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United Nations, 1947 October.

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COMMODORE HOTEL=

EVEN WE THINK IT WAS PROBABLY THE GREATEST SPEECH OF YOUR
CAREER=

HARRY AND HAROLD.

Shapiro

Manson

LAW OFFICES
MILTON HANDLER

50 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 4

October 3, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to congratulate you on your magnificent statement before the United Nations. It reaches the highest levels of statesmanship ever attained in the deliberations of that body. Its restrained tone and Churchillian eloquence fill me with admiration. I regard it as a truly historic document and I warmly applaud you for this act of great leadership.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Milton Handler

EMANUEL CELLER
15TH DISTRICT NEW YORK

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NEW YORK SECRETARIES:
JACOB GRALLA MARY DOUGHERTY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

New York, Oct. 3, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your presentation before the General Assembly ad hoc Committee on Palestine was indeed masterful. You gave unanswerable arguments to Arab claims and presented the Jewish cause in a lucid and forceful manner.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

E. Celler

EC:MAD

United Labor Zionist Party

of the United States and Canada

305 BROADWAY, Room 410

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

Central Committee

אחדות העבודה-פועלי ציון

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October 3, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Emergency Counsel
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept our heartiest congratulations upon your splendid appearance before the Palestine Committee of the UN. You presented the case of the Jewish Agency with dignity and vigor.

The fact that our movement is unalterably opposed to partition does not prevent us from commending you personally on the manner in which you gave expression to the decisions of the Actions Committee and the Executive.

We want you to know that, while we do not agree with the decisions, you also voiced our feelings when you spoke of the national homelessness of the Jewish people.

Sincerely yours,

Chas B. Sherman
Paul H. Goldwater

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MAIN 1376

October 3, 1947.

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I have just finished reading your address before the U. N. Assembly Committee as it appeared in today's New York Times. It is a dispassionate, factual, statesmanlike presentation of the Jewish case, and does you great honor. Disinterested members of the Committee must perforce have been impressed with the fact that here was the argument of an "amicus curiae" rather than that of an advocate of a special cause. You are doing a monumental work. My sincerest congratulations.

Yours very sincerely,

Louis A. Bloomfield

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Copy
October 3, 1947.

Hon. George C. Marshall
Secretary of State
United Nations Assembly
Lake Success, New York

Dear Secretary Marshall:

I have just read the text of Dr. Silver's address made before the U. N. Assembly Committee as it appeared in today's New York Times. It impresses me as an excellent, dispassionate and factual presentation of the Palestine situation. You and members of the United Nations Assembly Committee must have been especially impressed with the fact that here was the argument of an "amicus curiae" rather than an advocate of a special cause.

Millions of Americans are hopeful that our State Department, irrespective of pressure from any source, will back up the U. N. Assembly Committee's majority report.

Respectfully yours,

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IRWIN UNTERMYER
960 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

October 3, 1947

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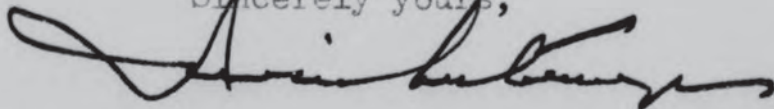
Dear Dr. Silver:

I listened yesterday with admiration to your exposition of the case of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. It seemed to me that your presentation left nothing to be said that could tactfully be said, although it must have been difficult to resist reference to the perfidy that has been practised in relation to Palestine throughout the past 25 years. I greatly fear the same perfidy (again followed by bloodshed) is likely to be encountered at the present time emanating from the same sources from which it has emanated in the past.

I wish you utmost success in the effort to achieve a solution, however inadequate it may be, which will at least bring peace to this tortured land and hope to the victims of oppression.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Abba Hiller Silver
Jewish Agency for Palestine
United Nations
Lake Success, N. Y.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER CHAIRMAN.

