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cc: Members Executive

June 23, 1947

Dr. Joseph Dunner, Chairman
Department of Political Science
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa

My dear Dr. Dunner:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for the letter on Palestine which appeared in the Des Moines "Register" which I read with a great deal of pleasure. I am taking the liberty of sending your letter on to our office in New York. They will undoubtedly get in touch with you. They may wish to invite your services as a lecturer, or to contribute some articles to various publications.

It was good to have heard from you.
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

JACOB L. DEUTSCH

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Sept. 23, 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I hope I am able to take a few moments of your time to consider this matter which I believe of utmost importance to ours and Jewry's objective, at this time a Jewish State in Palestine.

I heard you say at the Zionist meeting last year at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton for all Jews to write to their Congressmen in order to achieve the named objective. At this moment the Jewish State is on the edge, a small push forward attains our goal, a small push backward loses everything- miss is as good as a mile.

It is necessary that American Jewry throw every ounce of energy and value into the battle, not a little here and there but Every possible source. If we are not I say that we are losing a most valuable and tremendously important source. The Arabian princes, leaders and oil moguls are. In the past they have worked the secret, behind the scene pressure against the State Department thru Standard Oil and other American concerns.

Today it is an all out pressure, only yesterday the Arabian league threatening economical, political and cultural sanction against the American Government, oil concerns and flight concessions to Airplane lines. Now out in the open, full steam ahead.

Rabbi, if the American delegation not merely votes for partition but would exhort the other members of the U.N. to do so, would make the attainment of the U.N. majority report a cinch to succeed. But don't count on the American delegate to even vote for partitioning, if he does he may hedge or vote for it in the open and work against behind the scenes.

I served in the state legislature of Ohio before I enlisted in the Army, I saw first hand how politicians act, give a long flowing spiel on the floor and work against the public interest behind doors in committee meetings or in private conference. Time is short, the stakes are high, we have spiritual and human values at stake, we cannot afford to be lulled to sleep by promises, nor glowing reports we must have results, the old ball game is not over until the final hearing and until every vote is in and counted, then we know the results.

We must work, work to make certain that the American delegate not only votes but works and publicly declares at U.N. Conference to the other members for partitioning. That can be achieved by arousing the American public, this will not be won by merely the American Jew he must call upon his American Christian friend to write, to talk to his friends and they write, talk, work with their Congressman to put the heat on the administration to see that the American delegate is safely in our camp.

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The American Zionists in the past have been lulled to sleep by the promises of the Democratic and Republican parties, this has been proven as mere political sap or sop or what have you; we have not seen results merely hedging, talk and more talk.

The time is short, the iron is hot and we must strike for all we can. The American Jewry is expending \$170 millions for relief to the Jew in Europe, let us take \$10 millions of that sum and really do them some good by getting them a homeland, a place to live, work and pray as a Jew. We do not have time to collect money, let us use the most convenient methods. With this money use the radio, newspaper, send out lecturers like Pierre Van Passen, men of the Christian faith who are leaders and can sway their people more easily. To put across the story of the Jewish suffering, yes it has been told but not yet understood, what the Jew has done in Palestine, how he has built up the soil, what he has done for the Arab, raised their standard of living, etc. This could be immediately performed in a March of Time Program in the movies throughout the nation, showing once more the horrors of the concentration camp, remind Americans they know so little about suffering and forget so easily, how the Jew are dying mentally and spiritually in the I.D.P. Camps of Germany.

Line up a national radio hookup, hold a panel discussion with Yourself and leading American figures.

Call all the State leaders (Zionist) in an emergency meeting, tell them to get busy, call in their respective district leaders, all the local organizations to hold panel discussion on local radio stations with Christian leaders invited, write editorials, all for the purpose of education of the Jew in Palestine, How America will be relieved of a large debt from feeding these people in camps in Europe. Line up local Christian ministers, educate them let them speak from the pulpit, write to their congressmen, to the president.

Education, education of the American people what this means wipe out ignorance, indifference, Hitler put his ideas across the same ones repeated everyday. Chesterfield cigarette, Camel, what have you who advertises, we must pound this subject, once is not enough people do not catch at once they must be told and retold.

The American people must be sold on A Jewish homeland, its needs, so far Zionists have not been able to do so. It is not too late, until the last U.N. member has voted then it is too late. We must try we have all to gain and so much to lose if we do not try.

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You can do something about this Rabbi Silver, don't rely upon the promises of leaders we must carry this battle to the people.

you have made.

With sincere and kindest wishes for the fight

Jacob Deutsch

Oct. 1, 1947

DEAR Rabbi Silver,

I realize now How unwise my
Phone call of Tuesday was, I won't make
the same mistake again.

My Father is George H. Dubin of
Cleveland, we have belonged to the —
Temple as long as I can remember, you
married my sister to Bill Marmorstien.

I have mentioned these things so
that you will know who I am, I know of
no other Jewish man in the world —
that I bear more respect for, so it
is most natural for me to contact you
in this matter.

I am certain that there are
many young Jewish men that feel as

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Strongly as I do in regards to -
Palestine, I feel fortunate to the extent
that I believe I can do something to -
Help IF given a chance.

I Have been in the Airplane -
business since before the war, the
last three years I Have operated my -
own Charter Airline all over the world,
I believe I know my business.

For a long time I Have -
wondered why the people in control -
Have been using boats to try and -
Take our people to the Homeland, But
in view of developments in the last
few weeks, I feel certain that my -
Plan will be useful.

I Have just gained control -
of six Constellations, I can carry from

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75 to 90 persons in each, At a speed that can not be touched by anything the British may have, My men can get these ships in and out of whatever may be available to land on. Airports are - not necessary for this operation, From the South of France to Palestine in - Four Hours! That's something to consider.

This is not a fly by night - scheme - but a carefully planned program that has had much research.

Understand, these are the only privately owned ships of this type in the world.

There will be trouble, but I will guarantee, I'll not end up with any - thousands in Cyprus. It is impossible - to go into detail in a letter.

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Also of importance, we can do the job at considerably less expense than the boats must be. I can deliver! We will be ready to put the first ship in-service about Nov. 5.

There is my story, I have a good business and a nice life, But it all means nothing if we don't do the job in Palestine. I am willing to work in any way I can help.

Even if the U.N. opens the gates, transportation will be a big problem, I can help if you will let me.

God Bless you for your unending efforts to-date.

Please excuse the paper and

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Pen - but I didnt feel this should be dictated,

When next we meet, I will be able to explain things in greater detail.

I AM willing to come to N.Y. or - Cleveland - at your request, Your early response will be appreciated.

With sincere Hope that I will - receive a favorable reply, With the Deepest respect, I AM,

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December 15, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. N. Davidson
3423 E. 125th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed. I have this day forwarded it to the Haganah. You will receive an acknowledgement from the organization's headquarters in New York.

Thanking you for your generous contribution, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

February 2, 1948

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

After reading the article on page 163 of the January issue of "The National Jewish Monthly", I am inclined to believe there is no justice.

I enclose herewith a tear sheet of the editorial in the event that it should not come to your attention by reason of your absence in Palestine.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thomas E. Dewey', written in a cursive style.

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BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE U.N. DECISION

An Editorial

THE United Nations' decision to create a Jewish State in Palestine was one of the most important steps of contemporary history. It will end the homelessness of that part of our martyred people who have so long been homeless; give them the tools with which to build creative and secure lives for themselves; and enable them to make continued contributions to the peace, progress, and culture of the world.

Seen in that light, it is obvious that this decision will do more for the welfare of Jewry as a whole than anything that has happened to it in the last 2,000 years. Jews everywhere continue to rejoice over this historic development, even as they steel themselves against the inevitable violence they must face.

But we who are fortunate enough to be American Jews have special cause for pride in the victory that has been won for justice and righteousness. For it was our own American President who, more than any other individual, was responsible for the two-thirds U.N. vote without which there would have been no Jewish commonwealth this year, or for many years to come.

President Truman's role in the negotiations is not yet fully understood by everybody, although we have no doubt that history will make it clear. Unfortunately, there are still some Jews who have the mistaken idea that he acted in only a formal and impersonal capacity; that he was merely the symbolic head of a government which favored the UNSCOP majority report. That is far from the case.

Actually, President Truman took a personal hand in the matter. He *directly* saw to it that the American delegation at Flushing Meadow used its influence to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote. It will be recalled that when the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine cast its ballots, the tally was one vote short of a two-thirds majority. Gloom settled upon Jews and other adherents of Palestine partition. It was feared that the Arab propaganda machine was too strong; that oil and other commercial pressure groups would win the day; that British imperialism would have the last word, after all.

All kinds of wild rumors were circulated, to the effect that American efforts would prove too weak to counteract these factors. This was a gross underestimation of the steadfastness of government leaders.

At that very time, President Truman was working the hardest to insure a favorable vote. The failure of the Ad Hoc Palestine Committee to command the two-thirds majority made it clear to him that the persuasive power of the U.S. delegates was essential if that vote was to be achieved in the General Assembly. He took this matter seriously to heart; he made it unmistakably clear to the American delegation



President Truman, who "will go down in history as one of those responsible for righting a historic wrong done to Israel."

that the vote could and *must* be obtained.

In the days just before the final vote it seemed that despite all the American efforts the two-thirds majority was impossible to attain. The Arab states were loudly demanding that the count be made. It was President Truman who personally ordered the U.S. delegation to see to it that the vote was postponed until victory for the American and Russian position was guaranteed. Had the vote been taken on Nov. 27, the Arab backers very likely would have won. But in the two days that followed, doubtful nations like Liberia and Paraguay decided to back partition, and actual anti-partition states like the Philippines and Haiti switched over completely. On Nov. 29, the issue was "in the bag," and the vote was taken.

Under these circumstances, President Truman emerges as one of the great champions of justice. He takes his place with other noble Christians who, in our time, led the good fight that has now been won—with Lord Balfour, Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, James G. McDonald, Bartley Crum, and other heroes and statesmen whom we honor.

Jewish leaders know this, even if some of their followers don't. For example, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told countless thousands at a gigantic New York victory rally: "If we now have this decision of the U.N., it is due in very large measure, perhaps in the largest measure, to the sustained interest and unflagging efforts of President Harry S. Truman."

And in a wire to the Chief Executive, Frank Goldman, President of B'nai B'rith, America's largest and oldest Jewish organization, conveyed to him "our profound admiration and gratitude for your consistently sympathetic and courageous leadership, which played so important a part in the United Nations action. . . . You will go down in history as one of those responsible for righting a historic wrong done to Israel." (*For the full text of Mr. Goldman's wire to President Truman, see p. 178.*)

It is to Harry S. Truman's eternal credit that in leading the fight for Jewish statehood he did so not as "a friend of the Jewish people," although of course he is that. He did what he did because he thought it was the right thing to do, and because he knew it was in the best interests of the United States. Men like that, whether they be Presidents or non-entities, are always friends of the Jewish people—and of the Catholic people, and of the Protestant people, and of the Negro people—and of all people.

Mr. President, you are secure in the Hall of Fame of our people and of all people who believe in democracy, fair play, the sanctity of covenants, and the indivisibility of justice.

Editorial Comment

An Ageless Goal Seems Attained

Now, by action of UN, there has come to partial fulfillment the ageless striving of Jews toward a Palestine that is a homeland under Jewish authority.

The attainment of this right, long denied, imposes grave responsibilities and duties. These responsibilities and duties summon the essential dignity of Israel which, in the presence of the new ordination it has received must put aside old controversies.

"Non-Zionist" and "anti-Zionist" become empty of meaning now that Zion is about to be established. Out of the Jewish portion of Palestine a good home for the homeless must be made and that alone matters.

There must be unity, too, among the parties of Zion toward the main end that Jews shall be worthy of Palestine and Palestine worthy of Jews. The complete fulfillment of Palestine now is in the hands of Jews.

