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Dear Abba:

I am writing you this at the suggestion of Dr. Oskar K. Rabinowicz, now of London.

Do you know him? A Zionist leader of old, a member of the Actions Committee from Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Rabinowicz has written for The Menorah Journal a perfectly terrific analysis of Dr. Weizmann's Trial and Error. The analysis is factual and pretty thorough. It will take up practically a whole issue of The Menorah Journal- at least 100 pages, with all the citations so scrupulously noted by the author.

We are taking the unprecedented step of devoting almost an entire issue of the Journal (for Winter 1950) to a single study, because I feel it is of the utmost importance to correct Weizmann's misstatements (present on almost every page of his book), and to revindicate the character and achievements of the great men, now physically dead, whom he belittles or belies.

Because of the currency exchange regulations with England, Dr. Rabinowicz cannot himself provide us with the funds with which to circulate his study as widely as it should be; and The Menorah Journal itself is living from hand to mouth. For that reason, I imagine, he writes me, in a letter received today, as follows:

"I wonder whether you would consider having a word with Dr. Silver, or with his secretary, Mr. Ben Horin, who, as far as I know, are deeply disappointed with Dr. Weizmann's book, and would, I am sure, give financial support in order to bring out a larger issue of the corrections which I summarised in my article."



The plan is to print a much larger edition of the Journal, to advertise the study properly, and get it in one way or another into the hands of a good many people, both in this country and abroad, whose attention should be called to the required corrections of Dr. Weizmann's presentation.

This I would regard as a service to truth, to history. And for the honor of all men, living and dead, whom Weizmann denigrates or misrepresents.

Would you be interested to go along? If so, we can talk of details.

Please accept my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Harry Hurns*

Editor

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September 21, 1949

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Mr. Henry Hurwitz, Editor  
The Menorah Journal  
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My dear Mr. Hurwitz:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 19th. I was interested to learn that The Menorah Journal plans the publication of a review by Dr. Rabinowicz of Dr. Weizmann's "Trial and Error". I think an honest and factual analysis of Dr. Weizmann's book is most desirable and long overdue, and would, as you put it, be of service to truth and to history.

But I am afraid I cannot be involved in any way in the dissemination of such a review. It would simply be attributed to my displeasure with the book and might even be employed to vast suspicion on the objectivity of Dr. Rabinowicz's study. I am sure that you must understand.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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