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I need not tell you that the rejoicing was boundless, moving and spontaneous -- a whole people pouring out its pent-up emotions in a glorious, unprecedented Hallelujah for its freedom, its independence, its achievements and its confidence for the future. I was seldom so stirred and exalted!

I left Israel, as you may well imagine, reinspired, re-invigorated and re-dedicated. It made me proud to realize what Jews, on their own, given even the minimum of a chance -- can do with their own hands and their own brains and their own souls. For they, themselves, built all that has been built there. They themselves were the ditchdiggers, the stone-breakers, the stevedores. They did the hard manual labor and they did the intellectual labor -- they provided the skills and the planning and the vision. It made me proud to see what a people which had emerged ten years ago from the greatest disaster in its history -- the destruction of practically the entire European Jewish community -- battered and beaten and impoverished -- what that people could accomplish. How, as if by a miracle, it could rebuild, not only the land, but rebuild itself, rejuvenate itself and take up the line of its history which many feared had been permanently broken.

The first decade of the State of Israel has been an amazing one, and the whole world acknowledges this. In my humble judgment, given peace in that part of the world, the second decade will be even more amazing and surprising. One can already see the outline and feel, as it were, the tempo and the momentum of the oncoming development. One can already see the unfolding perspectives -- the widening horizons -- the things which they mean to do! Given peace that little country will amaze the world by its accomplishments and contributions -- not only its material accomplishments and contributions, but its spiritual, intellectual and scientific contributions as well.

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Is our work, my friends, done after these ten magnificent, exciting, heroic years? Our work will not be done until the ingathering is completed, until the national economy of Israel is stabilized, until its borders are made secure and its enemies cease from threatening and harassment.

Our work is not done! Many problems remain and the second decade will clamor for their solution. Until they are solved those who initiated this great effort of building the State of Israel are committed, morally committed, historically committed, to see it through. And the God of our Fathers Who looked with favor upon this generation of pioneers and builders will, we hope, prosper our hands in the work which lies ahead and the hands of those who will follow us.

You and I can help these valorous builders in Israel who are now entering proudly and hopefully upon the second decade of the existence of their State. We can help them through the purchase of Israel Bonds. We can help them by making immediately available the fund which they require to carry on their work, to see their plans through. This is the indispensable brick and mortar which they need in the next stage of the building of the State. It is the very life blood of their, and our, historic enterprise. I am confident that you and I will not fail them.

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April 20, 1961.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy indeed to convey to you the thanks and appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Fraternal Division of the State of Israel Bonds for the honor bestowed upon us by accepting to be the guest speaker at the function of our Fraternal Division to be held on June 7th at the Hilton-Statler Hotel, New York City.

On said occasion, it will be our great pleasure to have you not only as guest speaker but also guest of honor as well as recipient of the First Fraternal Israel Bond Award, which will be tendered to you as the outstanding Leader of Jewry and one of the great architects of the liberation of our people and the establishment of the State of Israel.

In the hope that these lines find you in the best of health and spirits and with high esteem and warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ossip Walinsky
General Chairman
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Political Realities in Vietnam

WESLEY R. FISHEL

THE ABORTIVE REBELLION in Saigon last November, coming on the heels of a military coup in neighboring Laos, focused worldwide attention on the political situation in the Southeast Asian republic. Interest was especially high in the United States, which has given approximately \$1.3 billion in aid to Vietnam since 1954 and is committed to come to its defense in the event of a Communist invasion. American press coverage of the uprising indicated considerable American sympathy with the rebels and a readiness to accept a *dénouement* that would have seen President Ngo Dinh Diem and his government ousted. Another current of opinion, however, while uneasy about certain aspects of the Ngo Government, was dissatisfied with the rebel alternative. These contradictory expressions suggest the dilemma of many observers in analyzing the development of the Republic of Vietnam during its five years of existence.

It is well known that Ngo Dinh Diem and his colleagues surmounted grave obstacles in neutralizing the challenges to their power from dissident private armies and in developing a degree of national unity in the face of strong traditional village and regional ties in the non-Communist remnant of the former State of Vietnam. It is also a matter of record that his régime effectively eliminated the last vestiges of French colonialism from the country and made many basic changes in its social, economic and political life. Why, then, should American observers have feelings of uneasiness? Why should anyone have attempted to overthrow this constructive nationalist government? The answers to these questions are several and complex. They lie in the quality of political leadership in the Republic of Vietnam, in the character of political opposition, and in the nature of men's expectations.

There are two salient facts that influence politics in South Vietnam today. One is the violent subversive activity of the Communists. The other is the Republic's achievements in the economic and social fields. Much journalistic attention has been directed to the presence or absence of civil liberties in Vietnam. Similarly, the story of the successful absorption of 860,000 refugees from the Communist north has been retold countless times. However, the absence of a runaway inflation, the continuous and striking rise in the production of rice, rubber and various new crops, the increase in general wage and salary levels, the creation of a new class of small landowners, and the growth of peasant income have received relatively little notice.

Prices in Vietnam have been stabilized since 1956, and in consequence so has the cost of living. The population lives better now than it did in

1955, even though fewer consumer goods are imported than previously. The grave excess of imports over exports that existed in 1954 after eight years of civil war is not yet fully corrected, nor is it reasonable to expect that it will be for many years. However, major advances have been recorded in rice production and exportation, rubber production, and the development of new industrial crops such as kenaf, jute, ramie and cotton. Modest industrial development is taking place. This is not to suggest that Vietnam has solved its basic economic problems, but rather that it has made significant economic progress.

In the realm of social welfare, Vietnam's record compares very favorably with those of other newly independent nations. Take land reform, for example, often regarded as the hallmark of a progressive regime in Asia. In the face of increasingly violent Communist efforts to block and undermine the program, the Vietnamese government has persevered in its efforts to carry out a massive redistribution of rice lands. When the program is completed this year, more than 1,500,000 peasants will have benefited from it.¹

Parallel with the agrarian reform have been programs designed to raise living levels in the rural areas, where 88 per cent of the Republic's 14,000,000 citizens live, and to ameliorate some of the hitherto endemic problems of the peasants. For example, the government-sponsored national agricultural credit program has been efficiently managed and extremely effective. A five-year malaria-eradication program is already half-completed. Training programs for teachers, midwives, medical technicians, nurses, tractor drivers, and mechanics have created thousands of newly skilled workers. Roads and canals have been constructed speedily to link the thousands of towns, villages and hamlets for the first time in history. Viewed separately, these accomplishments are not spectacular; in sum, however, they represent rural social change on a major scale.

Perhaps the factor of change is best illustrated by two bold programs undertaken by the Ngo regime on a "crash" basis: the land-development centers and the *agrovilles*. The former, located primarily in the plateau regions, represent the government's approach to four basic concerns: overcrowding in the infertile coastal plains of Annam; exploitation of virgin upland soil; national security; and the introduction of new industrial crops to conserve foreign exchange. Life in the new settlements, located along the desolate and vulnerable frontiers with Laos and Cambodia, has not been easy, but the land is fertile and crops have been good. The 200,000 settlers are today counted as loyal and productive citizens.²

The fertile rice lands of the Mekong delta have presented somewhat different problems. The region is thinly settled; farms are scattered throughout the area; communications are grossly inadequate; contact

1. See John T. Dorsey, Jr., "South Vietnam in Perspective," *Far Eastern Survey*, December 1958; J. Price Gittinger, "Progress in South Vietnam's Agrarian Reform," *ibid.*, January 1960 (I) and February (II).