Yet the partitioning of Palestine does not absolve the nations of the world of humanitarian responsibility. Palestine cannot absorb all the Jews who are displaced. The Stratton bill, now in Congress, provides for the U. S. to take its share of them, in accordance with America's traditional function as refuge of the oppressed.

We, as American Jews—and we remain none else than American Jews—pledge ourselves to do our good part to establish gainfully all of the displaced who are admitted to these shores.

We Look Backward Through 100 Years

1948, and a time for looking backward 100 years, for it was in the year 1848 that the mass migrations of Jews from Europe began. Before that there had been a comparative trickle of Jewish immigration to the U.S. shores.

In 1848 the German Jews began coming here in large numbers and the story of their progress is like that of the Jewish immigrants who came far later. From peddlers they rose to competence, even to greatness in commerce and finance. They fulfilled the American epic in which the poorest boy may, by his own efforts, achieve fame and fortune.

(Though, in the prejudice of anti-Semites, it is one of the sins of the Jews that, in accordance with the American way of free enterprise,

many of them have made fine successes.)

The immigrant Jews of 1848 brought here even more than their diligence and enterprise. They gave a new direction to Judaism in America. It was they who established here the liberal Judaism called Reform, built noble institutions of Jewish religion in all the cities, founded the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Their Judaism had to do with the concept of the universal brotherhood of man toward which Jews must contribute the lights given them by their social-minded prophets. The revered rabbi, Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise, was the prophet of that period. He was from Germany.

In the time of these Jews the only controversy in Jewry was between the Orthodox and the Liberal group and hot enough it was. It was felt that in America Israel at last had found shelter from his enemies. The voice of anti-Semitism (the term "anti-Semitism" wasn't invented then) was only the mouthing of an occasional gutter-snipe.

The German-Jewish immigrants became accepted people in all the affairs of their communities—in cultural enterprises, in philanthropy, in business.

And Those That Came Afterward

Some 30 years later the mass migration of Jews from Eastern Europe—Russia and Poland—began. They were even poorer than the early Germans were and out of mere vestiges of existence they, too, made fine lives in the new land, in accordance with the American pattern.

Their children and grandchildren are effective people in their communities, leaders, men who by their own efforts, in a multitude of instances, have arrived at the modest substance that is regarded as the ideal of the American system. They have built noble structures of religion and philanthropy.

Some of them have attained wealth such as in other Americans is regarded as most meritorious achievement.

But, at the end of the first 100 years since the first mass migration, the picture has changed and not for the better. Now it has come to pass that the America-fostered successes of Jews—in the professions, the arts, the sciences, in commerce and industry—are counted against them as a discredit. Recent public opinion polls suggest that large numbers of the American people fear Jews as people who are achieving too much. Anti-Semitism grows.

We Try To Look Into Next 100 Years

1848, and it's timely to try to look toward the year 2048, and what hope lies there for the human kind? Will it come to be seen that anti-Semitism

is a problem of the diseased morals and minds of those in whom it festers? May we look for a regeneration that will despise anti-Semitism as something too foul for civilized man to harbor?

May we hope for a time when every man will be judged by his individual virtues or vices, not by the condition of his birth? Will we see again the American integrity in the earlier years of the past hundred when, regardless of racial and religious origin, men were respected for what their genius, their skills, their enterprise gave to America?

Yes, the problem of anti-Semitism is not so much one for the Jews to solve as it is of America, and what will Americans as Americans do to guard their children from anti-Semitism's poison?

We are optimistic. All over America there are stirrings: The work of the Conference of Christians and Jews, the consciences of public schools in many cities which are trying hard to clean the minds of their children of the prejudices they get early.

If we are here in the year 2048 we hope to write a more joyous anniversary piece on the 200th anniversary of the mass migration of Jews to America. In the meantime, we wish all our neighbors a New Year with the happiness that comes out of good will and social understanding.

In Which The Kids Speak To Their Elders

Recently, in the city of Cincinnati, there was a conference on human relations for high school students, under auspices of the Conference of Christians and Jews.

