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Cleveland Zionist Society, 1948-1949.

September 23, 1948 Dr. Sidney Marks Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York, New York My dear Dr. Marks: I understand there have been some new attractive Falestine films made in the last few months. The Cleveland Zionist Society would like to have either one long or two short films to show at its opening meeting on Tuesday evening, October 19th. I would appreciate if you would find out for me which are the best films and which can be made available for the Society. The Society being your most lucrative source of revenue, I am sure that you will exert yourself to the utmost for it..... With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

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# Zionist Organization of America

41 EAST 42nd STREET NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 27, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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Dr. Sidney Marks Executive Director

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November 19, 1948 Judge Joseph H. Silbert Municipal Court Cleveland, Ohio My dear Joe: Now that your election is over and all your worries behind you, I am wondering whether you would not call together a meeting of the Membership Committee of the Cleveland Zionist Society so that by the time of our Chanukah celebration on Sunday, January 2nd, you would have a fine membership record to report. I send you all my good wishes. Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

November 19, 1948

Mr. David Katz Ferway Hall Hotel Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I wonder whether you would take an assignment for the Cleveland Zionist Society. I should like you to accept the chairmanship of the Culture Fund. This is a found which is raised annually before the Chanukah meeting of the Society, the income of which is for two purposes; (1) to send our annual scholarship to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem which amounts to \$500, and (2), to meet the budget of our cultural programs during the year. It is really the fund which makes our activities possible because the one dollar which we get per member out of the membership dues just about covers printing, postage, and other administrative expenses of the Society.

This Culture Fundis quite a few years old, and we raise annually about \$2,000 to \$2,500. Individual members contribute such amounts as they desire anywhere from \$5 or \$10 to \$100 or \$200. Lists of the donors in previous years can be supplied to you by Dr. Falkman or Mr. Lefton. Mr. Lefton will act with you in this effort.

I hope that you will see your way free to undertake this important service for the Society. You would have about six weeks in which to raise the fund as our Chanukah meeting will be held on Sunday evening, January 2nd.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

Dear Dr. Silver;

I have been a member of the Clevela d Zionist Society for the last 12 years, for the last three years I have been bothered by mail and telepho e caals for contributions for campign funds for one of your vice presidents Jos. H. Silbert, claiming that he has your support, that it is import not that a Jew should be elected Judge, that it is a Jewish issue and that all Zionists should support him.

Two years ago he had enough money left from other peoples money to make a 10 week tour to California and refurnish and recarpet his home, last year he had enough money left to buy a new Cldsmobile and spend 3 weeks in mount Clemens for 30 dollars a day and after November he will have other peoples money left to go to Florida. It is shame that your bord members should have to support with money his compaign and election, when money is needed for Palestine. Why dont he use his own money and save to pay for his own compaign.

when you dont answer his letter, his monagers, Deutsch and Harris call you on the phone and say, if you are a Zionist you must support him with cash

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Celia Adler

## C E L I A A D L E R

While there are several nominees for honorary title of "first lady" of the American theatre, the question is settled as far as the Yiddishlanguage stage is concerned. Acknowledged as th reigning member of the Royal Family of the Yiddish theatre, that sprawling entity in which international tours were accepted as commonplace long before the birth of the USO, is Celia Adler. Daughter of Jacob P. Adler and Diana Adler Fineman, Miss Adler first was seen on the stage at the age of two, and hardly a season has passed since her childhood that has not seen her behind the footlights. A versatile performer, Miss Adler's repertory has not been limited to the works of the Yiddish playwrights. For her discerning audiences she has animated such classics as "A Doll's House," "The Cherry Orchard," "Mrs. Warren's Profession," "Othello," "Resurrection," and "Camille," to name but a few of her triumphs. She also has given memorable performances in some of the most successful plays of the Yiddish authors, including "A String of Pearls," by Sholem Asch; "Green Fields" and "Idle Inn," by Peretz Hershbein; "Stempenu," by Sholom Aleichem; "The Vow," by Chaim Lieberman, and the neverto-be-forgotten production of "The Dybbuk," by Ansky. Broadway has seen Miss Adler on previous occasions: George Jessel's production of "Millions" and The Theatre Guild's production of "Treasure." Lately she co-starred with Paul Muni in "A Flag Is Born" and appeared on the screen in Mark Hellinger's latest film "Naked City."