2. See Wolf I. Ladejinsky, "Vietnam: The First Five Years," *The Reporter*, December 24, 1959; Wesley R. Fishel, "Vietnam's War of Attrition," *The New Leader*, December 7, 1959.

between isolated peasants and their government is infrequent and unsatisfying. This has been the target area for most Communist terrorism during the past three years, with the efforts steadily increasing in tempo and intensity. Villages have been victimized, "taxes" collected, agents placed, communications disrupted, tractors, bulldozers and barges blown up. During 1960 at least 1,200 civilians (including local officials) and more than 1,600 soldiers and police were killed in encounters with Viet Cong (Communist) forces. Communist units, fully armed and well supplied from North Vietnam, have infiltrated the country through the sparsely populated jungles of southern Laos, and, in bands of 50 to 200 men, have operated in guerilla fashion against the Vietnamese National Army and Civil Guard. (Communist losses in 1960 are estimated at 6,800 killed in action.³)

Peasant support for the Saigon government has declined as a result of continued Communist depredations. Some observers report that the mass of the people is politically indifferent, though anti-Communist. What has seemed clear is that after 90 years of colonial domination and eight years of civil war, the Vietnamese peasant's goals generally are security, enough money to sustain his family, and a plot of land. The administration in Saigon has been able to assure the latter two requisites, but it has not been able to provide armed protection for every isolated farm and every lone traveler, and it is reliably estimated that 10,000 armed Communists are now operating in the delta region and in the zone stretching from the Laotian frontier to the sea, east of Saigon.⁴

To meet the challenge of insecurity and the political problems it poses, President Ngo has essayed an imaginative nonmilitary approach. Late in 1959 the government began to build *agrovilles*—rural towns—at strategic locations throughout the southern part of the Republic. The first, at Vi Thanh, was completed and its population installed on March 12, 1960. By late September, 15 such towns had been established. Like the centers in the plateau, the *agrovilles* provide their peasant inhabitants with schools, clinics, markets, social centers, technical and financial aid, electricity and, above all, security. However, much peasant resentment was incurred during the process of regroupment as a result of rigid, clumsy implementation of presidential directives by ambitious and insensitive local administrators who coerced peasants into construction work on the new settlements at harvest time, and otherwise showed ineptness in dealing with those who should have been satisfied beneficiaries of a forward-looking policy. Recent visitors to the *agrovilles* report that the manifest advantages of the new settlements have overcome the initial unhappiness, however, and an additional evidence of success is seen in the fact that the Communists have not yet ventured to attack an *agroville*.

The splitting of the Vietnamese portion of Indochina in 1954 augured ill for the administration in the French-sponsored southern half, the assumption being that within two years it would follow the northern half of the country into the Communist camp. Ngo Dinh Diem was regarded as having taken on an impossible task. As the prime minister

3. Private communication to the writer.

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with the impassive face and shy manner bested one after another of his adversaries, feelings of futility and fatalism among observers changed to incredulity and then to hope. A national referendum in October 1955 legalized the ouster of Bao Dai and the establishment of a republic, with Ngo Dinh Diem as its first president. Democratic phrases punctuated the speeches of virtually every public figure in the country; a Constitution was promulgated and a National Assembly elected; a buoyant revolutionary spirit swept the country. Abroad as well, hopes rose, and republican Vietnam's allies found the outlook suddenly brighter.

However, expectations that the end of colonialism would bring immediate democracy were unrealistic. Ngo Dinh Diem was indeed a revolutionary, but a cautious one. He was strong-willed and determined, and convinced of the righteousness of his cause. After years of underground intrigues he was suspicious of strangers, distrustful of anyone whose attitudes (and antecedents) he did not know thoroughly. He relied for advice on those whom he knew to be trustworthy: his family and a few intimate friends. The result was a tight group of leaders, who looked inward rather than outward for guidance and support. During the tense weeks of 1954-55 many in the inner circle, increasingly discouraged about the possibility of overcoming the "feudalistic" sects (the Cao Dai and Hoa Hao) and the Binh Xuyen gang, urged formation of a "government of national union." But the premier, his brothers, and a handful of associates rejected the idea of union with such elements, and the dissenters were dropped from the administration.

Yet the men who broke with Ngo were nationalists and believed that compromise was the only way of avoiding disaster. Still other nationalists were never taken into the government, either because they were considered too ambitious or were hostile to the Ngo family, or because they set too high a price on their cooperation. Dr. Phan Quang Dan, who came forward as a leader in the recent uprising, was regarded as falling into all three categories, and when he and Ngo Dinh Diem were unable to agree on terms for his joining the cabinet, he became a prominent member of the opposition.

The non-Communist "opposition" in the Republic of Vietnam is usually considered to comprise the intellectuals and the educated youth, who voice their dissatisfaction with the existing state of things. If this categorizing is correct, the opposition must number relatively few people. There are only a few thousand intellectuals in Vietnam, including the lawyers, pharmacists, doctors, engineers, teachers, small businessmen and non-professional university graduates. Most live in the Saigon metropolitan area. Moreover, in the writer's opinion, the majority of educated Vietnamese who hold government positions, including most of the army officers, should not be counted among the intellectual opposition. In many Saigon offices they are aware of a lack of dynamic leadership and revolutionary impulsion, and their support for the regime is often only half-hearted, but this lack of fervor is not equivalent to active opposition.

The numerical strength and economic weight of the intellectuals is probably quite inferior to that of the Chinese community in Saigon-Cholon, whose dissatisfactions and grievances, however, very few Viet-

namese critics share. Furthermore, the Saigon-centered intellectual oppositionists have thus far shown little evident interest in the problems of land tenancy and land reform, or in social welfare measures in general. One might infer therefore that their interests are not always identical with those of the mass of the people.

The difference between a country such as Vietnam and an "advanced" Western country must not be overlooked. Many advanced countries possess traditions of democracy, institutions for democratic controls, responsible, broadly based opposition parties, general literacy and participation in political life. Such conditions do not prevail in most "underdeveloped" countries.⁵ The mass of the people in a country like Vietnam cannot be vitally concerned with freedom of the press if they see no newspaper from the day of their birth to the moment of their death. Improvements in their lot must come through governmental action, which suggests that for the Vietnamese rural population effective and competent administration is infinitely more important than a "liberal" administration.

And yet, most observers contend that Vietnam's leaders have too inflexibly restricted the areas of freedom. It is in some measure because of this rigidity that the regime has failed to enlist the active cooperation of the intellectuals in Vietnam, other than those directly involved in the business of government. However, given the obvious necessity for countering insurrection with a firm hand, and given also the demonstrated factionalist attitudes and activities of the majority of the intellectuals, whether they could be induced to support *any* regime may be seriously questioned.

The coup of November 10, 1960, was managed by a small group of middle-level army officers in collaboration with a scattering of oppositionist politicians. During the 36 hours before the last rebel paratroop units surrendered, the insurgents grappled with the problems of mounting a *coup d'état*, such as the evidently unanticipated canniness of President Ngo Dinh Diem, blockaded inside the palace, and the fact that the other 98 per cent of the armed forces, plus the entire police force, remained loyal. Furthermore, neither the civilian "opposition" nor the general public joined in the uprising. But even as the revolt failed, there were dark suggestions that it would not be the last. In the five years since the establishment of the republic, President Ngo had accomplished much in the way of fundamental change and material progress for his people. And yet, quiet, reserved and undramatic leader that he is, he had not succeeded in the basic task of developing strong popular support for and recognition of the achievements of his regime.

