which you did last evening. It gave our community a great treat. I am sorry that the rush of work made it impossible for me to spend a quiet hour with you but I hope that an opportunity will be ours before long for such a pleasant chat.

I am enclosing herewith a check for your traveling expenses. I wish that the funds of our Society were such that we could send you even a modest honorarium.

Thanks again. With all good wishes,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



GEORGE W. FURTH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

826 LEADER BUILDING

CLEVELAND

April 25,  
1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Find enclosed the application for membership  
of Adolph Weinberger together with his check for three  
dollars.

Sincerely yours,

*George*

George W. Furth.

GWF:JF

P. S. You may be interested in the enclosed communi-  
cation from Lewis Drucker. Note that it is  
mailed in an envelope of The Municipal Court  
of Cleveland. Doubtless you will understand  
why.

*George*



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## TO THE ZIONIST DISTRICTS:

The 19th World Zionist Congress will be held in August of 1935, at a place to be designated by the Zionist Executive. An election of the American Congress delegates will take place on June 23, 1935. In order to prepare a list of potential delegates it is desirable that every District submit the names of persons whom they desire to nominate as candidates.

You have received copy of the platform adopted by the Zionist Organization of America, on which the Z.O.A. candidates will stand for election. The latter accompanying the platform also specified who is entitled to vote at the Elections, and the importance of enlisting the largest possible membership and securing the maximum sale of Shekolim in order that we may have a large vote in the Elections. Since sending you this platform, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has endorsed our platform and has proposed a joint Congress Delegation of representatives of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah. The Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, meeting on April 21, 1935, after a full discussion, unanimously voted for a joint slate, the delegation to be divided equally between the Z.O.A. and Hadassah.

It is an occasion, we are sure, for gratification of all Zionists that so close an understanding has been reached on the important principles and issues which confront the Zionist movement.

The slate will be organized by the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A., in conjunction with Hadassah. It is not possible at this time to say definitely that all the names suggested by the Districts will be placed upon the ticket, or that there will be room for all of them on the ticket, since the number of our delegates is limited. However, every effort will be made between the candidates and alternates to meet, as far as may be possible, the request of the Districts.

It must be borne in mind that a person to be nominated by your District must express his agreement with and his readiness to support the platform adopted, and that whoever accepts the nomination must be prepared to pay their own expenses and definitely undertake to go to the Congress. It is essential that you submit to us the names of your proposed candidates not later than May 15th.

Please give this your careful and prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,  
*Morris Rothenberg*  
Morris Rothenberg,  
President.

Encl.



4-30-35

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith an additional list of fifty members who have joined the Cleveland Zionist Society and I am sending you \$100 to cover their dues to the Zionist Organization of America. I trust that we shall have another list to send to you before very long.

We are happy to note that the Administrative Committee at its last meeting determined to expunge from its minutes its discussion and action on the Cleveland Zionist situation. We were surprised, however, in reading the report of the Administrative Committee meeting in the New Palestine that no mention was made of this fact.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



PLEASE FILL OUT THIS BLANK AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY

May 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg  
President, Zionist Organization of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Replying to your letter of April 29th, relative  
to the forthcoming 19th World Zionist Congress, we should like  
to submit the name of.....  
to be included in the nomination list of the Zionist Organization  
of America.

(Name).....

(Address).....

(District).....



# Cleveland Zionist Society

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BOX 1859, STATION E  
CLEVELAND, O.

May 6, 1935

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Dear Friend:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society will be held Tuesday evening, May 14 at eight o'clock in the Board Room of The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.

Our Membership Drive is still on and we urgently request you to present the names of as many new members as possible at this meeting.

There will also be a discussion of our organization problems, preparation for election of delegates to the Zionist Convention and World Zionist Congress, a discussion of issues to be considered by these parties, and preparation for a program for our next regular meeting.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Dr. F. M. Falkman*  
RECORDING SECRETARY

FMF:BK



May 6, 1935.

Dr. F. M. Falkman,  
12405 Brackland Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Falkman:

I may not get a chance to see you this week. I want to write to you about the Jewish National Fund meeting on the twentieth of May. I shall of course make every effort to attend this meeting but I may find it necessary to go away for a week's rest immediately following the close of the Campaign and The Temple's eighty-fifth anniversary celebration. I am very tired and I do not want to go into the confirmation season without some rest. I would therefore suggest that you arrange to have at least one other speaker at this meeting so that if I should leave town, the meeting would carry on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AS:BK



May 7, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Will you please inform the secretary of your organization to send us those communications which are sent by the Zionist Organization of America to all its constituent organizations. Presumably letters have gone forth in connection with the forthcoming Convention and Congress but none of these communications have reached us.

We forwarded to the national office last week a list of fifty new members to the Cleveland Zionist Society. As yet we have received no acknowledgment of the check for \$100 which was sent with the list. In the near future we shall be able to send an additional list.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

FMF:BK

RECORDING SECRETARY  
12405 Brackland Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio



May 15, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Cleveland Zionist Society held last evening, it was decided to devote the May general meeting of our organization to a discussion of general Zionism preparatory to the forthcoming Zionist Convention and World Zionist Congress. Our previous general meetings have attracted from one thousand to fifteen hundred people. This meeting, because of the timeliness of the subject, will probably attract many more. We plan to hold this meeting on Tuesday evening, May 28 in Mahler Hall of The Temple.

It was the unanimous wish of the Executive Board that you be our guest speaker that evening and present the official position of the Zionist Organization of America on the issues confronting Zionists today. Our Society will be pleased to pay your traveling expenses and to make arrangements so that your stay in our midst will be a pleasant one.

We shall invite to this meeting all other Zionist groups in the city as our guests. If the 28th is not convenient, we would hold the meeting on the following Tuesday, June 4th. Because of the shortness of time, we would appreciate receiving a reply by wire.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RECORDING SECRETARY  
12405 Brackland Ave.

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For the  
Review

NEWS RELEASE

May 16, 1935

CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY

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According to a letter received by the Cleveland Zionist Society from Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, the Administrative Committee has expunged from its minutes all discussion relating to the recent Cleveland Zionist situation.

In order to <sup>hear</sup> reports upon the membership drive, Rabbi <sup>Abba Hillel</sup> Silver <sup>president,</sup> called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society for Tuesday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock in the Board room of The Temple, Ansel road and East 105 street.

Organization problems, election of delegates to the Zionist Convention <sup>and</sup> the World Zionist Congress, and the discussion of issues to be considered by these bodies, will be discussed. In addition, plans for the program of the next general meeting will be made.



NEWS RELEASE

CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1935

Speaking before the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society, M. Rudensky, national secretary of the Jewish National Fund, stressed the need for a successful Jewish National Fund campaign to carry out the land buying activity of the organization.

The meeting, held at The Temple, Tuesday evening, May 14, was devoted to ~~an~~ an analysis of the Society's membership drive, and tentative plans for the general monthly meeting of the Society in May. The Committee agreed to sponsor a nationally prominent speaker to address the Cleveland Zionist Society on the subject of Zionism in preparation for the forthcoming elections of delegates to the conventions of the Zionist Organization of America and the World Zionist Congress. The tentative date for such a meeting is May 28.

Mr. Rudensky in his speech ~~xx~~ plead for a more substantial return from the Cleveland section of the Jewish National Fund. Comparing present day figures with those of earlier years, Mr. Rudensky demonstrated that in the days when but 3000 Jewish immigrants were planted upon Palestinian soil, Cleveland was contributing as much as ~~xx\$2222~~ \$12,000 to the Fund.

"Now, with the influx of 60,000 Jewish immigrants, due to the persecutions in Germany, Cleveland has contributed but \$4000. In addition to the need for more land being greater it is also imperative that we buy as quickly as possible, so that we do not have to pay top prices in the land boom that has hit Palestine. Prices for land have risen four and five times their value in recent years."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Society, promised in behalf of the group that the Cleveland Zionist Society would do its share in bringing the Jewish National Fund campaign to a successful objective.

