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## The Jewish Agency in Palestine

### MEMORANDUM

February 26/1947

TO: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BRANCH OF THE EXECUTIVE  
New York Office Paris Office American Zionist  
London Office Jerusalem Emergency Council

FROM: Isadore Hamlin, Press Officer - Washington Office

A press conference was held here today.

The following correspondents attended and heard Mr.

Moshe Shertok:

Belair  
Korr  
Todd  
Price  
Oliver Pilat  
Dombrow  
Knowlton  
Bookman  
Montgomery  
Uhl  
Hurwitz )  
Farago )  
Heiman  
Miss Strum  
Agronsky  
Rankin  
Williams  
Webb  
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Noyes  
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London Daily Express  
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United Press  
World Report  
New York Daily News  
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UN World and  
Corps Diplomatique  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
Trans Radio Press  
American Broadcasting Company  
Reuters  
South African Press Association  
London Daily Herald  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE  
London Daily Telegraph  
Washington Evening Star  
United Press  
Jewish Morning Journal  
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to the press.



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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

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DR ADDA N SILVER

COMMODORE HOTEL NYK

YOUR TELEGRAM MOST HELPFUL HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND  
CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND FEELINGS AND MOTIVES PROMPTING IT UNABLE TO  
REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE TODAY MATTER BEING STUDIED IN HOPE SOLUTION  
LEADING TO MOVE FAIR SITUATION CAN BE EVOLVED KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS

SOY W HENDERSON, HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA

513P



*Silver*

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Law Offices  
MILTON HANDLER  
30 Broadway  
New York 4

May 14, 1947

Mr. Arthur Lourie  
The Jewish Agency  
16 East 66 Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Arthur:

I reread in its final printed form the booklet "The Palestine Issue, A Factual Analysis", and I want to congratulate you and your associates upon a splendid achievement. The changes made in the revisions have greatly strengthened it and I think it is a document of which all may be justly proud.

I would recommend that this pamphlet, as well as the book of documents, be given the widest possible circulation. Since our appeal is to world public opinion, we must see to it that all organs of opinion are well informed. Should not therefore copies of this pamphlet and the book of documents be made available to the editors of all the leading newspapers and magazines in the country, as well as to important columnists and radio commentators? Should not likewise consideration be given to the desirability of sending both documents to all members of the House and Senate, to important persons in government, and to various leaders of public opinion, such as Stassen, Dewey and the like?

Might it not also be desirable to print in pamphlet form the wonderful statements of Silver, Ben Gurion and Shertok before the special session of the Assembly, and to circulate this pamphlet widely?

Incidentally, I hope when you have the opportunity you will tell Ben Gurion, Silver and Shertok how magnificent were their respective statements. I know they are all very busy and I don't want to burden them by dropping them a line.

I think we have made considerable progress with public opinion in the statements of our leaders and by the material already published by us.

With all best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Milton



JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

16 East 66th Street  
New York 21, N.Y.

May 19, 1947

Dr. Victor Hoo  
Assistant Secretary-General  
Department of Trusteeship  
United Nations  
Lake Success  
New York

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, I desire to offer our whole-hearted cooperation in the inquiry to be undertaken by the Sepcial Committee on Palestine which has been appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Jewish Agency is eager to assist the Special Committee to the best of its ability and to do all that it can to ensure a speedy and successful conclusion of the investigation.

With this objective in view and in order to be able to discharge its responsibility in a matter so vitally affecting the future of the Jewish people, the Jewish Agency proposes that an accredited representative nominated by the Jewish Agency, be officially attached to the Committee as a permanent liaison. The Jewish Agency feels entitled to ask for such accreditation by virtue of its status under the Palestine Mandate.

It would appear reasonable that the accredited representative should be present at all meetings of the Special Committee, and that proper facilities be granted the Jewish Agency to receive for study and comment the memoranda and documents submitted to the Special Committee from other quarters. The Jewish Agency suggests, further, that its representatives should accompany the Committee on any tours and visits which it may undertake in connection with the inquiry.