The leaders of the coup publicly justified their action by stating that they intended to strengthen, liberalize and cleanse the government, which they accused of nepotism and of inefficiency in the fight against the Communists. The government's reaction to the charge of nepotism was to point out that the projected rebel government would merely have substituted another family for the one currently in power. As a

5. An able, general analysis of these aspects of political development is that of Edward Shils, "Political Development in the New States," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, April 1960, pages 265-92.

matter of fact, it would be hard under present circumstances to find competent leaders who would not bring relatives into the government. This state of affairs is due to the size of Vietnamese families, the strength of family ties and the fact that education—and therefore qualification for public office—is found only in relatively few persons belonging to a small number of formerly privileged families whose members had the good fortune to receive an education under the colonial regime. The question, then, is not whether an uncle in the government has nephews in high positions, but whether the nephews are qualified. A family such as the Ngo—aristocratic, cultured, prominent and talented—would have members in official positions under any open regime. And in the restricted society that prevails, these persons have status and power by virtue of their kinship and loyalty as well as their ability.

Although the president himself is the only member of his immediate family to hold an official position in the government, two of his brothers, Ngo Dinh Can and Ngo Dinh Nhu, who wield much informal political power, have frequently been accused of corruption, as has Nhu's wife, a member of the National Assembly. Such charges have been investigated, but no evidence has yet been advanced to persuade impartial observers that any of the family has been personally enriched through his position. The unofficial status of Nhu and Can nevertheless gives rise to gossip and lends credence to accusations of their abuse of power. If such criticisms are difficult to assess objectively, there is no denying that the very existence of such family relationships at the center of power inevitably creates uneasiness and distrust, and thereby increases the vulnerability of the regime. Certainly the November conspirators believed that hostility toward the reputedly excessive political power of members of the president's family was exploitable.

At the time, many critics voiced the hope that the revolt would alert the regime to the unrest in the country and that a measure of reform, including some relaxation of restrictions on political activity, would result. At this writing, the Saigon administration has announced certain initial reforms. For one, village youth will henceforth be represented on village councils by elected councilors. This move is said to be a first step toward holding popular elections for the village councils as a whole. Second, 14 of the 20 agencies attached to the president's office are to be transferred to appropriate cabinet departments. Third, to strengthen coordination and control of governmental activities, various departments will be grouped under Coordinating Secretaries of State (specifically, for economic development, security, and cultural and social affairs).⁶ And the Secretary of the Interior, charged with provincial administration, announced at a press conference that the government was going to take "new drastic measures against civil servants found guilty of abuse of power, brutality, or vexation toward the population; they will be mercilessly punished and immediately suspended."⁷

Despite the insecure conditions in parts of the southern provinces, President Ngo has ordered that presidential elections be held as pre-

6. *Vietnam Press*, February 7, 1961 (Morning), H.1-H.7.

7. *The Times of Vietnam*, February 8, and 21, 1961, reported the discharge of two district chiefs for "abuse of power" and "maladministration."

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Dear Friend:

You will, I am sure, be very happy to learn that our salute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -- a truly great American Jewish leader -- is meeting with a wonderful response among the Landsmanshaften, Fraternal and Folks Organizations in Greater New York.

It is now some time since we sent you our invitation to the gala reception for Dr. Silver and the dinner which will take place on Wednesday, June 7th, 1961, at 6:30 P.M. at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. We still have not received your reservation, therefore our urgent request that you fill out the enclosed form and return it to me without delay.

I am confident that you and your organization will not want to miss this great historic event, at which Dr. Silver will receive the first Israel Bond Fraternal Award in recognition of his dedicated services to Zion Reborn.

Participating in this dinner will be the most outstanding representatives of the Jewish community in New York. This gala occasion also will serve as our celebration of the 13th Anniversary of the State of Israel.

Please note that every Organization or individual purchasing or selling \$1,300 worth of Bonds will be our guest and entitled to a free ticket. Additional tickets may be obtained upon payment of \$10.00 per person (checks made payable to Development Corporation for Israel.)

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With every good wish and warm personal regards during this Bar Mitzvah year.

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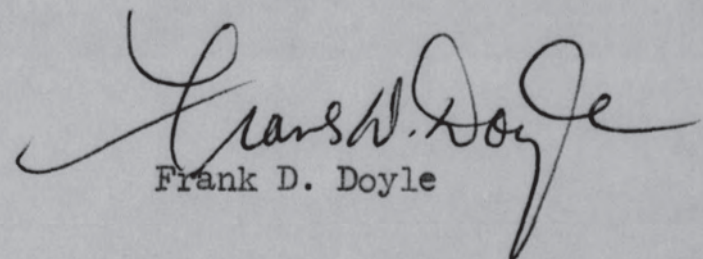
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I would also suggest in all part with that the role of American Zionism and the American Jewish community in the establishment of the State of Israel should not be passed over lightly by Israeli or their leaders.

This is not the occasion to review what the American Jewish community contributed to the reestablishment of the State of Israel. ^{under the leadership of American Zionism}

This is the work for future historians whose conclusions will not be slanted, I am sure, or guided by jaundiced party interests. But I believe, and I believe that you will agree with me, that without the remarkable rallying of the forces of American Jews in the critical years which preceded the establishment of the State, without their monumental activities in arousing and marshalling public opinion in this country, without their forceful political activity, and without their generous outpouring of substance and financial support, the State of Israel would not have been established. This is not to say that the entire credit for this heroic achievement is to be given to the American Jewish community - far from it. Many important forces merged in the final achievement, and in the first instance the heroic self-sacrifice on the part of the fighting Jews of Palestine. But the fact remains that the great political victories which culminated in the decision of the United Nations, and in the recognition of the State of Israel by the American Government, were due, in a very large measure, to the activities of the American Jewish community.

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The American Jewish community will survive if it will remain faithful to the basic dogma of Jewish existence - the sense of group solidarity, of peoplehood, of belonging to an historic Jewish community which cuts across time and space, and which is centered in a life covenant with the eternal principles of Judaism and with universal Israel. The American Jewish community of tomorrow will draw strength from continued and increased cultural and spiritual contacts with Israel. Israel may draw cultural and spiritual strength in the future from contacts with the American Jewish community if this community will be strong in Jewish learning and vital. Often in the past, Jewish life in Palestine was replenished by spiritual and cultural influences coming from Jewish centers outside Palestine. Both Judaism and the Hebrew language at times had to struggle for survival even in Palestine. ~~At this very time Judaism is passing through a severe crisis of adjustment in Israel.~~ The guiding principle should be maximal participation in American life and maximal devotion to its progress and security, along with maximal interest in, and support of, Israel. The guiding objective both for the Jews in America and the rest of the Diaspora, as well as the Jews in the State of Israel, should be the survival of Judaism, which alone has given meaning and glory to our history.

I am persuaded that the synagogue will be the institution primarily responsible for the survival of the American Jewish community, ^{in the future} as it has been responsible for our survival throughout our Dispersion. To fulfill this task, the synagogue must become much

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more a place of religious education than it has been heretofore. An essential feature of this Jewish religious education is the teaching of the Hebrew language, in which our religious culture has most fully expressed itself. No Jewish community ever survived for long which ignored Hebrew. No Jewish community ever contributed culturally to Jewish life which did not foster the Hebrew language and literature. The Hebrew language is not only the repository of our most glorious cultural trophies. It has been a powerful instrument for progress and renewal in Jewish life, and the bond of union, and the chain of continuity. The Hebrew language served our people as the weapon with which to batter down the spiritual and intellectual walls of the ghetto. It was the highway along which our people moved into the modern world. One cannot, of course, think of our national renaissance movement from the early Hivvat Zion days to the recent crowning days of struggle and victory without thinking of the brilliant galaxy of Hebrew writers, poets, and essayists who inspired and sustained it.

If we are thinking of any cultural link in the future between Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora, then we must be thinking in terms of the Hebrew language. We must raise generations of Jews who will be able to read the language in which the future cultural creations of Israel will be cast.

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The Jewish people has come through these thirteen searching years, vindicated in its loyalty, confirmed in the solidarity, strengthened in spirit, and with *increased* dignity and confidence. It rose to the challenge of the hour. It did not let itself down. It did not burke its great historic moment. It might have done more, and I believe that it will assuredly do more in the future, but no people in history, so widely scattered, so varied and so ramified, has ever done as much.