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May 17, 1935.

Miss Mildred Solomon,  
Membership Department,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Solomon:

I have your letter of May 13 and thank you for your prompt reply.

The following are names of officers of our organization who wish to transfer from the Zionist District to the Cleveland Zionist Society:

Eugene E. Wolf, Engineers Bldg.  
Mrs. Mabel Fischer, 13110 Cedar Rd.  
Harry Epstein, 1853 South Compton Rd.  
Michael Gallin, 749 Eddy Rd.  
Dr. Wm. Rosenberg, Hanna Bldg.  
Edward J. Schweid, National City Bank Bldg.  
J. T. Selzman, 12911 Brackland  
Miss Ida Schott, 1592 E. 105th St.  
Joseph S. Silber, Leader Bldg.  
Dr. Henry Steuer, Rose Bldg.

The following are members of our organization who wish to be transferred from the Zionist District to the Cleveland Zionist Society:

Cyril Chertoff, 1037 Carlyon Rd.  
S. Aronsky, 953 Barkwood Dr.  
Dave Chertoff, 1220 W. 6th St.  
David Lipshutz, 9404 Pierpont Ave.  
J. Mogalnick, 1920 South Taylor Rd.  
Ben Ornstein, 12326 Edmonton Ave.  
Jacob Singer, 2976 Edgehill  
Mort A. Unger, 2700 Colchester Rd.  
Abe Kramer, 1006 Webster Ave.  
Max Mallow



May 17, 1935.

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Regarding Mr. Albert Lowell, Union Trust Bldg., whose name appears in duplicate, please substitute the following name: Rabbi David Genuth, 3716 E. 151st St.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

FMF:BK

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May 17, 1935

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To Morris Rothenberg, President

Street and No. ZOA - 111 Fifth Ave.

Place NEW YORK, N.Y.

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY WIRE ANSWER TO OUR INVITATION ANXIOUS TO  
PROCEED WITH PUBLICITY

Dr. F. M. Falkman  
12405 Brackland Ave.

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Place \_\_\_\_\_

REPLYING TO YOUR AIR MAIL LETTER CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY AT ITS EXECUTIVE  
 MEETING TUESDAY EVENING UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECOMMEND THE NAME OF  
 DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AS DELEGATE TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

Dr. F. M. Falkman  
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To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Street and No. THE TEMPLE

Place CLEVELAND, OHIO

COLONEL BENTWICH WILL NOT RETURN TO NEW YORK UNTIL TOMORROW BUT I KNOW HE  
PLANNING TO SAIL FOR LONDON LAST WEEK MAY STOP REGARDS AND CONGRATULATIONS  
ON SPLENDID VICTORY CLEVELAND CAMPAIGN

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May 20, 1935

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To NORMAN BENTWICH (Please Forward)Street and No. UNITED JEWISH APPEALPlace 100 East 42nd St. - NEW YORK

CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION  
TO SPEAK AT ZIONIST RALLY ON TUESDAY JUNE FOURTH ON PROBLEMS OF ZIONISM TODAY  
OR ON THE DEVELOPMENT PALESTINE STOP WILL HAVE AN ATTENDANCE OF OVER FIFTEEN  
HUNDRED STOP MEETING TO BE HELD AT MY TEMPLE WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
ACCEPTANCE *Please reply by wire*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To RABBI FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN  
TEMPLE ISRAEL  
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON ST.  
Street and No. ST. LOUIS, Mo.

Place

CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF  
 INVITATION TO SPEAK AT ZIONIST RALLY ON TUESDAY JUNE FOURTH ON PROBLEM  
 OF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ GENERAL ZIONISM STOP WILL HAVE AN ATTENDANCE OF OVER  
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 APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE PLEASE WIRE

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HOTEL TRAYMORE ATLANTICCITY NJ=

APPRECIATE GREATLY YOUR INVITATION BUT REGRET CONFIRMATION  
DUTIES PREVENT MY ACCEPTANCE=

LOUIS I NEWMAN.

## MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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## HOTEL TRAYMORE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

JOSEPH W. MOTT, MANAGING DIRECTOR

HAROLD B. MONTGOMERY, MANAGER

May 21-1935

My dear Miss Klein.

I telephoned Mr. Falkman this evening about the Zionist meeting next Tuesday. Follow up with Elmer Lewis about publicity in all papers.

Speakers Rabbi Edward J. Israel of Baltimore, Md. and myself

Subject: "Problems of Zionism Today"

(Subtitle)

"Issues Before the Fifth coming World Zionist Congress"

R. Israel is one of leading figures among young Rabbis. and very forceful and eloquent speaker. Was for years chairman of "Social Justice Commission" of Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Meeting - Wahler Hall - S.P.M.

Help Dr. Falkman get out letter to members. Correct proofs. -

If you have no photo of Israel, wire him for one. Perhaps the Jewish papers have a cut.

Get in touch with Mr. Wiesenfeld and request him in my name to give meeting proper publicity in his paper. All's well. Success - Altshuler -



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AN ANS DATE ATLANTICCITY NJ=

PLEASE SEND ME IMMEDIATELY FULL DETAILS MEETING OF TWENTY EIGHTH INCLUDING EXACT SUBJECT YOU WANT ME TO DISCUSS LENGTH OF ADDRESS OTHER SPEAKERS AND THEIR SUBJECTS AND TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING=

EDWARD L ISRAEL.



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May 22

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To Morris Rothenberg, President

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Street and No. 111 Fifth Ave.

Place New York, N.Y.

DUE TO UNFORTUNATE DELAY IN RECEIVING YOUR REPLY WE WERE FORCED TO MAKE  
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING KINDEST REGARDS

Dr. E. M. Falkman  
12405 Brackland Ave.

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To Raabi Edward L. Israel

Har Sinai

Street and No.

Temple

Place

Bolton & Wilson Sts. Baltimore, Md.

*Several*  
PLEASE RUSH PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOURSELF FOR OUR PUBLICITY

Bessie Kline

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver

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May 23, 1935

Dear Friend:

The next general meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society will be held Tuesday evening, May 28, at eight o'clock in Mahler Hall of The Temple, Ansel Road and East 105th St.

In view of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress to be held at Lucerne, Switzerland, beginning August 27, and the convening of the Zionist Organization of America on June 29, this meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the important issues that will come up at the Congress.

Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Baltimore, President of the Seaboard Zionist Region, will participate with me in a joint discussion on "Problems of Zionism Today: The Issues Before The Forthcoming World Zionist Congress." Rabbi Israel has gained an enviable reputation as one of the foremost and most enlightened leaders of the Zionist Movement in this country. He is a clear and forceful speaker. There are few men better qualified to discuss the inner policies and problems of the Zionist Movement.

Following the speakers, the meeting will be thrown open to a general discussion in which the audience will participate.

We cordially invite you to attend this meeting and to bring your friends. With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*, PRESIDENT.

AHS:BK

P.S. Please note the enclosed membership card. It is important that we have as many new members at this meeting as possible.



May 23, 1935.

Mr. Morris Margulies, Secretary,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Margulies:

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations of May 21. I shall do my utmost to carry on the duties of this office in a satisfactory way. Any suggestions from the Zionist Organization of America will be more than welcome.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RECORDING SECRETARY.  
12405 Brackland Ave.

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P.S. Enclosed herewith is a sample of an invitation which was sent out to the membership of the Cleveland Zionist Society for our May meeting which will be held on May 28. We would appreciate it if you would publish this activity of our organization in the New Palestine. Thank you kindly.



COPY FOR RABBI A. H. SILVER  
c/o The Temple

May 23, 1935.

Dr. F. M. Falkman, Secretary  
Cleveland Zionist Society  
12405 Brackland Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Falkman:

I am sending you the enclosed copy of The New Palestine for the purpose of directing your attention to the back page which contains special material published by the Bronx Zionist Region.