We submit our requests in the belief that their acceptance will facilitate the progress of the inquiry, and we shall be entirely at the disposal of the Committee or yourself for the discussion of details of the arrangements proposed.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman  
American Section

AHS:LNF



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# WESTERN UNION

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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

COPY RECEIVED FROM HARTMAN

May 20, 1947

Emanuel Neumann  
Zionist Org. of America  
41 E 42nd St. NYCity

Tel Aviv

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Hartman

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D. Horwitz - minutes of  
conv. with Chief  
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Gurney, Sir Henry

5-27-47



## The Jewish Agency for Palestine

## MEMORANDUM

May 29, 1947

To: Members of the Executive

FROM: M. S. Comay

RECEIVED
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AHS
ANSWERED

Re. Australian Member of the Palestine Commission

I spent nearly two hours with Mr. Hood, the Australian representative on the Commission over luncheon yesterday. He was extremely anxious to get from me an indication of the views held by his own Minister, Dr. Evatt on the Palestine question. He, Hood, had obviously received no direct instructions for direction from his Government regarding his role on the Commission. I was not surprised as I gathered in Canberra that Australia's foreign policy is very much a one-man affair and that Dr. Evatt often falls to take his own permanent officials into his confidence on matters of major policy. I pledged Hood to treat this talk as confidential and then gave him some account of my talks in Canberra, stressing that Dr. Evatt definitely favored a Jewish State in an adequate area of Palestine with a seat at UNO as soon as possible. This was obviously news to Hood, and he was eager to explore it further with me. I also suggested to him that Dr. Evatt would look to him to help pave the way for this as far as possible through the Commission, as this would make it easier for Dr. Evatt to play a significant role at the Special Session of UNO. Although he was cautious about reacting positively to this approach I got the impression that it had sunk in. When we parted he assured me that he had found our talk of the greatest value to him and would appreciate being able to continue it in the near future, before he left for Palestine. We agreed to meet for an evening at a time to be arranged.

Two other matters cropped up. Firstly, I tackled him about the Agency's request for official liaison status with the Commission. He was at first opposed to it, feeling that contact with the Secretariat regarding arrangements for hearings would be sufficient. After some argument, he wavered and undertook to raise the matter afresh in the meeting to take place the same afternoon which would be attended by the six members already appointed. I spoke to him on the phone after the meeting and was told that it had failed to reach any agreement on this point and had left it over for the full Commission to consider.

He also wanted to know my opinion about visiting the DP camps in Europe. He said some of the other members were against it and he himself was in two minds about it. I gave him the reasons why I regarded this as essential to their inquiry, and quoted from the Anglo-American Committee's <sup>conference</sup> report. He left me under the impression that he was prepared to accept such a visit as necessary.

WSE



June 24, 1947

MR. GOTTLIEB HAMMER

BESSIE KLINE

Kindly send Dr. Silver a check for the following:

Long Distance calls - office telephone  
April and May - 1947..... \$39.71

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver





DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

( SEAL )

June 23, 1947

My dear Mr. Epstein:

Reference is made to your letter of May 28, 1947 with which you transmitted a memorandum signed by Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, with regard to "United States Government financing of Palestinian development".

It will be recalled that during a conversation in my office on May 28, 1947 between officials of the Jewish Agency and officials of the Department of State, during which the subjects raised in Mr. Kaplan's memorandum were discussed, I promised you that I would take up these matters with appropriate Divisions of the Department and would subsequently inform you whether consideration could be given to them at this time.

I am now able to inform you that this matter has been discussed and that the Department believes it would be unwise to engage in conversations of the character suggested by the Jewish Agency while the Special Committee of the United Nations is endeavoring to make constructive suggestions with regard to a solution for the Palestine problem.

It is noted that the Jewish Agency plans to present its views in regard to this matter to the Special Committee during the course of its study of the matter while it is in Palestine. The Department would, of course, appreciate being kept informed of such additional information as the Jewish Agency may develop during its presentation of its views to the Special Committee and as it may care to submit to the Department.

Sincerely yours,

LOY W. HENDERSON (signed)

Loy W. Henderson  
Director, Office of  
Near Eastern and African Affairs

Mr. Eliahu Epstein,  
Director, Washington Office,  
Jewish Agency for Palestine,  
2210 Massachusetts Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.



Gottlieb Hammer letter

to Abe Frenberg  
re: Americans for Hagana

see folder on

july 22, 1947





Dr. Silver

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

## The Jewish Agency for Palestine

### MEMORANDUM

July 23, 1947

To: Members of the Executive

FROM: Gottlieb Hammer, Comptroller

*J. N.*

The attached cable arrived today. I will attempt to contact you, either personally or by telephone, to get your vote in this matter so that the results can be wired to Jerusalem.

Enclosure



JERUSALEM  
JULY 22, 1947

MLT JEVAGENCY NEWYORK

SOME VIRILISTS PROTESTED AGAINST DECISION EXECUTIVE NONPAYMENT  
EXPENSES THUS PREVENTING THEM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT ATTEND MEETING  
ACTIONS COM THEY STATE THIS DECISION UNCONSTITUTIONAL OTHER HAND  
IF DECISION ALTERED WILL INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE FURTHERMORE  
VERY GREAT DIFFICULTIES VISAS AND ACCOMMODATION THEREFORE DECIDED  
TAKE NEW VOTE ALL MEMBERS EXECUTIVE PLEASE ARRANGE VOTING AMERICAN  
MEMBERS AND WIRE RESULTS

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[July 23, 1947]

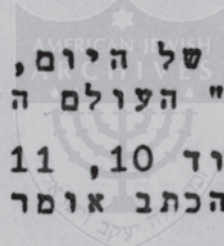
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מיסודה של הציונות הכללית -  
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תל-אביב 23 למאי 1947  
ערב חג השבועות.

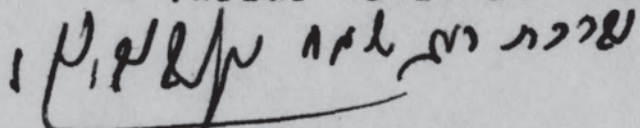
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ה' ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר  
יו"ר הנהלת הסוכנות באמריקה  
ניו - יורק . -

אדון הנשיא הנכבד,

בדואר של היום, במשלוח מיוחד, אנו שולחים לכב' תופס  
של השבועון " העולם הזה " מה-22 למאי.

על עמוד 10, 11 ו-17 ימצא כב' רפורטז? ובודאי יהנה  
לראות כמו שהכתב אומר ש-: "עגלת הציונים הכלליים בא"י זזה  
קדימה." 

בכבוד רב וברכה נאמנה:

ליכא וואלף  


י. קובוביצקי - מנהל הקרן.-

Harlow



הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל  
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
16 EAST 66TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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July 31, 1947

Cable Address JEVAGENCY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
R.F.D. No. 1  
Northport, Long Island

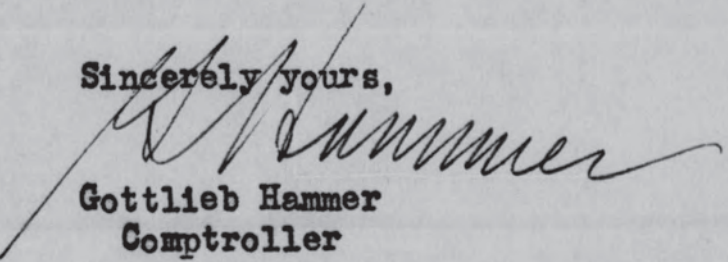
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith check to your order for \$40.84 representing reimbursement to you for the following:

(1) Ohio Bell Telephone Co. bill	- \$ 32.92
(2) Cables to London, June 5	- 7.92
Total	- \$ 40.84

I have notified our Switzerland office of your expected arrival and they will attend to your reservations in Zurich. In addition, we have written to our London office requesting them to meet the boat and make all necessary arrangements for your flight to Zurich.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gottlieb Hammer  
Comptroller

Enclosure  
GH:mk



KEREN HAYESOD

AH:AL

P.O.Box 583,  
Jerusalem,  
2nd September, 1947.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Personally, and on behalf of our Board of Directors, I send you warmest wishes for the New Year. You are at one with us in the fervent hope that the coming year will see further and conspicuous progress towards our common goal.

The past year has been an unhappy one for Jewry at large and for the Yishuv, with the remnants of our people erring on the high seas and the gates of Eretz Israel barred against them. Nevertheless, as you saw from personal observation, the Yishuv continued unperturbed along its constructive way in the face of internal and external obstacles. Let us hope that the coming year will see the ingathering of the exiles on the soil of our homeland.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur Hantke*  
Arthur Hantke



BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER  
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL



Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland.

Ohio

U.S.A.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH  
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN

Jerusalem

P.O. Box 583,

Keren Hayesod,

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:—



November 20, 1947

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer  
16 E. 66th Street  
New York 21, N.Y.

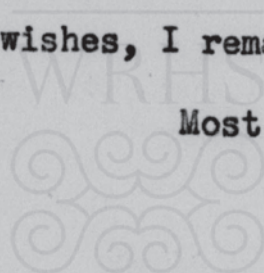
My dear Mr. Hammer:

The enclosed check and accompanying letters were forwarded to me from Switzerland where they had been sent originally. This amount is the result of a collection which was made last August for the benefit of refugees on the Exodus 1947. Please have the amount turned over to the Haganah with the request that it be used specifically for the refugees of the Exodus 1947 and that an acknowledgement be sent to Mr. Eric J. Aschkenasy, c/o Maccabi Athletic Club, District #3, ZOA, 3821 Broadway, New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. - 3





COPY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

(SEAL)

December 1, 1947

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Epstein:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtful telegram of November 30. You may be sure that I and the members of the Department working with me are prepared to do everything that is proper and possible to co-operate with you.

May I express on behalf of myself and of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs our deep appreciation of the understanding and helpful spirit which you have always displayed towards us in our efforts to discharge our duties. I also wish to express our hope that the creation of the new state will afford you wider opportunities for the carrying out of the work to which you have devoted so great a portion of your life.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

LOY W HENDERSON (signed)

Loy W. Henderson

Mr. Eliahu Epstein,  
Hotel Fourteen,  
14 East Sixtieth Street,  
New York, New York.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

1947

(JAN)

December 1, 1947

*Copy 2 of letter to Mr. E. A. Tamm*

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Dear Mr. E. A. Tamm:

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With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

JOY W. HENDERSON (typed)

Joy W. Henderson

Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Hotel Fortson  
14 West 57th Street  
New York, New York



COPY

JUDGES' CHAMBERS  
SUPREME COURT OF CANADA  
OTTAWA

December 9th,  
1947.

My dear Mr. Horowitz:

I can understand the feelings by which you were gripped upon the vote of the Assembly. That moment was, as you say, historic for the people for whom you have given so much. I hope that nothing will prevent the realization of the last stages of your weary journey.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. C. Rand

Mr. D. Horowitz  
c/o the Jewish Agency  
Lake Success, N.Y.



הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל  
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
16 EAST 66TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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Cable Address JEVAGENCY

December 11, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am quoting below, for your information, copy of a cable received from Jerusalem regarding the forthcoming Actions Committee meeting:

"CONVENING ACTIONSCOM 14/1 EXECUTIVE 11/1  
JERUSALEM PLEASE INFORM EXECMEMBERS  
INVITE ACMEMBERS USA AND PALESTINIANS  
ATTENDING POLCOMMITTEE ALSO VIRILISTS  
KINDLY ADDRESS ZIONIT ALL CABLES DEALING  
ACTIONSCOM ZIONIT"

All members and virilist members have been notified and arrangements are being made for their transportation.

Sincerely yours,

Gottlieb Hammer  
For the World Zionist Executive

Washington  
2210 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

London  
77, Great Russell Street  
London, W.C. 1

Paris  
83, Avenue de la Grande Armée  
Paris XVI

Jerusalem  
Post Office Box 92  
Jerusalem, Palestine



QUESTIONNAIRE RE: ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

3. ARE YOU PREPARED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE ACTIONS  
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN JERUSALEM ON JANUARY 14?

\_\_\_\_\_. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 3  
(Yes) or (No)

"YES", WILL YOU PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

4. NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

5. DO YOU HAVE A VALID PASSPORT \_\_\_\_\_

6. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 5 IS "YES", WHAT IS YOUR PASSPORT  
NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

7. DATE PASSPORT ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_ VALID UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_



December 15, 1947

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer  
The Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 E. 66th St.  
New York 21, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hammer:

I am enclosing herewith a check from the West Side Jewish Center which they would like to apply to the "Palestine Fund". I interpret that to mean the Haganah. Please have the Haganah headquarters send them an acknowledgement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



הרצליה, .....ה'.....טבת תש"ח 18.12.47 Herzliya,

ת ז כ י ר

בדבר קביעת הרצליה לבירה של המדינה היהודית

אל

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל, ירושלים.

אל

הועד הלאומי לכנסת ישראל, ירושלים.

א.נ.

בוהירות ובעניויות, בכל יראת הכבוד וידיעת החשיבות, אולם בכל הרצינות והכרת הערך, הריני בא לפניכם בשם המועצה המקומית בהרצליה ועל דעת תושבי המושבה, ומציע לפניכם את מקומנו למשכנה של הממשלה המרכזית שלנו, ובחירת הרצליה להיות הבירה של המדינה היהודית.

תקותי ותקות כל עם ישראל היא, כי ירושלים תשאר בירתנו הניצחית אשר אליה נמשיך לשאת את עינינו. ברור בהחלט כי שום מקום אחר לא יוכל לרשת את מקום ירושלים, עיר מלכי יהודה ומקום בית הבחירה שלנו בעבר. ואם באתי לדבר על הרצליה הרי זה רק כדי להציע אותה כבירה זמנית, במידות זמניות, עד אשר תגאל ירושלים להיות לנו בירה בארץ ישראל השלמה כבימי קדם.