JEWISH AGENCH FOR PALESTINE=16 EAST 66 ST=

1 CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR FORCEFUL AND DIGNIFIED STATEMENT
=JULIUS SIMON.

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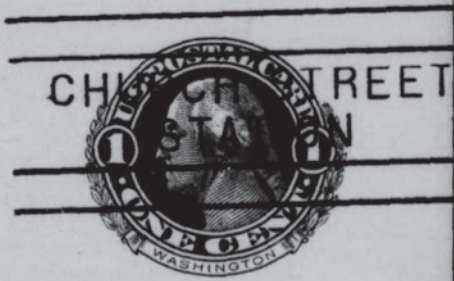
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HASCHEM JECMASEK ET JADECHA LECH BECHOCHACHO SEH WEHOSCHATO
ET JISRAEL=

NUROCK=

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Abba Shalom Silver
Temple Emmanuel
E 65 - St 5 Ave
N.Y. City

one copy for
reference and
continued inspiration.

Sincerely yours
Arthur Bruce Graham
115 Broadway
N.Y.C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dear Mr. Silver :-

Forgive me for
using a postal
card. My secretary
is absent and
my admiration
wags immediate
action.

I have sent copies
of your address
to friends in England,
Europe, Canada,
California and
New City (as report-
ed in N.Y. Times 10-3)
I shall retain

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ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED ZIONIST COUNCIL OF CANADA I WOULD
LIKE TO EXTEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
DISTINGUISHED PRESENTATION OF JEWISH CASE TO THE UNITED
NATIONS AM CONFIDENT THAT THE WISDOM AND STATESMANSHIP SHOWN
BY THE JEWISH AGENCY WILL BRING TRIUMPH TO OUR CAUSE AS
ALWAYS OUR COOPERATION=

S J ZACKS.

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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

6 October 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:-

Fine speech. Congratulations.

I've an idea things will take on a reasonably good shape. We must stress the fact that Palestine will need no troops for the protection of the Jews. Britain has let the U.N. down.

Good luck.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'HBS', with a horizontal line underneath. The signature is positioned over a faint background watermark that includes the text 'AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES' and a menorah symbol.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

165 W. 46th St. 19
ARTHUR J. LELYVELD • ~~212 WEST 46TH ST.~~ • NEW YORK ~~NY~~ N. Y.

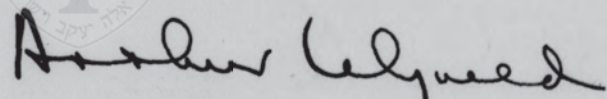
October 7, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I read with a deep feeling of pride and satisfaction your splendid statement before the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine as reported in the New York Times last Friday. Reflected in it were such a high order of statesmanship and such a high plane of dignity that every self-respecting Jew who read it or heard it must have held his head a little higher and shoulders a bit straighter. I want to join the hosts of those who are grateful to you for your leadership.

Cordially,



Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

AJL:baf

THE METHODIST CHURCH
FRANCIS J. MCCONNELL, BISHOP
THE PORTLAND AREA
1219 S.W. TAYLOR, PORTLAND 5, OREGON

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have read your address on your willingness to accept the partition of Palestine, the address as printed in full in the New York Times. I intend to preserve the address as a model of what such statements ought to be. It is clear, convincing, restrained. It seemed to me to be a combination of the best in oratory of the old Greeks and that of the prophets of Israel--that of the old Greeks in its sense of proportion and balance with "nothing too much" and the fervor and directness of the Old Testament prophets. Ever since I have known you I have admired you more profoundly than I can say. I cannot refrain from dropping you this line to tell you how I feel about your address.

Most cordially yours,

Francis J. McConnell

Francis J. McConnell

October 8, 1947

October 10, 1947

Professor Milton Handler
50 Broadway
New York 4, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Handler:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me on the presentation which I made of our case before the UN. I am very happy that you thought well of it. I have been heartened by the many expressions which have come from so many sections of the country and from so many different types of people.

We are all now waiting to hear what the United States will have to say. Everything depends on that.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 10, 1947

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld
165 W. 46th St.
New York 19, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Lelyveld:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me on the presentation which I made of our case before the UN. I am very happy that you thought well of it. I have been heartened by the many expressions which have come from so many sections of the country and from so many different types of people.

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With all good wishes, and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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October 10, 1947

The Hon. Emanuel Celler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman Celler:

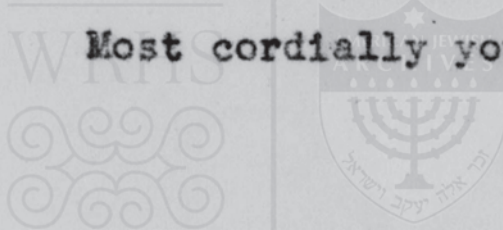
Many thanks for your kind note of October 3. I am very much pleased with your own reaction to the presentation of our case which I made before the UN as well as the favorable reaction which it has had in many sections.