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### Program

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VISITING HOUR					Celia Adler
TWO WOMEN					I. L. Peretz
"OLKE"			•		/ Kadye   Maladovsky
LAND OF SUNSHINE					I. Kolman

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## The Critics Say ...

Celia Adler, as Zelda, realizes those full and eloquent nuances of emotion through which sharp individual grief becomes a people's tragedy. Always too, in her performance is the running counterpoint of plaintive, Yiddish humor.

JOHN BEAUFORT, The Christian Science Monitor, Boston

She unravels her situations: all her mannerisms, tempestuous outbursts, never appear or disappear abruptly; they grow; they develop. She presents all situations in bold relief, socially and naturally. Only a truly great artist can do this.

> MORRIS MEYERS, Times, London



In Mark Hellinger's "THE NAKED CITY"

Celia Adler's art is much more admirable in English than in Yiddish, because it is far more disciplined from within. . . She cannot help giving a thoroughly artistic performance.

LUDWIG LEWISOHN, Nation

The event of the evening was the performance of Miss Celia Adler, the First Lady of the Yiddish stage. Our English stage is not always capable of such a performance. It's pleasant to sit back while some good acting is going on.

ROBERT GARLAND, World-Telegram

Celia Adler gave the outstanding performance of the evening.

STEPHEN RATHBUN, N. Y. Sun

Miss Adler was charmingly entertaining and responsible for the many laughs during the evening.

MELBURN HARRIS, San Francisco Examiner

Celia Adler gave a signally fine performance in "The Treasure."

ALEXANDER WOLCOTT, N. Y. Times

Celia Adler possesses great emotional powers. Her characterizations are vivid and gripping.

> JOSEPH KAYE, Anglo Jewish News

Celia Adler brings warmth and immense feeling to the role.

HOWARD BARNES, N. Y. Herald Tribune

In playing the part of a European refugee, Celia Adler is acting with the delicacy of insight of a very superior artist.

> BROOKS ATKINSON, N. Y. Times

Paul Muni gives the old man an earthly dignity, and Celia Adler as his wife tops a fine performance with her recollection of the tastes and smells and friendliness of home.

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With a passion for anonymity that is somewhat "out of character" with the usual flamboyance displayed by large public relations organizations, the American Zionist Emergency Council-which specializes in similar services—has chosen to play its role from the wings, not from the stage. Following the pattern laid down by the late Ivy Lee, public relations counsel to the first John D. Rockefeller and other industrial giants of this century, the Council has followed the doctrinaire that it is wiser to keep itself in the background while promoting the best interests of the cause, or product, it espouses.

In this particular instance, the American Zionist Emergency Council is out to 'sell' Zionism to the American public. That it has succeeded in its mission is now self-evident. One need only scan the editorial pages of any American newspaper, listen to his favorite commentator on the air, or leaf through a current periodical or volume dealing with the subject of Palestine, and he will be struck by the favorable shade in which Zionist news and sentiments are presented to American readers and listeners.

It was only a matter of a few years ago that Zionist leaders throughout the country felt they gained a minor victory whenever the mere mention of Palestine appeared in the news. In a few short years, this hunger for news-space has been completely sated. According to a recent study conducted by one of the leading American public opinion researchers, it was learned that during the current year Palestine (and its related subjects) was included among the ten most widely discussed topics of the year.

Another survey made by the Anti-Defamation League disclosed that of 200 leading American newspapers which expressed an editorial opinion on the birth of Israel-64 per cent were favorable, 32 per cent were non-committal, while only 4 per cent were antagonistic. These figures indicate to what extent Zionism has progressed from a small secular Jewish movement to an almost household word in the short period that the Zionist movement discovered the larger vistas available to it in the strata of public opinion.

This metamorphosis that took Zionism out of the cabbage patch was begun in September, 1943. At that time, the American Zionist Emergency Council was shaped into its present form. Its function, then as now, was the coordination of all political efforts and public relations work of the Zionist movement in the United States into one central office. This latter group—the Council-was immediately headed by the two leading Zionist spokesmen in this country: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise. During the past two years, Dr. Silver assumed sole control of the Council, piloting it through the most critical period of Zionist history.

The necessity for such a central body had become increasingly evident through the years. It had been the usual practise for each of the several Zionist political parties in this country to assume the prerogative to speak and act in the name of the entire Zionist movement. Representations in Washington, authoritative comments in the public press, for example, were carried on individually by the various Zionist units. The result was a duplication

of effort, and a confusion in the minds of those persons from whom Zionist leaders sought sympathetic understanding and assistance. Here was the sad instance of the parts overwhelming the whole.

With the birth of the Emergency Council, the chaos and Quixotic expenditure of energies was soon eliminated. Within a short time, the Zionist movement began to make appreciable gains for itself. By setting up miniature Emergency Committees in every important city in

the United States (there are now more than 400 of them), the Council was able to react almost overnight in putting across what was deemed vital for the welfare of the movement.

Much has been written of the historical role that the United States Government played in the ultimate realization of the Zionist mission—a Jewish State in Palestine. It is obvious to everyone that the paternalistic role as Zion's champion assumed by our Government was not

By Martin Silver

motivated by high ideals alone. All branches of the government, of which the executive branch was no exception, had to be prodded into a positive frame of mind. Nor was this friendly spirit gained overnight. A long uphill campaign waged in both Houses of the Congress, in the antechambers of the White House, in the public press and on the thousand-and-one lecture platforms of our nation finally resulted in shaping a pro-Zionist orientation by the

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#### Operation Zionism

(Continued from Page 3) policy makers of our Government.

This new official attitude, reiterated time and time again by President Harry S. Truman, was tried and tested when the Palestine problem was presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations for a final solution. In the historical session of November 29, 1947, the world's highest tribunal, led by the United States, overwhelmingly voted to partition the Holy-Land into separate and independent Arab and Jewish States. Here was the pay-off

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to the years of concerted Zionist action (some people have called it agitation) in behalf of the Herzlian concept of Jewish statehood in Palestine.

As everyone familiar with the Palestine problem knows, the UN victory was not without its trying moments. Almost as soon as the ink was dry on the Partition Resolution. a conspiracy was hatched to undermine and undo the work of the General Assembly. This plot by the enemies of Zion almost succeeded in their work. On March 19th a day known to Zionists as "Black Friday", the United States Government reversed its policy as a supporter of Partition and threw in its lot with those governments who had led the fight in behalf of the Arab anti-partitionists.

At this critical juncture, the American Zionist Emergency Coun-

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cil threw all its facilities into immediate action. In full-page advertisements placed in important newspapers throughout the United States, the Council blasted forth its story of the "betraval." The radio waves carried the tale; the commentators and columnists excoriated the "about-face"; editorial opinion was almost unanimous in denouncing the new turn in American foreign policy: the halls of Congress echoed with angry clamors; congressional delegations met with the President and demanded an explanation.

Zionists throughout the country enthusiastically responded to the Council's plea that their sense of betrayal be made known. During the period that the General Assembly reconvened to consider the Palestine question anew. Washington was flooded with letters and wires of protest. It was learned that in one day alone the State Department (quite apart from the White House and the U.S. delegation at Lake Success) received 86,000 wires It is generally believed that more than one million letters and telegrams were received by the various governmental departments during the period that the Partition Resolution was under consideration.

