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1133 Broadway, New York City.

Please accept my profoundest sympathies on the passing of your great leader, and convey to ~~the members~~ his bereaved family the sense of sorrow and loss which I share with countless others throughout the world who esteemed this gallant and courageous champion of his people.

Abba Hillel Silver

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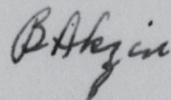
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland,  
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Presidency of  
the New Zionist Organization, I wish to express  
to you our sincere appreciation of your message  
of sympathy on the occasion of our great national  
tragedy, the death of our president, Vladimir  
Jabotinsky.

Sincerely yours,



Benjamin Akzin

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

July 10, 1945, will mark the fifth anniversary of the death of the great leader of the Hebrew people, Vladimir Jabotinsky. These five years without Jabotinsky were the most tragic in the history of Hebrew martyrdom; these were the years when one third of our people were annihilated by a merciless foe. Jabotinsky, long before his death, foresaw the advent of the bloody storm. His passing on that fateful day in 1940, was the greatest shock to every Jewish community the world over. Never did his people need him more than during these terrible war years and the coming transitional period.

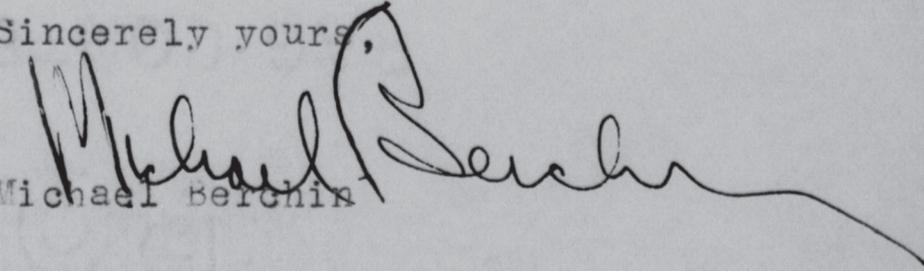
The fifth anniversary of Vladimir Jabotinsky's death will be honored by Jewish communities everywhere. In Palestine, it will be observed by a week of mourning. The Mayor of Tel-Aviv, Israel Rokach, is heading a Committee to arrange for the observance of this anniversary.

In New York, a Mass Memorial Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, July 10, 1945, at Town Hall. We expect a most representative audience to be present to pay tribute to the memory of this great Hebrew leader.

May we ask you to accept our invitation to act as principle speaker at this Memorial Meeting.

We are anticipating a favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

  
Michael Berchin

MB:cb

June 15, 1945

Mr. Michael Belchin  
World Executive of the Zionist Revisionist Organization  
140 West 42nd St.  
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Belchin:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I deeply appreciate your invitation to participate in the program of the meeting which will mark the fifth anniversary of the death of Jabotinsky on July 10. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to attend this meeting and to add my word of tribute to this great Jew and inspiring Zionist leader. Unfortunately I shall not be able to attend this meeting. I am leaving at the end of this month for a much needed rest. This past year has been one of great strain and exertion and I must give myself a few weeks of absolute rest and recuperation. I am sure that you will understand.

I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Jabotinsky, not intimately, but sufficiently to recognize and admire his extraordinary spirit, the flame of his inspiration and his enkindling speech. He was a devoted and loyal son of Israel, of stout heart and dauntless vision, and he will be forever remembered as one of the architects of our national rebirth.

Most cordially yours,

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Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of the sponsors of the Jabotinsky Biography project, you might be interested in the enclosed tentative outline of the Jabotinsky Biography on which I am starting to work.

I would be most grateful to you for any comments and/or suggestions you would care to make.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Schechtman*  
Joseph B. Schechtman

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The biography is calculated to contain approximately 500 - 600 pages. It will be based on the abundant material gathered by the "Jabotinsky Institute" in Tel Aviv and on additional material to be collected from hundreds of followers and friends.

Any material (letters, personal memories, pictures, etc.) put at the disposal of the author will be highly appreciated and gratefully returned (or forwarded to the Jabotinsky Institute) after having been utilized.

Any suggestions as to the scope and character of the biography will be most welcome and are assured of careful consideration.

