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Dewey, Thomas E., relating to Dewey's support of Zionism,  
October 22, 1952 letter from Dewey refers to AHS's visit to  
General Eisenhower re: "despicable charges by Mr. Truman",  
1947-1955.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

December 2, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your wire of yesterday. I appreciate the generous things you say and now hope that partition can be achieved peaceably by a demonstration of solid sentiment which will avoid the dreadful consequences which the Arabs are now threatening.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dewey".

TED:LR

February 13, 1948

Governor Thomas E. Dewey  
Executive Chambers  
Albany, New York

My dear Governor Dewey:

I have just returned to Cleveland after an absence of six weeks abroad. I found your letter of February 2nd and the attached editorial which appeared in the National Jewish Monthly.

Needless to say that I was deeply chagrined by this preposterous editorial which, as we well know, has no basis in fact. I am getting in touch with the Editor of this magazine at once. The National Jewish Monthly is, of course, no Zionist publication. It is the magazine of the B'nai B'rith but that is no reason why the editorial writer should go haywire.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

February 18, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of  
February 13th. I appreciate very much  
indeed your efforts to get the magazine  
which apparently has political overtones,  
to make a more accurate presentation of  
the facts.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

March 31, 1948

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your wire  
of March 29th. I appreciate the good  
things you say ever so much, as well  
as the suggestion you make.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dewey".

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Also to: Gov. Thomas E. Dewey  
Republican Headquarters  
Hotel Roosevelt  
New York, N.Y.

OCTOBER 26, 1948

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY  
EXECUTIVE MANSION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK

PLEASE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY TO GOV. DEWEY

MAY I THANK YOU FOR THE SPLENDID STATEMENT ON ISRAEL WHICH YOU ISSUED ON FRIDAY. YOUR REAFFIRMATION OF ~~Y~~ WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT TO THE PALESTINE PLANK IN THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WHICH PLEDGED TO ISRAEL FULL RECOGNITION WITH ITS BOUNDARIES AS SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND AID IN DEVELOPING ITS ECONOMY IS MOST HEARTENING AND IS COMPLETELY IN ACCORD WITH THE SYMPATHETIC AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WHICH I KNOW YOU HAVE ALWAYS EVIDENCED TO THE CAUSE OF THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEWISH STATE. ANY SUGGESTION THAT YOUR MOST RECENT DECLARATION ON ISRAEL IS A PARTISAN POLITICAL MANEUVER INJECTED AT THE LAST MOMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN HAS NO BASIS WHATSOEVER IN FACT STOP THE PALESTINE ISSUE IS NOT AND CANNOT BE A PARTISAN ONE IN THIS CAMPAIGN INASMUCH AS BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES ENDORSE THE STATE OF ISRAEL, URGE THE GRANTING OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THAT ITS BOUNDARIES AS ~~DEFINED BY THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION~~ ~~OF NOVEMBER THIRTY-NINTH~~ SHOULD NOT BE MODIFIED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THAT YOU SPOKE UP AT A TIME WHEN OTHERS WERE SILENT IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR SINCERITY AND FORTHRIGHTNESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

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=RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

I HAVE YOUR FINE TELEGRAM FOR WHICH I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL  
PURSUANT TO ROGER STRAUS AND NAT GOLDSTEIN CONVERSATION  
I AM RELEASING IT TO THE PRESS MY CORDIAL APPRACIATION TO  
YOU=

THOMAS E DEWEY=

NOVEMBER 8, 1950

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY  
ALBANY, NEW YORK

PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR SPLENDID VICTORY.

ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER





STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

November 10, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your generous  
wire and for your good wishes, as well  
as for the gracious things you say. I  
appreciate them ever so much.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas E. Dewey".

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

October 22, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do want to tell you how grateful I am for your visit to General Eisenhower last Saturday and for the forthright and effective way you dealt with the despicable charges by Mr. Truman. Charges of that kind are the very seeds of bigotry and hate in this country and I believe most sincerely that if they had not been effectively repudiated they would have done real damage to the cause of racial and religious harmony to which you and I have devoted so much of our lives.

I am only sorry that it was necessary for me to go from General Eisenhower's home to Albany so that I was deprived of the pleasure of driving back downtown with you and I do hope you will let me see you either here or in New York for lunch or dinner the next time you are in these parts.

With repeated thanks and warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas E. Dewey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "TED:LR".



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY  
GOVERNOR

November 10, 1952

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I appreciate ever so much your wire of November 6, 1952 and all the nice things you say about my part in the campaign.

It was a real labor of love and we will certainly both get great satisfaction from knowing that we are going to breathe clean air in this country again.

You made a wonderful contribution to this tremendous result and I know it must give you the deepest personal gratification. I hope I will see you soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

TED:el

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April 18, 1955

The Honorable Thomas E. Dewey  
Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood  
31 Nassau Street  
New York, New York

My dear Governor Dewey:

I have a pleasant mission to perform, and I am happy and honored to do it.

The Zionist Organization of America will hold its Annual Convention in Washington, D. C. during the week of June 16th. The Board, at its last meeting, voted unanimously to set aside the banquet on Saturday evening, June 18th, as a testimonial to you for the devoted and tremendously helpful service which you rendered the cause during the years that you were Governor of the state of New York. I do not recall that the organized Zionist movement in the United States has had an opportunity to express in this manner its sense of gratitude and indebtedness to you for your friendship through the years.

It would give me, of course, deep personal satisfaction to attend this testimonial dinner to you, remembering, as I do, the unfailing support which you gave us during the critical years when the state of Israel was in the making. I shall be most happy to hear from you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABEA HILLEL SILVER

THOMAS E. DEWEY

April 25, 1955

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of April 18th and appreciate more than I can possibly tell you the gracious invitation to the dinner of the Zionist Organization of America. I am deeply sensitive to the honor suggested and wish you would extend my warm gratitude to the entire Board.

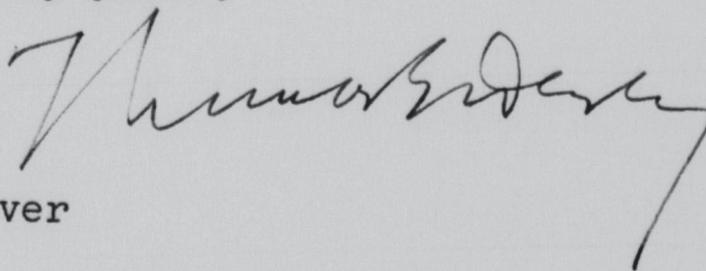
As it happens, the pressure of my private practice is such that I have found it necessary to undertake any no engagements away from home.

Naturally it would please me greatly to attend the meeting and to have the expression of gracious sentiment which you suggest. It is embarrassing to be compelled to decline and if you are organizing any such dinner in New York any time in the future, I would be glad to discuss it with you.

Meanwhile, why don't you have lunch with me when you are going to be in New York. I should like to keep up to date with your labors.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

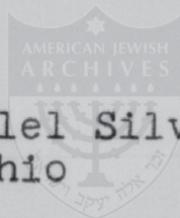


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio