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May 16, 1929

Dear Herzlite:

You probably know that this summer will see the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Dr. Herzl Zion Club. Mindful of what that means to us, a number of us--after communicating with the out-of-town boys--came together a few days ago and decided that the occasion ought not to go unmarked or unsung. We had in mind a reunion similar to the one we held at Clinton Hall in 1924. No outside celebrities, no formalities--just our own dear selves. Nothing more, nothing less--it was felt--would suffice for this, our silver jubilee.

The reunion is to be held the early part of July, on a date such that will bring us the greatest possible number--if possible all--of our out-of-town-members.

The only departure from the simplicity of the occasion which we permitted ourselves will be in the form of a souvenir, attractively printed, in which we mean to give a detailed history of our club, a short biography of each of our members (a photograph is to go with each biography) and one or more appreciations of the significance of our Club to the history of Zionism and the Jewish youth movement in America. This souvenir will serve as a memorial of our--your--membership in the Herzl Club.

Now, will you help us in making a success of it? The time is short, and much work remains to be done. Send us a photograph of yourself. Tell us in a few paragraphs all about yourself, date of birth, when and whom you married, your vocation, if a graduate of a college or University, what were and are your public activities, especially in the field of Jewish endeavor and Zionism. Don't err on the side of modesty. Give us all possible information and send us a check for six dollars to defray the expense of publication.

Please let us hear from you by return mail. No follow-up letter will be sent.

"HAYOM KOTZAIR V'HAMLOCHO MERUBO."

With Herzlite greetings,

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENT COMM.

SOL. COHEN, chairman

EDWARD COLEMAN, secretary

MAXWELL SILVER, treasurer

P. S. Send all communications to Sol. Cohen, 11 West 42nd Street, New York City, N. Y., Room 1302.

Dear Abba:

Max is taking care of reservations
for your sisters. Of course we are looking
forward to you to make the address of the
evening, just as you did at the 20th reunion.
As ever yours.
Sol

DR. HERZL ZION CLUB

June 24, 1929

Dear Herzlite:

We are now able to advise you of the final arrangements completed for our twenty-fifth anniversary reunion dinner.

The date: Wednesday evening, July 10th, 1929

The place: The Patrician, 353 Riverside Drive, New York.

The affair is informal. Please signify your intention of being present by telling us so, immediately. The charge is \$4.50 per person. We want you to come with your wife--or your husband. You may, if you wish, bring an immediate relative, parents, sister; but please do not invite mere friends as guests.

Kindly return the enclosed reservation card, accompanied by check so as to reach us not later than, July 3rd. The caterer must know by then the exact number expected. Upon receipt of your reservation, tickets of admission will be mailed to you.

Cooperate with us by answering promptly. Wait not till July 3rd, but reply at once. Do not make the burden of the committee greater by delay.

Nearly all out-of-town members have already promised us their presence.

We promise you an unforgettable evening.

With Herzl greetings,

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

SOL. COHEN,	CHAIRMAN
EDWARD CODEMAN,	SECRETARY
MAXWELL SILVER,	TREASURER

P. S. Forward all communications to Sol. Cohen, 11 West 42nd Street, Room 1302, New York.

Dear Abba: Received congratulatory message from your father in Palestine. All your sisters will be there ^{dinner} and are looking forward to meet you and greet you. We.

DR. HERZL ZION CLUB

July 2, 1929

Dear Herzlite:

Here is part of the program of our 25th anniversary reunion to be held Wednesday evening, July 10th, at the Patrician, 353 Riverside Drive:

- 1) Abba Hillel Silver will deliver the address of the evening.
- 2) Sam Abrams will lead in the singing of our Herzl songs.
- 3) Mr. Leon Blank will give several readings--nuf sed.
- 4) The famous "Beibreker Kapelle" which is broadcasting every Sunday on "The Day's" radio hour, will play for us melodies from our Hebrew performances and other Herzl songs.
- 5) Our Rabbis and other in and out-of-town notables will contribute their share to the program.
- 6) Our Rosh Hachartumim will read a revised constitution of the Herzl Club.
- 7) Seltzer will criticize him.
- 8) A medley of scenes from our plays will be reenacted by the original dramatis personal.
- 9) The souvenir books will be distributed.

The affair will be informal. We respectfully suggest that you arrange to meet your wife, or whomever else you are escorting, in the city--so as to come early and on time. We further suggest that you provide for the children at home, so that you may stay till the very end--most probably not before midnight, or later.

Reception and general hand-shaking between six and seven. Dinner will be served promptly at seven.

Come early, stay late. Heaven knows when we shall meet again in reunion.

Articles on the 25th anniversary of the Herzl Club have already appeared in "Dos Yiddishe Folk" of June 21st, and in the June number of the "Young Judean". Articles will appear in "The Day", probably on Friday, July 5th, and in the English section of "The Day" probably on July 7th; in "The Jewish Tribune", of July 5th or later issues; in "Der Amerikaner" of July 5th or 12th; in one of the July numbers of "The New Palestine," and in other periodicals.

With Herzl greetings,

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE.

P. S. To those few who have not yet sent us their reservations--do not leave it for the last moment. The caterer must know by Saturday evening the latest for how many people to prepare. Saturday, July 6th is positively the last day. The charge is \$4.50 per person. Send reservations, accompanied by check, to Sol. Cohon, 11 West 42nd Street, Room 1302, New York, New York.