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April 7, 1949 Mrs. Howard Daniel Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, New York My dear Mrs. Daniel: The Cleveland Zionist Society has been unable to arrange a meeting for Mr. Davies because of conflicing dates. What other speakers are available towards the end of April? With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

ALBERT B. LEFTON COUNSELOR AT LAW 826 STANDARD BUILDING CLEVELAND ALBERT B. LEFTON NAT LEFTON MAIN 5410 GEORGE F. HAYES May 2, 1949 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel and East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbis I am sending you a Zionist Society check in the sum of \$400.00 in payment of the loan which you so graciously advanced to the Society.

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#### BALLOT

#### CLEVELAND ZIONIST SOCIETY

Election of Delegates to the 52nd Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in New York City, May 27th through 30th.

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TEN (10)

PUT	X	OPPOSITE EACH NAME	VOTED FOR
		Simon Aronsky	38
X	15	Morris Arsham	138
		Albert H. Bramson	47
X	4	Saul Danaceau	419
		Samuel F. David	94
***************************************		Harry Epstein	99
X	5	William Evans	336
	2	Dr. F. M. Falkman	657
***************************************		Ben Fried	46
X	6	Mrs. Ben Fried	335
X	12	Morris Friedman	228
		Nathan Gorodetzer	74
X	14	I. S. Hurwitz	2/7
		Max Jacobson	36
X	3	Dave Katz	432
X	16	M. Korman	112
		Benj. B. Levy	48
X	10	Rabbi Julius Nodel	259
X	9	Julius Rothschild	286
X	11	Bernard Schwartz	259
		J. T. Selzman	51
X	8	Judge Jos. H. Sill	ert 3//
X	1	Rabbi Abba Hillel	Silver 670
X	7	Dan Weiss	3/7
X	13	David Wolpaw	225

RICHARD G. HIRSCH HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CINCINNATI 20, OHIO

June 11, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I just received the very welcome information from Danny that I had been awarded a scholarship for study in Israel by the Cleveland Zionist Society.

I want to thank you personally for your efforts on my behalf and through you the Cleveland Zionist Society. I hope that I may use the scholarship funds wisely so that my sojourn in Israel may prove to be spiritually and intellectually enriching.

My ship sails on June 24th from New York. I plan to spend most of the summer working on a Kibbutz, probably Givat Hayim, and then to attend the Hebrew University in the fall. I shall keep you informed of my activities.

My address until I leave for New York will be 6881 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

Kindly give my warmest regards to Mrs. Silver, Rabbi Nodel, and the rest of our Temple family.

AllerAnh Pike Dick Hirsch

ALBERT B. LEFTON COUNSELOR AT LAW 826 STANDARD BUILDING CLEVELAND ALBERT B. LEFTON NAT LEFTON MAIN 5410 GEORGE F. HAYES June 16, 1949 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road and East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio My dear Rabbi: I am enclosing a check for \$500.00 for the Hebrew University Scholarship, and \$100.00 for one of the speakers at our February meeting, both of which are payable to you. I am sorry for the delay but I was busy and did not receive Dr. Folkman's message last Friday. With kindest personal regards, I remain ABL/db ENC/

June 17, 1949 To Whom It May Concern: Mr. Louis Epstein, 1817 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, has been a member of the Cleveland Zionist Society for many years, and is an active worker for our cause. Mr. Epssein is planning a visit to Israel, and I shall appreciate anything you can do to expedite his securing a visa. Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er

June 17, 1949 Mr. Richard Hirsch 6881 Bay Drive Miami Beach, Florida My dear Dick: I take great pleasure in enclosing herewith a check for \$500, a scholarship of the Cleveland Zionist Society which will enable you to carry on your studies at the Hebrew University. Danny acquainted me with the situation and asked me to interest myself in the matter which, of course, I was most happy to do. I trust that your sojourn in Israel will be most fruitful and satisfying. Please acknowledge this scholarship to Mr. Albert B. Lefton, Financial Secretary of the Cleveland Zionist Society, 826 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:er Enc.

June 17, 1949 Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York My dear Friend: I am enclosing herewith a check from the Cleveland Zionist Society as a token appreciation of the splendid address which you delivered before the organization. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SLIVER AHS:er Enc.