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Cleveland Zionist Society, 1953-1954.

October 16, 1953

Mrs. Jacob Bassichis
2323 West Third Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bassichis:

I want to express to you my profound appreciation for your generous contribution of \$100.00 to the Cleveland Zionist Society.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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October 19, 1953.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to thank you for your gracious and rather generous introduction which added much to the pleasure of appearing before the Cleveland Zionist Society. I was greatly encouraged everywhere by the potential which our people recognize in the work of the Economic Department and the responsive reception given to the idea of a "Buy Israel" campaign. The important thing now is the "follow through" effort to which we will be devoting ourselves.

In my absence from the meeting of the Administrative Council, Mr. Szold, as reported to me, delivered an enthusiastic talk recognizing the great part that the Zionist Organization of America can play in the economic field, and, for the first time I believe, departed from a hitherto exclusive emphasis on the sale of PEC securities. This is all to the good.

I appreciate the opportunity to visit with you after the meeting, particularly since it was at the end of a long day following a rather arduous weekend. Many thanks.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Herman L. Weisman

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P. S. Alas, the fat's in the fire and Keren is in a frenzy of paper activity on the assumption that an Emergency Council of some vitality exists. Now what?

RABBI RUDOLPH M. ROSENTHAL
THE TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS
3130 MAYFIELD ROAD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 18, OHIO

December 8, 1953

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am happy to add my good wishes to the many congratulations extended to you on the celebration of 20 years of achievement for the Cleveland Zionist District.

It is not always necessary to see eye-to-eye on political issues. It is only important to be convinced of sincerity.

The District under your leadership has played a vital role in American Zionist life.

You have done much in the establishment of Israel in which you can take justifiable pride.

I pray that God will grant you many more years of fruitful and dynamic leadership.

Cordially yours,

Rudolph M. Rosenthal

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. A. H. Silver

April 22, 1954

Dr. Fred M. Falkman, Secretary
Cleveland Zionist Society
23896 Glennhill Drive
Cleveland 21, Ohio

Dear Dr. Falkman:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of April 20th. I was delighted to hear that you were well again. It was only yesterday that I heard from Harry Branton about your illness and was frankly very worried. Let's hope that you will return to the best of health very shortly.

I am pleased to hear that you consented to accept the chairmanship of World Zionist Affairs for the Cleveland Zionist Society. Your name has been placed on the mailing list of World Zionist Affairs Chairmen today.

As far as the affiliation of Cleveland with the Ohio Valley Region is concerned, our statement of last year concerning membership dues for synagogue districts stands. This means that the synagogue districts in Cleveland, including the Cleveland Zionist Society, will pay their dues on the same basis as until now.

Convey this information to the members of your Executive Committee. I am sure they will now see no obstacle to joining the Ohio Valley Region. Besides, the example of the Cleveland Zionist Society will be followed by the two other Cleveland districts, which are looking to the Society for guidance in this respect.

I am sure you know that the Regional Convention of the Ohio Valley Region will be held in Dayton, Ohio, on June 12th and 13th. The participation of delegates from the three Cleveland districts in this convention will greatly contribute to the strength and prestige of the Region. I will appreciate it, if you will be good

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enough to ask Dr. Silver to send a special message of greeting to the convention in Dayton. It certainly would have been ideal, if Dr. Silver consented to personally attend the convention. His presence at the first convention with the participation of the Cleveland Zionist Society would definitely bolster our forces in the Region.

The inclusion of the Cleveland districts into the Ohio Valley Region will permit better servicing and will afford the districts an opportunity to utilize the Regional Office and its very capable Director, Harry Branton. By the way, the office of the Ohio Valley Region, which is now located in Detroit, Michigan, will be transferred to Cincinnati on September 1st. From a central location like Cincinnati we will be in a much better position to reach all districts of the Ohio Valley Region.

I am expecting your prompt reply and remain, with warmest personal regards, and best wishes for a most enjoyable Pesach,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

cc: Abraham A. Redelheim
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Dr. Fred M. Falkman

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May 5. 1954.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Now that I am feeling much better,
my wife and I are inviting some of the members
of the executive board for a brunch to be
served in my home on Sunday May the 9th
at 12¹⁵ P. M. to talk about membership and
the forthcoming convention.

We would consider it a great
honor if Mrs Silver and you would
participate at this meeting.

Sincerely yours
Dr. Fred M. Falkman

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Jun. 15, 1954