The children spoke frankly about their prejudices. One after another arose to say that he had acquired his racial and religious prejudices from his parents. It was like a blanket indictment; it suggested a duty of schools.

Yes, Again And Again, What Of The Displaced?

This month or shortly thereafter the American Congress will hear again from the displaced: "O America, great and good, refuge of the oppressed. Your greatness was achieved by the labors and skills of millions like us who came to your shores for shelter from their afflictions. . . . Irish, Germans, Swedes, Jews of Germany and Jews of Russia and of Poland; Italians, Swiss and Czechs. All of these refugees together made America.

"Is there no place for us in your land so gracious? We offer you our intelligence, our skills, the characters of people courageous enough to come through travails more bitter than any that had ever afflicted mankind."

This appeal is implied in the Stratton bill which provides that 400,000 of the displaced shall be admitted during 4 years.

16 East 66th Street

June 10, 1948

Prof. Joseph Dunner
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa

Dear Dr. Dunner:

Dr. Silver has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of June 1st. Unfortunately, as a result of postal delays between here and Cleveland, I did not receive the letter until June 4th had passed and I assume that in the circumstances you have gone ahead with your original plans.

Your offer of help is very deeply appreciated and I wish that we were in a position to make some definite suggestion. I have discussed the matter with Dr. Robinson, who had at the same time received a not dissimilar offer from a Canadian King's Counsel. Dr. Robinson said that we were in need of an extensive analysis concerning the Arab record in the United Nations; also an analysis of the proposed Economic Commission for the Middle East within the framework of regional committees of the Economic and Social Council and its importance for the State of Israel. The sources for such studies are here. These, however, would be rather in the nature of ad hoc assignments and I could hardly suggest on the basis of these suggestions that you should change any long-term commitments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Louis

C. Dr. Silver

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11th.,
June,
1948.

My dear friend,

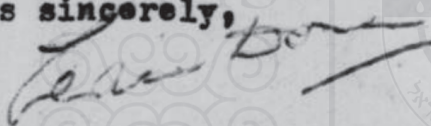
I have a copy of your letter addressed to Dr. Lifshitz dated 5th. May, 1948 in reference to the financial arrangements between Haganah and Irgun in reference to the Joint Palestine Appeal.

In order to clear up rumours, mistrust and any wasted efforts, would you be kind enough to let me know per return if there are any different arrangements since the date of your letter to Dr. Lifshitz?

Your reply per return or if possible cable would be a great help to all concerned.

With Jewish State Greetings,

Yours sincerely,



Leslie Denn.



A SUGGESTED DRAFT OF A STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY GOVERNOR DEWEY

The opening of the United Nations Assembly specially called to consider the Palestine question has brought us to the point at which the United States Government must be expected to take a vigorous stand before that body in pursuance of the well-known and often-proclaimed American policy on Palestine.

It has been wrongly insinuated from time to time that American expressions of support to the Jewish National Home, a support which was affirmed by every President since Woodrow Wilson, confirmed by a formal treaty, twice approved by the Congress of the United States, and advocated by both political parties, are the results of mere partisan electioneering maneuvers. Now that American foreign policy is more firmly anchored on bi-partisan agreement than ever before, and the Palestine question has entered on a critical stage, the time has come to prove that the pronouncements which were made on this question are no mere lip service, but truly represent the policy of our government. It is now the privilege and responsibility of the national Administration to translate these pronouncements into action. In doing so, it will enjoy the full support, I am sure, of the Republican Party.

The situation admits of no delay. The governments of the world, accustomed to look to the United States for guidance on many international questions, and impressed by the vigorous stand which our country has been taking lately in defense of the policies which it favors, will watch, from the very beginning of the United Nations sessions, what the attitude of the American delegation will be. Any indication that our representatives are hedging or are seeking to withdraw from the publicly announced American policy to an attitude of hesitant neutrality would be quickly noted by foreign governments. If our government does not wish the Palestine question to become bogged down, and the policy publicly favored by it to be defeated, a clear and positive stand must be taken by it from the very beginning.