We are now eagerly waiting to hear what the United States has to say. Everything depends on that.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 10, 1947

Mr. Charles B. Sherman
Mr. Paul L. Goldman
United Labor Zionist Party
305 Broadway, Room 410
New York 7, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me on October 3. I am very happy to know that the manner of my presentation of our case before the UN met with your approval. I am generally pleased with the reactions to it in all circles.

I know the position of the United Labor Zionist Party on the subject of partition. As you will recall, we presented the official position of our movement in relation to partition as acquiescence to an inexorable necessity with "sadness and reluctance."

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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DR ABA HILLEL SILVER JEWISH AGENCY *MBN*

16 EAST 66 TH ST NYK

MEXICAN YISHUV ENTHUSIASTICALLY CONGRATULATES YOU AND
EXECUTIVE FOR SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT OBTAINING UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO CLAIM JUSTICE TO OUR
CAUSE STOP MEXICAN YISHUV RESPONDS AND CONTINUOUS MORE
VIGOROUS STRUGGLING TO OBTAIN OUR LIBERATION REGARDS

TEDDY RESNIKOFF

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL

SILVER AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

342 MADISON AVE NEWYORK

PLEASE ACCEPT HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS DEEP FELT APPRECIATION ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND JEWISH COMMUNITY MEXICO FOR YOUR TIRELESS UNCEASING EFFORTS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS BY EXCELLENT DECLARATION YOUR GOVERNMENT UN STOP WE STAND SOLIDLY WITH YOU UNTIL OUR COMMON GOAL SUCCESSFULLY ATTAINED
LEON DULTZIN PRESIDENT

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October 20, 1947

Bishop Francis J. McConnell
The Methodist Church
1219 S.W. Taylor
Portland 5, Oregon

My dear Bishop McConnell:

It was indeed very thoughtful and kind of you to write to me about the address which I delivered before the Palestine Committee of the United Nations. I was deeply moved by what you said about it, for your judgment is deeply valued by me. I am pleased that the address has been well received, and I am hoping that as a result of the action of the United Nations, a final solution might come to the long troubled problem of Palestine.

I send you all my good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 20, 1947

Mr. Louis A. Bloomfield
818 Guardian Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about my address before the United Nations Committee for Palestine. I am very pleased that the address impressed you. I have been hearing from many sources, and I am happy that the presentation of our case was so favorably received.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 20, 1947

Mr. Irwin Untermyer
360 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Untermyer:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about the address which I delivered before the Palestine Committee of the United Nations in behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I am grateful for your favorable comments and I am generally pleased with the reception which it has received. Before long we shall know whether the United Nations will be able to solve the Palestine problem justly. We are working very hard to bring it about, and our movement has certainly had strong support from many sections of the American public.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CHAIRMAN AMERICAN ZIONIST

EMERGENCY COUNCIL NEWYORK

342 - Mad Ave

MY FIRST PLEASANT DUTY ON MY RELEASE IS TO
 EXPRESS MY OWN AND MRS BENAMMIS HEARTFELT THANKS
 FOR YOUR SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY WITH ME IN MY
 DETENTION FROM WHICH I DERIVED GREAT MORAL
 ENCOURAGEMENT STOP WE ARE ALL PROUD AT THE NOBLE
 MANNER IN WHICH YOU PRESENTED OUR NATIONAL CASE
 BEFORE THE WORLDS TRIBUNE GOD BLESS YOU

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE UNO STOP
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PALESTINE OFFICE SERLIN TOMKIEWICZ.

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NLT DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER *MBN*

16 EAST 66TH STREET NEW YORK

MEETING OF EUROPEAN BUREAU OF WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL
ZIONISTS JUST CONCLUDED IN LONDON REQUESTED US SEND YOU
CONGRATULATIONS AND EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EXCELLENT
WORK AND YOUR BRILLIANT ADDRESS IN CONNECTION UNITED NATIONS
DISCUSSION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM STOP ALL OUR REPORTS CONFIRM
THAT EUROPEAN JEWRY LOOKING WITH HOPE TOWARDS YOUR EFFORTS

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