What now of the future?

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Israel intends to become a helpful member of the international community and to share with the less developed nations its experience and its knowledge.

Israel intends to be a peaceful society, seeking peace and pursuing it.

In the past thirteen years, Israel has announced, by its faithful allegiance to the free world, the development of its educational system and its institutions of higher learning, its advanced social legislation, the aid which it has extended to less developed nations of Africa and Asia, and the maintenance of peace, in the face of boycott, blockade and the menacing contrivances of its unreconciled neighbors, the ground-tone of its chosen way of life, its fundamental purposes and dominant interests as a nation.

All this is in complete accord with the ancient and noble traditions of our people. This is what makes us rejoice today as Israel completes its thirteen prologue years of testing and probation, even more than its extraordinary material progress.

Every one who has had a hand in helping to bring Israel into being and in assisting in its growth -- as you have assisted through the purchase of Bonds for Israel and in other ways -- may feel proud and deeply gratified. Especially may our people's pioneers who fought so valiantly and built so well in Israel. There is the exaltation of men who have sown in tears and have reaped in song.

The Jewish people has come through these thirteen searching years, vindicated in its loyalty, confirmed in the solidarity, strengthened in spirit, and with increased dignity and confidence. It rose to the challenge of the hour. It did not let itself down. It did not burke its great historic moment. It might have done more, and I believe that it will assuredly do more in the future, but no people in history, so widely scattered, so varied and so ramified, has ever done as much.

What now of the future?

It would be nice if we could "dip into the future and see the visions of the world and all the wonders that would be", but we cannot do it. No one can guarantee the future of a people, or of the human race, but God Himself, and He has evidently chosen to keep us guessing. He seems to have said to us, though not in so many words, keep working and have faith. Those in the past who had faith and worked in despite of all uncertainty and discouragement, won through. The very success of our movement and the notable achievements in Israel are supreme triumphs of faith; for everything pointed to certain failure and defeat.

The days to come will make even greater demands upon our faith and perseverance than ever before. Israel will not be able to escape the political tensions and pressures of the world of which it is a part. Grave, unsolved problems -- internal and external -- still remain. Danger lurks upon its borders. Bourguiba of Tunisia, on his recent official visit to the United States, and since, in other countries, delivered himself of violent, inflammable, and baseless attacks upon Israel. "Death to Israel", is still the chief slogan of every Arab politician who wishes to ride into power in his country. The timid among us and those who are not inured to the long, hard pull and the difficult stretch will fall away. The brave of heart, those who have faith in Israel, in Israel's destiny, in themselves and in the endless resources of the human spirit, will carry on, and will score rewarding victories in the exciting days which lie ahead. Faith will be the bridge which will carry us over.

I note that even in this thirteenth year of Israel's existence, there are still some Jews who are concerned about the political relationship between the State of Israel and Jews who live in other lands.

There is, for example, an organization of American Jews, called the American Jewish Committee, which has a long and honorable record of service in defense of Jewish rights here and abroad. While originally it was tardy in assisting the Zionist movement, and for a time actually set its face against it, it did join in the final hour of decision the overwhelming majority of American Jews who favored the re-establishment of the Jewish State, and it has been loyally cooperative ever since. From time to time, however, it finds itself troubled in mind and wants to be re-assured. It wants to make certain about this thing called dual loyalty. It wants to make sure that the government

of Israel will not interfere in the affairs of American Jews. So that on occasions and on its own, and without consulting other representative Jewish organizations, it will elicit formal re-assurances from the Prime Minister of Israel. The latter, who has a kind word to say to everybody, except to Zionists, gladly gives them what they want to know. I personally believe that this exchange of query and response is quite pointless. Dual allegiance was never a fact in Jewish experience. It exists only in the arsenal of the anti-Semite and in the minds of the frightened and insecure Jew. Jews have always been loyal citizens in the lands of their adoption, just as the English, French or Italians, who found new homes in other countries.

It should be clear to every right-thinking man that no one in Israel can commit the Jews of America any more than the Jews in America can dictate to the State of Israel. If certain American Jews feel insecure in their citizenship, this insecurity existed long before the establishment of the State of Israel, which, by common consent, has rather raised the status and fortified the position of the Jews in the eyes of the American people. The only way Israel can embarrass the Jews of the United States is by not living up to its promise of a free and just society. The only way the Jews of the world can embarrass Israel is by with-holding from the pioneers the tools which they require to build the State. It is in this sense, and in this sense only, that our fortunes comprehend each other. Only good will, voluntary cooperation, trust and discretion can serve as a permanent two-way bridge between Israel and the diaspora. Whatever obligations the Jews of the world assume towards Israel are self-imposed. They are part of our obligations to the Jewish people. They are the obligations of historic kinship, of members of a community pledged to mutual assistance ().

The Jews of the world cannot, and will not remain mere neutral spectators to the heroic drama of Israel re-born. This is not the occasion to review what the American Jewish community contributed to the re-establishment of the State of Israel. This is the work for future historians whose conclusions will not be slanted, I am sure, or guided by jaundiced party interests. But I believe, and I believe that you will agree with me, that without the remarkable rallying of the forces of American Jews in the critical years which preceded the establishment of the State, without their monumental activities in arousing and marshalling public opinion in this country, without their forceful political activity, and without their generous outpouring of substance and financial support, the State of Israel would not have been established. This is not to say that the entire credit for this heroic achievement is to be given to the American Jewish community -- far from it. Many important forces merged in the final achievement, and in the first instance the heroic self-sacrifice on the part of the fighting Jews of Palestine. But the fact remains that the great political victories which culminated in the decision of the United Nations, and in the recognition of the State of Israel by the American Government, were due, in a very large measure, to the activities of the American Jewish community.

In this connection, might we suggest in all good-will that it is neither the function nor the competence of Israel's leaders to decide who is an American and who is not, or who is a Jew and who is not, who is a Zionist and who is not. Their sole competence is to decide who is an Israeli and who is not. When the head of the Israeli government, in the heat of a controversy, striking at some political rival over the heads of American Zionists, blunderingly suggests that one cannot be ^aloyal Jew and a loyal American at the same time, he is unintentionally using the poisoned arrows of all anti-Semites.

Apart from the inveterate opposition to the State of Israel on the part of Arab governments -- which may in time be attenuated -- there are still some Jews and some non-Jews who are very unhappy about its very existence. Professor Arnold Toynbee, the historian, is a case in point. On the strength of a vast accumulation of historic inaccuracies, he now presumes to pass final judgments on all world events, past and present, and has assumed the role of a prophet to the nations. Israel and Zionism are his particular burden and parable. Zionism and anti-Semitism are, in his view, expressions of an identical point of view. The watchword of anti-Semitism is "Back to the medieval ghetto". Zionism simply seeks to gather all the far-flung ghettos in the world into one single consolidated ghetto in Israel.

You will recall that this same professor declared not long ago that Judaism survived through the centuries "only as a fossil", and that the Jews were among the relics of the Syriac civilization. He has since reconsidered his views about Judaism. Judaism is now a unique and quite exalted religion which, if it could only be separated from the Jews, would have a great future in the world. Professor Toynbee is now all out for Judaism, but without Jews!

The American Council for Judaism, whose fair-haired boy Professor Toynbee has become, goes him one better. Judging by a recent article in the Council's publication, "The Jewish Newsletter", the Council wants neither Jews nor Judaism. Its editor writes: "While Jewish nationalism in the Diaspora is certainly bound to disappear in the Western world, particularly in the United States, it is not at all certain that American Jews will turn to Jewish religion in any form to take the place of nationalism. Modern Judaism has nothing to offer to the Christian or Jewish world. There is more prophetic Judaism in Quakerism, Unitarianism and other liberal Protestant or even Catholic groups than in the whole of modern Judaism, including the Reform movement. As for modern Jews,

if they hunger and thirst for religion, it is certainly not for Jewish tribalism and its ideological front, known as Judaism."