I should like to suggest that in connection with the forthcoming World Zionist Congress elections you, on behalf of your City, print such special edition of The New Palestine publicizing the elections and laying special emphasis on the fact that Rabbi A. H. Silver is a candidate on ticket No. 1, embracing the delegation of the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion.

The cost involved is very nominal - only \$25.00 for the page which includes the type setting, the printing and the mailing to your members who are on The New Palestine subscription list and are receiving the paper. Additional copies of this special issue may be had at \$5.00 per thousand.

I would urge that your insertion appear in the June 14th edition which will be just in time to call attention to the June 23rd elections.

Please give this matter immediate attention in order that proper arrangements may be made with the printer.

Also, please note that the material to be used for your page must be in our office not later than June 7th and accompanied by check covering the amount involved.

With Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Margulies  
Secretary



May 23rd, 1935

*Rabbi G. H. Silver*  
*The Temple*

The undersigned have been designated as a temporary committee to invite the heads of all Jewish organizations in the city to a conference for Monday evening, May 27th, at 8:15 P.M., at the Cleveland Jewish Center, to prepare plans for the coming of David Ben Gurion.

David Ben Gurion, most important Executive of the World Zionist Organization, who is in this country for a very short tour, will make his only appearance in Ohio on June 9th, 1935, in Cleveland. It is our privilege and duty to give this world-famous figure a fitting reception.

Will you therefore, make a special effort to attend this very important meeting, at which all the plans for the reception on June 9th, will be formulated.

Temporary Committee:

Hon. Ezra Shapiro, Chairman of the  
National Executive Committee of the Z O A

Max Kohnman, President of the Cleveland  
Zionist District.

Mrs. David Glasser, President of the Cleveland  
Chapter of Hadassah.

Dr. I. Milcoff, Chairman of the Labor Zionist  
Council.



May 23, 1935.

The Jewish Daily Forward,  
Prospect-Fourth Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Attention: Mr. Weintraub

My dear Mr. Weintraub:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the publicity on the next meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society which will be held at The Temple on Tuesday evening, May 28.

I shall send you a photograph of Rabbi Israel which you may use in a later release on Monday or Tuesday.

Thanking you kindly for your cooperation, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



# REVIEW INDEPENDENT.

E. Louis

NEWS RELEASE  
CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY  
Friday, May 24, 1935

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Zionist  
Rabbi Israel was reelected president of the Seaboard Region, by representatives of more than thirty communities from Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

In 1919 Rabbi Israel received his degree from the Hebrew Union Collge of Cincinnati, prefacing this work with undergraduate work at the University of Cincinnati. and study at Harvard university. He was acting Chaplain of the Jewish Welfare Board, in Chaumont and Brest, France during the harrowing war year. ~~xxx~~ (more)



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Since 1923 Rabbi Israel has served as the spiritual leader of the Har Sinai Congregation of Baltimore. His previous experience in the rabbinate included congregations in Springfield Illinois and ~~Ind~~ Evansville, Ind. Since 1927 he has been the chairman of the Commission on Social Justice of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He has served a summer lecturer at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

His present day activities are ~~many~~ multiple and singular. They include: president of the Seaboard Region Zionists Organization of America; the Baltimore League for Industrial Democracy; vice president of the National Public Housing Conference; officer of the National Conference for the Prevention of War; National Conference of Jews and Christians; League for Industrial Democracy; League for Independent Political Action; the American Association for Political Security, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation; etc.

He has authored several volumes and has contributed profusely to various publications on religious, social and economic problems. He is a contributing editor to "The World Tomorrow."

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RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL

TELEPHONES { LAFAYETTE 3927  
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May 26, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

I am part of the general Zionist group as far as this election is concerned although my personal interpretation of the platform is decidedly to the left. In other words, I am a general Zionist with even more than the average pro-Histadruth tendencies.

I shall speak of the Histadruth and its essential philosophy and why I agree with it and then try to explain why, at least for the present, as far as my American affiliations are concerned, I remain with the general Zionist body and support its program. How long I will be able to do this depends, of course, upon the trend that general Zionism takes.