We have always suspected that the American Council for Judaism hates not only Zionism -- which it has so bitterly and so meanly fought -- but Jews and Judaism as well. The name of the organization is a camouflage for self-hate, apostasy and betrayal.

But what is in the minds of these deceived prophets and Jewish escapists shall never come to pass. Others before them had tried, by sword or pen, to expirpate Jew or Judaism, or both, Because of them, Israel has suffered much, but it has nevertheless survived. Israel is not abdicating as a people in order to serve as pilot or test-tube for some faceless international amalgam such as Professor Toynbee dreams of. We suggest that the professor first persuade Great Britain, his own native "ghetto" homeland, to take on the role of pioneer. Israel can afford to wait and see what the great nations of the world intend to do about this interesting proposal. The Jewish people intends to live and not die for Judaism.

Israel has re-built now for the third time its national home which had been twice destroyed. This should give the historian some clue to the character of this unique people, the creator and protagonist through the ages of a unique faith, both of whom survived together all the wars and weathers of the centuries. Loyal Jews will do their utmost in the days to come to strengthen and support the State of Israel. They will also work for a vital and dynamic Judaism every-where. They will make their contribution to mankind in the future as their forefathers did in the past by remaining true to themselves and their heritage.

We salute Israel in joy and hope on this thirteenth anniversary.

May the Guardian of Israel prosper it in the years to come. (

). "May Israel dwell in safety in a land of grain and wine.

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ABRA HILLEL SILVER
June 7, 1961
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Dr. Silver has served as President of the Zionist Organization of America, and Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. His was the voice of the Jewish people at the United Nations when the issue of Israel was debated in that international body.

Dr. Silver, a profound scholar and brilliant orator, now serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization. We are privileged to confer upon him the first Israel Bond Fraternal Award as an expression of our admiration for his tremendous achievements on behalf of Israel.

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(L to R) Arthur I. Rosenberg, Mayor Robert Wagner, Ossip Walinsky,
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DR. SILVER HONORED BY ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION; SAYS ISRAEL SEEKS PEACE

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader and chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, declared tonight that Israel "has linked its political destiny with that of the free peoples of the earth" and that the Jewish State, now marking its 13th year, "intends to be a peaceful society, seeking peace and pursuing it." *Jewish Telegraphic Agency - June 8, 1961*

Dr. Silver's address was delivered before more than 500 communal and religious leaders at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, who joined to pay tribute to him at an Israel Bond reception. More than \$500,000 in Israel bonds was purchased in his honor at the event, which was addressed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Binyamin Eliav, Israel's Consul-General in New York.

Mayor Wagner, in hailing Dr. Silver's services to the cause of Israel, praised New Yorkers for supporting the Israel bond drive. Mr. Eliav, representing the Israel Government at the tribute, reported that unemployment had been virtually wiped out in Israel and that "the national income is filtering down more and more to the strata of new immigrants who, for years, suffered from chronic unemployment." This progress, he declared, has been achieved, thanks to Israel bond capital, "through the industrialization of the new urban centers in the outlying parts of the country."

Dr. Silver was presented with the first annual Israel Bond Fraternal Award, a silver and ebony plaque with a carved Lion of Judah on it, surrounded by a set of coins of modern Israel. The award was presented to Dr. Silver "who by his friendship and love for the people and the State of Israel and by his long and distinguished record of leadership in that nation's historic struggle to achieve economic security and independence, has won the hearts of all who serve the cause of Zion reborn."

ISRAEL HAS LINKED ITS DESTINY WITH FREE WORLD, DR. SILVER DECLARES

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NEW YORK (WNS) The State of Israel "has linked its political destiny with that of the free peoples of the earth" and it "intends to be a peaceful society, seeking peace and pursuing it," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared here at a reception tendered in his honor by the Fraternal division of the Israel Bond Organization.

Dr. Silver, who is chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, was presented with the first annual Israel Bond Fraternal Award for "friendship and love for the people and State of Israel" and for "his long and distinguished record of leadership in that nation's historic struggle to achieve economic security and independence." More than \$500,000 in Israel bonds was purchased in his honor at the event. Among the speakers were Mayor Robert F. Wagner of the City of New York and Binyamin Eliav, Israeli Consul-General in N.Y.

June 9, 1961

My dear Mr. Helvarg:

At Dr. Silver's request, I am enclosing herewith receipted bills which Dr. were paid by him at the Statler-Hilton.

Best regards.



Very sincerely,

Beatrice F. May (Mrs.)
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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June 12, 1961

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
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East 105th Street & Silver Park
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Dear Mrs. May:

Enclosed is our check for \$24.23 to
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as per your note of June 9th.



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Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are air tickets for your trip to New York City, Wednesday, June 7th, for the Fraternal Bond Dinner in your honor. Your schedule is as follows:

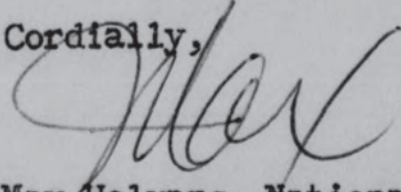
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Arrive:	Cleveland	June 8	1:45 pm EDT	#235

I plan to meet you at the airport and take you to the Statler-Hilton where a reservation has been made for you. The Dinner that evening will take place at 6:30 P.M., and promises to be a festive occasion with an expected attendance of 500. Attire for the evening is a dark business suit.

I will speak to you on Tuesday and advise you of last minute changes and arrangements, if any.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially,


 Max Helvarg, National Director
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July 5, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105 St. and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

These belated lines of deepest thanks and appreciation for your wonderful contribution to our most successful Bond campaign held on June 7th, are due to my absence from the office because of temporary illness.

Please be assured that the more than 2,600 Landsmanshaften, Fraternal orders and Folks organizations - all friends and devoted followers of yours during a lifetime of service to Jewry in general and to Israel in particular - will forever remember the great historical event marked by your distinguished address calling for greater Jewish unity and greater participation in the economic and spiritual rebirth of Israel.

It was indeed a privilege to share the podium with you and I am looking forward to similar occasions in the near future.

With best wishes and kindest regards from all officers and members of the Council of Presidents of the Landsmanshaften and Fraternal organization, I am,

Most cordially and sincerely yours,

Ossip Walinsky
OSSIP WALINSKY,
Chairman
Fraternal Division

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Celebrate Israel's Bar Mitzvah Year

July 10, 1961

Mr. Ossip Walinsky
State of Israel Bonds
215 Park Avenue South
New York 3, New York

My dear friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of July 5th. I enjoyed my meeting with your organization tremendously. It was a lovely meeting and I was especially pleased to meet you and to hear you.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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215 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

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October 20, 1961

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East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As always, it was a pleasure to speak with you again and we are all delighted with the fact that you have agreed to speak at the Brooklyn borough-wide dinner December 20th.

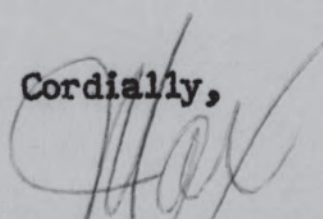
I have just notified our manager for the area and the Brooklyn leadership and was told that they are proceeding immediately to implement plans and preparations for this event, the work for which had been held back pending confirmation of your acceptance.

This dinner is the most important overall function for 1961 in Brooklyn, and your gracious acceptance to speak that evening will greatly enhance the success of this meeting. I am now making the necessary arrangements for our trips and will be in touch with you as soon as the details are completed. For your information I want to note the three cities involved and the corresponding dates:

Saturday - November 5th - Cincinnati
Tuesday - November 21st - Dallas
Wednesday - December 20th - New York City

With warmest personal regards and my congratulations to Mrs. Silver and you on the birth of your newest granddaughter, I remain

Cordially,


Max Helvarg, National Director
Community Leadership Division

MH/fw



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October 27, 1961

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. May:

This is being sent for Dr. Silver's
information, only.



Sincerely,

Florence Weinstein, Sec'y. to
Max Helvarg, National Director
Community Leadership Division

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enc.

October 27, 1961

Mrs. Miriam Norton
MacMillan Company
60 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Norton:

In accord with our understanding I am noting below the meetings which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will address for the State of Israel Bonds in the course of the next few weeks. Our representatives in these cities have been alerted to the fact that you will arrange through your sources for the designation of a local book dealer to contact them; that these dealers will:

1. Arrange to have a supply of Dr. Silver's latest book, "Moses and the Original Torah" available at these meetings
2. That the book dealer will provide a person to handle and sell these books at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dr. Silver has agreed to autograph the copies as they are sold. An appropriate announcement will be made during the course of the evening advising the audience of the fact that these books are available for purchase by the guests.

Details regarding quantities, manner of display, etc. will be worked out between the local book seller and our representative. It is understood, of course, that the State of Israel Bond Organization incurs no financial obligation or responsibility in connection with these arrangements.

The dates of the meetings and other pertinent data follow:

NOVEMBER 5th

Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Sam Dallob, City Manager
Development Corp. for Israel
18 East 4th Street
Room 803
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Mrs. Norton

October 27, 1961

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NOVEMBER 21st

Dallas, Texas

Mr. Walter Dworkis, City Manager
Development Corp. for Israel
Life of America Building Suite 1024
311 South Acard Street
Dallas 2, Tex.

DECEMBER 10th

New York City

Mr. Philip Chasin, Director
Development Corp. for Israel
215 Park Avenue South
New York 3, N. Y.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially,

Max Helvarg, National Director
Community Leadership Division

MH:fw

cc: Sam Dallob
Walter Dworkis
Philip Chasin



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October 30, 1961

Mrs. Beatrice F. May
Sec'y to Dr. A. H. Silver
East 105th Street & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mrs. May:

With reference to a copy of a letter dated October 27th, addressed to Mrs. Norton of MacMillan Company which I sent you the other day for the attention of Dr. Silver, please note that a regrettable typographical error indicates the New York City date as December 10th.

This is not correct. The correct date is Wednesday - December 20th. Please make the appropriate change on Dr. Silver's copy.

Sincerely,

Florence Weinstein, Sec'y to
Max Helvarg, National Director
Community Leadership Division

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Dr. Silver - please
note.

In Honor of
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Fifteen years ago, almost to the very date of this tribute to him, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, one of the most eloquent voices in Jewish history, addressed the United Nations on behalf of the Jewish people and in favor of the creation of a Jewish State in what was then Palestine.

Dr. Silver spoke with an extraordinary eloquence that enraptured the diplomats of the world seated in the great hall at Flushing Meadow; at the same time he stirred the emotions of hundreds upon hundreds of Jews sitting in the galleries hoping to hear from his lips those very words which would justify before the world the reestablishment of a Jewish State for the first time in 2,000 years.

Dr. Silver's address reverberated throughout the corridors of history as well as through the United Nations and to this day this single speech has justifiably been credited with having been the most persuasive address delivered by any champion of the cause of Zion Reborn.

It is, therefore, most fitting that at this time we pay tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for his lifetime of service to his people. A native East Side boy who organized one of the earliest Zionist clubs in the area and inculcated the spirit of Zionism among thousands of fellow East Siders, Dr. Silver became President of the Zionist Organization of America, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization. He has stood in the forefront of every major effort to advance the security, the culture and the economy of Israel.

We are proud that he is in our midst; that he continues to inspire us; and that he plays a key role in the Israel Bond drive which is so vital to the people and the State of Israel.

The East Side Community

cordially invites you to attend a

Testimonial Dinner

in honor of

Dr. Alta Hillel Silver

on the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations Resolution

to establish a Jewish State in Palestine

Sunday Evening, November 25, 1962

at six o'clock

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

50th Street and Park Avenue

New York City

In Behalf of State of Israel Bonds

R. S. V. P.

Dress Informal

Couvert: \$15.00 per person

After-dinner dancing with Irving Fields and His Orchestra

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER TESTIMONIAL DINNER COMMITTEE

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DEAR MR. FEDERBUSH:

I shall be pleased to attend the Testimonial Dinner in tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on Sunday evening, November 25, 1962 at 6:00 P.M. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, 50th Street and Park Avenue, New York City.

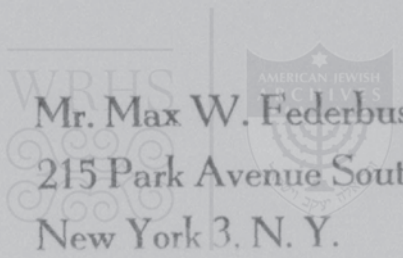
Enclosed is my check for \$..... forreservations at \$15.00 per person.

Name

Address

Please make check payable to MURRAY KNECHT, Co-Chairman.

(List names and addresses of your guests on reverse side)



Mr. Max W. Federbush
215 Park Avenue South
New York 3, N. Y.

Suite 1400-M



Waldorf-Astoria

New York City - November 25, 1962

Ambassador & Mrs. Pinto of Dahomay, Dr. Silver and
Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum



New York City - November 25, 1962

The East Side Community
Dinner honoring
Dr. A. H. Silver

sitting: Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, Murray Knecht, Max W. Federbush, Moe
Rosenberg, Bernard Packman

standing: Al Goldberg, Mr. Orenstein, Isaac Freilich, Abe Harmate
with Dr. Silver



New York City - November 25, 1962

The East Side Community
Testimonial Dinner

Amb. and Mrs. Pinto of Dahomy, Max Federbush, Murray Knecht
with Dr. Silver



Waldorf-Astoria
New York City - November 25, 1962

The East Side Community Testimonial
Dinner to Dr. Silver

On the 15th Anniversary of the United Nations
Resolution to establish a Jewish State in Palestine

Abe Harmate, Orenstein, Max Federbush, Amb. Pinto, Israel Cummings, Dr. Silver,
Bernard Packman, Moe Rosenberg, Al Goldberg and their ladies - Murray Knecht.



New York City - November 25, 1962

The East Side Community
Testimonial Dinner

Dr. Silver with Ambassador and Mrs. Pinto and Mr. and Mrs.
Israel Cummings

From the desk of

MAX HELVARG

December 27, 1962

TO: MRS. BEATRICE F. MAY

Mr. Helvarg asked me to send this
to you for Dr. Silver's files.

Florence Weinstein
Florence Weinstein, Sec'y.

The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

From: STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS
215 Park Avenue South
New York 3, New York
Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Public Relations

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

ISRAEL BOND BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONFERENCE JANUARY 12-13 TO INAUGURATE
FIRST YEAR OF REDEMPTION; PLAN 1963 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AID

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The first year of the redemption of State of Israel Bonds will be ushered in at a special 1963 planning conference of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced this week by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the Board.

The conference will be held on Saturday evening, January 12 and Sunday, January 13 at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel in New York City. More than 250 key Jewish leaders of the United States and Canada will participate.

The first Israel Independence Savings Bonds, sold in 1951, will become payable starting May 1, 1963, Dr. Silver pointed out.

"This is impressive evidence," he stated, "of the historic progress which Israel has made on the road to economic independence with the aid of the funds provided through Israel Bonds.