I find that I can get a train out of Baltimore at midnight Monday after the meeting which is going to hold me in town that evening. It's a Pennsylvania train which, I believe, arrives in Cleveland around 11:30 A. M. It will be unnecessary for you to meet me because I know you have been away and are undoubtedly quite busy. Just reserve a room for me at the Hotel Cleveland that will be ready for my occupancy about 11:30 Tuesday morning.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you and participating in the program.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Israel



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May 29, 1935.

## TO THE CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF THE ZIONIST DISTRICTS:

The Administrative Committee on Sunday, May 19th, voted that the 38th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America be held in Atlantic City, N.J., beginning Saturday evening, June 29th, and continuing till Tuesday, July 2nd.

This communication is intended to notify you formally of the action with regard to the Convention, and to call upon your District to undertake all the necessary activities preliminary to the Convention and to elect your delegates. It is essential that the maximum membership be enlisted by the time of the Convention, so that the representation of delegates at Atlantic City may truly reflect the extraordinary growth of interest in the Zionist movement.

The role which Palestine is playing in the solution of the tragic problem of Jewish homelessness and the pressing need for a larger immigration into Palestine have created urgent problems and enlarged tasks with which the Convention will have to deal. The forthcoming Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will precede the 19th World Zionist Congress which will be held in Lucerne, Switzerland on August 27th. The voice of the Convention should be heard on the vital issues to come before the Congress, many of which will affect the future course of Zionism. The 38th Annual Convention must therefore be a manifestation of the full force and strength of our Organization, so that the serious responsibility which rests upon us at this crucial point in Jewish affairs may be adequately met.

Owing to the preparations for the World Zionist Congress Elections, this notice has been somewhat delayed. The time until the Convention is short. Please act without delay.

With Zion's Greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
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TO THE CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES  
OF ZIONIST DISTRICTS

Dear Friends:

To date the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board has not received any report from you about the formation, in your City, of a Local Election Committee.

According to the rules of the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board the local Committees are to consist of Four, Four and Two - Four General Zionists, Four Labor Zionist and Two Mizrachi - wherever these groups have organizations. Will you kindly take immediate steps towards the formation of such committee and report direct to the Shekel Board on the enclosed blank. It is to our advantage that we take the initiative in this matter.

In the event that there are no Poale Zion or Mizrachi groups in your City then you appoint our own people.

The important thing is that immediate action be taken and that there be no further delay.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Margulies*  
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Secretary



May 29, 1935.

Mr. Morris Margulies, Secretary,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Margulies:

In reply to your letter of May 23, permit me to inform you that the Cleveland Zionist Society will be glad to take the back page of the New Palestine issue of June 14 as per your suggestion. Our publicity chairman, Mr. Elmer Louis, will be in charge of this material and will send it to you not later than June 7. A check of \$25 will accompany the material.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

FMF:BK

RECORDING SECRETARY  
12405 Brackland Ave.



May 29, 1935.

Rabbi Edward L. Israel,  
Har Sinai Temple,  
Bolton and Wilson Sts.,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Ed:

I need not repeat to you how deeply grateful I am for the trouble which you took in coming to us to deliver the fine message of last evening. I am sorry that the short time which we had to prepare for the meeting as well as the rain cut down the attendance considerably. Nevertheless, you had a good and representative audience of Cleveland Zionists who tremendously enjoyed your address. I have heard the most favorable comments about it all morning.

I trust that I may have the opportunity of seeing you before you leave for Palestine. With all good wishes and again expressing to you the thanks of the Cleveland Zionist Society for the great service which you rendered them, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am enclosing herewith a check to cover your traveling expenses.



May 31, 1935.

National City Bank,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held on May 13, it was unanimously voted to change the name of the Cleveland Zionist District No. 2 to Cleveland Zionist Society. The Executive Committee was empowered to change the name of the organization by action of the general body at its meeting on April 22nd.

Very sincerely yours,

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President

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Recording Secretary