"There is also a special historic significance in the fact that the redemption of these Bonds will begin almost at the same time that Israel celebrates its fifteenth anniversary as an independent nation. These two great milestones will highlight the country's encouraging growth since May, 1948.

"At the same time, the Board of Governors conference will deal with the need for future development, especially the reclamation of the Negev. Substantial progress has already been made with the aid of Israel Bonds, but the program for the development of the Negev is a vast undertaking which calls for intensified economic assistance.

"The heart of Israel's massive development effort still lies ahead. It is an immediate and impelling challenge to the creative spirit of the people of Israel and to the understanding and cooperation of Jewry in other parts of the free world," Dr. Silver said.

The conference will discuss Israel's development needs in 1963 and its plans for economic growth, with special emphasis on the Negev, which is the most decisive area for the country's future. A report on Israel's economic program for the coming year will be presented to the conference by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President of the Israel Bond Organization, who is returning early next week from conferences with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other government leaders on the 1963 campaign.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL

State of Israel Bonds

215 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. OREGON 7-9650



From the office of
MEYER F. STEINGLASS
Director of Public Relations

January 8, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the suggestion of Dr. Schwartz I am sending you herewith a brief outline of the purpose of our Board of Governors Conference and the items to be considered during the course of its sessions on Saturday evening, Jan. 12th, and Sunday morning, Jan. 13th.

I hope that you will find this material helpful in connection with the preparation of your address which is scheduled to open the Conference at the dinner on Saturday.

If time permits, we would appreciate if you could bring with you on your arrival on Friday, some advance excerpts for distribution to the press.

With many thanks and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Public
Relations

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Encl.

REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE ISSUE BONDS BEGINS MAY 1, 1963

BROOKLYN ZIONIST REGION
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של ארצות הברית
ברוקלין



ההסתדרות הציונית
גליל ציוני

February 13, 1963

Dear Fellow Zionist:

The first public appearance in many years in Brooklyn of one of the world's leading Zionist leaders -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver -- will take place at the Purim Salute to Israel on Thursday, February 28 at 8 P.M. in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

We feel you will want to share with other Zionists the deep enjoyment and privilege of seeing and listening to a man of Dr. Silver's stature and eminence in Jewish affairs. The Purim Salute offers us all a rare opportunity to pay homage to him for his historic effort in making Zionism a forceful instrument in re-establishing the Jewish Homeland. Dr. Silver has long -- and very deservedly -- been acclaimed as one of world Jewry's most eloquent spokesmen.

You can participate in this truly gala event by buying Israel Bonds for which you will receive free tickets for reserved seats. At this time, during Israel's fifteenth anniversary year, when the country is seriously engaged in the program of Negev development, every Zionist owes his allegiance to the cause of strengthening Israel's economy.

Dr. Silver's visit to Brooklyn offers us just such an opportunity.

Enclosed is a subscription form and a self-addressed envelope for your convenience in making a speedy request for your free tickets. Since the best seats will be offered on a first come, first served basis, why not fill out the subscription form and return it with your check today?

We can assure you of a fine evening of entertainment and a worthwhile salute to Israel. Please join us by acting now.

Sincerely,

HYMAN J. FLIEGEL, President

HAROLD W. CARMELY

Chairman, Administrative Comm.

ALBERT D. SCHANZER

National Vice Pres.

CSD

P.S. The program at the Purim Salute will feature television's newest comedy star, Jackie Mason; and a fine cast of other American and Israeli artists.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Eagle

FEB 21 1963

Rabbi Silver to Be Feted at Boro's Salute to Israel

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, world-famed leader and spokesman of the American Zionist movement, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at Brooklyn's 1963 Purim Salute to Israel to be held next Thursday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Academy of Music, under the sponsorship of the Brooklyn Division of State of Israel Bonds.

The Purim Salute, which will offer a program of entertainment by United States and Israeli artists, will open Brooklyn's 1963 campaign to provide Israel Bond investment funds for the economic development of Israel and the reclamation of the Negev, Israel's southern desert region.

Admission is by purchase of State of Israel Bonds.

Jackie Mason, the television comedy star, will headline the entertainment. Also par-

ticipating will be Tova Porat, Israeli singer; Cantor Chaskele Ritter, who will appear with the Saper-Hazamir Choir; The Four Ayalons, Israeli comedy group, and the Sabras, a team of Israeli singers and dancers.

Dr. Silver, who is chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, is a former president of the Zionist Organization of America and former chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He was chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council during the period when the United Nations was discussing the creation of the State of Israel in 1947. Israel was established as a free nation in 1948.

Following his graduation from the University of Cincinnati in 1915 and his ordination as a rabbi by the Hebrew Union College in the same year, Dr. Silver rendered special war service, for which he was decorated by the French Government. In 1917, he became spiritual leader of The Temple, in Cleveland, which, under his leadership, has become one of the foremost Jewish congregations in the country.

President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1945 to 1947, Dr. Silver holds honorary degrees from Western Reserve University and the Hebrew Union College. He is the author of "Messianic Speculations in Israel," "World Crisis and Jewish Survival," and numerous pamphlets and monographs.

Thursday, February 28, 1963

TO BE HEARD HERE



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**Silver to Be Feted
At Brooklyn's Purim
Salute to Israel**

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Admission to the event will be free to those who purchase State of Israel Bonds.

Jackie Mason, one of television's newest comedy stars, will headline the entertainment portion of the program. Also participating will be Tova Porat, Israeli singer; Cantor Chaskele Ritter, who will appear with the Saper-Hazamir Choir,

Hon. Edward S. Silver
cordially invites

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to a Dinner Reception for
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
World Jewish Leader

Thursday, February 28, 1963
6:00 P.M.

Hotel Granada
Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

to be held prior to the celebration of
Brooklyn's Purim Salute to Israel

in cooperation with
Brooklyn Cabinet of State of Israel Bonds

Edward S. Silver
Suite 1400-K
215 Park Avenue South
New York 3, N. Y.

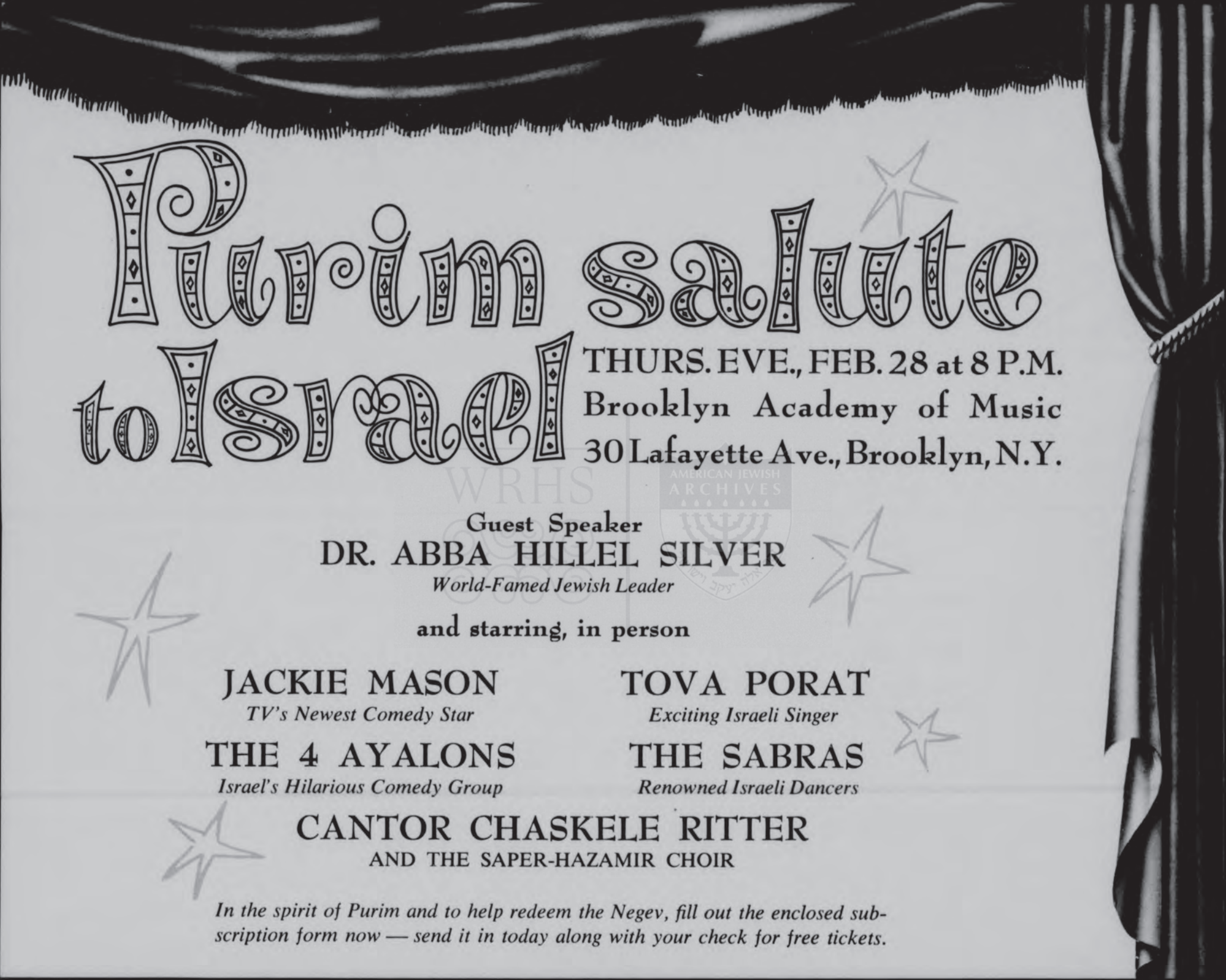


BROOKLYN'S GALA 1963

Purim salute to Israel

Thursday Eve., February 28 at 8 P.M.
BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC
30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.





Purim Salute to Israel

THURS. EVE., FEB. 28 at 8 P.M.
Brooklyn Academy of Music
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Guest Speaker
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
World-Famed Jewish Leader

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JACKIE MASON
TV's Newest Comedy Star

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Exciting Israeli Singer

THE 4 AYALONS
Israel's Hilarious Comedy Group

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Renowned Israeli Dancers

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AND THE SAPER-HAZAMIR CHOIR

In the spirit of Purim and to help redeem the Negev, fill out the enclosed subscription form now — send it in today along with your check for free tickets.

BUY ISRAEL BONDS TO GET FREE TICKETS

PURIM—1963

ISRAEL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

This year, when we mark the joyous holiday of Purim, we also celebrate a landmark in Jewish history—Israel's 15th Anniversary. We in Brooklyn, who stand in the vanguard of supporters of the Israel Bond campaign, take special pride in Israel's achievements during the past decade and a half. For the people of the Jewish State, with our aid, have accepted the tremendous challenge of redeeming the Negev desert and bringing, for tens of thousands of newcomers, new life to that once-barren area of Israel.

There is additional cause for our renewed faith in Israel this year, for the Israel Government has announced that it will begin to redeem the Independence Bonds offered to the free world over a decade ago. Israel's ability to meet its financial obligations to those who had the faith to invest in Israel in its earliest years is one of the surest signs of that nation's economic stability and security.

The word Redemption, therefore, becomes the keynote of Brooklyn's Purim Salute to Israel, for just as Queen Esther helped to redeem the Jewish people from their Persian oppressors, Israel has redeemed the glory and dignity of Jews by virtue of its remarkable successes as a modern nation.

The 1963 Purim Salute to Israel, therefore, has a special significance to all of us. Through participation in this Purim Salute—by purchasing Israel Bonds now—you can attend this gala performance by gifted artists of Israel and the United States. You can, at the same time, help secure the gains Israel has made in these past fifteen years, and you can assure still further advances for Israel as it moves ahead in the Negev and throughout the rest of the land to bring new life, new growth and opportunity to Israel and renewed pride and dignity to the Jewish people everywhere in the world.

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Attend Brooklyn's Purim Salute to Israel—See! Hear!



Jackie Mason



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver



Tova Porat



The Sabras



Chaskele Ritter



The 4 Ayalons

THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28 at 8 P.M.
Brooklyn Academy of Music • 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brooklyn Purim Salute To Israel Committee

Honorary Chairman
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ISRAEL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY AT PURIM SALUTE TO ISRAEL

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER GUEST SPEAKER AT ACADEMY OF MUSIC EVENT

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Surrogate Maximilian Moss Honored for Citywide Leadership

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Top Brooklyn civic and communal leaders participated in the opening of a borough-wide drive to raise \$4,000,000 in 1963 last night (Thursday) at a rally attended by more than 2,000 in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The event, which resulted in the sale of \$500,000 worth of Israel Bonds, launched Brooklyn's thirteenth annual campaign to mobilize investment funds to help the economic development of the Negev, Israel's desert region, and to strengthen the total economy of the Middle East nation.

Borough President Abe Stark, Kings County District Attorney Edward S. Silver, Kings County Surrogate Maximilian Moss and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland were the speakers at the Purim Salute to Israel.

Admission to the rally, which marked Israel's fifteenth anniversary as an independent nation, was free to those who purchased State of Israel Bonds.

Rabbi Silver, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America and the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, was guest of honor at a dinner held prior to the Purim Salute. The dinner was held in the Hotel Granada by the Brooklyn Division of State of Israel Bonds, which sponsored the Purim Salute to Israel.

District Attorney Silver, who is general chairman of the Brooklyn Division of the Israel Bond campaign, presided at the rally. He termed Israel's fifteenth anniversary "the year of redemption for our sister democracy because 1963 marks the period when Israel will redeem the Bonds it offered to a sceptical world more than a decade ago."

"The fact that Israel has never defaulted by one day or one dollar on any financial commitment and now stands ready to make good its promise to

(more)

redeem the Bonds of its independence issue is proof indeed of the economic progress it has made during these crucial years of growth," Mr. Silver said.

Surrogate Moss, who served as campaign chairman of the Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds in 1961 and 1962, was lauded by Mr. Silver "for heading the city-wide effort for Israel during a period which has proved to be the most productive in the New York metropolitan area since the Israel Bond drive began in 1951."

Ira Guilden, national chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, presented a hand-illuminated scroll to Judge Moss in behalf of the organization. The award cited the Kings County Surrogate as a man "whose years of distinguished leadership in the Jewish affairs of New York City have earned for him an imperishable place in the annals of its communal history...his tenure of office as the chairman of the Greater New York Israel Bond Campaign -- through 1961 and 1962 -- eloquently testifies to the high calibre of his devotion to the Jewish people and the State of Israel...those who follow him in that historic campaign will, accordingly, be inspired to bring an equal sense of dedication and singleness of purpose to that major effort to provide investment funds to build and strengthen the economy and hasten the development of Israel."

The colorful ceremony which opened the program of the Purim Salute was conducted by Rabbi Jack Tauber of Avenue Z Jewish Center. An honor guard was provided by members of the William Baer Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Kings County.

Jackie Mason, the television comedian, headlined the entertainment portion of the Purim celebration. Other artists who participated were Cantor Chaskele Ritter and the Saper-Hazamir Choir; Israeli Singer Tova Porat; The Sabras, an Israeli singing and dancing ensemble; and the Four Ayalons, a group of Israeli comedians.

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