הרשוני איפוא להביא לפניכם את הנמוקים הבאים:

א. ה ש ם

מושבתנו היא היחידה בארץ הנושאת את שמו של הרצל ז"ל, ההוגה ויוצר הרעיון של הקמת המדינה היהודית על פי משפט העמים.

חזונו של הרצל התגשם לעינינו, וראוי איפוא שעיר הבירה של מדינתנו תשא את שם הכבוד של הרצל ותנציח את השם הנערץ של האיש אשר חייו היו קודש לגאולת עמו ואשר לעולמים יהיה קשור שמו עם תקוות ישראל ותקומתו בארצו.

ב. הסביבה

הרצליה נמצאת בסביבה שקטה ובמשך כל השנים, ובתוכן שנות המאורעות, שמרה על יחסי שכנות טובים עם הערבים. הרצליה מוקפת מכל עבריה יישובים עבריים ורק מעטים וקטנים הם הכפרים הערביים. הבירה תמצא איפוא במקום שקט ובסביבה בלתי עוינת והיא גם רחוקה מן הגבול של המדינה הערבית.



**ג. הקשר עם העיר**

הרצליה רחוקה מרעש העיר ומהמוני אדם העלולים במצב מסוים להכביד בדרך בלתי רצויה על בתי הבירה. אף על פי כן, היא גם קרובה לתל-אביב והגישה אליה נוחה מאד. הנסיעה לתל-אביב נמשכת בטכסי כדי עשרים דקה בלבד, ועוד הדרך תקצר על ידי סלילת כביש שיחבר את הרצליה עם תל-אביב בקו ישר.

גם המרחק לירושלים, אשר אליה כנראה יתיו קשורים גם להבא צרכי הבירה וכמה מן המוסדות המרכזיים, גם היא אינה רחוקה. בנסיעה של שעה ועשרים דקה אפשר להגיע לירושלים.

**ד. מושבה פרוגרסיבית**

הרצליה היא מושבה פרוגרסיבית וחיי הזרמים בתוכה מפכים תוך יחסי הבנה. אני מביא גורם זה כנמוק חיובי שחיי הבירה לא יופרעו על ידי התנגשות של ארגונים צבוריים מקומיים.

**ה. קרקע ותכנון**

הרצליה משתרעת על פני שטח של ששה עשר אלף דונם, החל משפת הים וגמור מזרחה כששה שבעה קילומטר. ישנה גם אפשרות ריאלית לרכז שטח קרקע גדול כדי קביעת מקום מתאים ומרווח לצורך בתי הממשלה כיאות לבנייני הבירה. אנו יכולים להציע גם בניינים גדולים לצורך שכון מידני של המשרדים הראשיים, עד אשר יבנו הבניינים במקומם הקבוע.

הרצליה נבנתה לפי תכניתו הימה של האדריכל קאופמן והתכנית הזאת עובדה ופותחה תוך שמירה קפדנית על כללי התכנון ועל יפיה הטבעי של הרצליה.

**ו. הסטוריה קצרה**

הרצליה נוסדה לפני עשרים ושלוש שנים (חשון תרפ"ד - נובמבר 1924) על ידי חברת קהלית ציון אמריקאית על שטח קרקע של 16 אלף דונם. לצורך הפתוח ובהתאם לסגולות הקרקע, חולקה האדמה לארבעה אזורים. אזורי א' וב' שעל שפת הים, בשטח כללי של כחמשת אלפים דונם, נועדו להקמת וילות ולשיכון עירוני, והשאר לצרכי משקים ועירים וחקלאות מגוונת של מלחה ופרדסים.

על אדמת הרצליה וסביבתה הקרובה קיימים היום הישובים הבאים: הרצליה המושבה, הרצליה חוף ים, רמת השרון, כפר-סמריה, גליל-ים, רשפון ושמיים. האוכלוסיה של כל הנקודות ביחד מונה כתשעת אלפים נפש.

המושבה הרצליה והנקודות שבסביבה נמצאות בתהליך של התפתחות מהירה וגדול מתמיד. קיימים שדות צבוריים ומוסדות מקומיים לספוק צרכי התושבים; בית ספר וגני ילדים, חברת מים, מועצת מועלים, שני בנקים, מוסדות לשוק חקלאי ומסחרי וחברות פתוח. תקציב המועצה המקומית לשנת 1947/8 הגיע לסך של שמונים אלף לירות א"י.

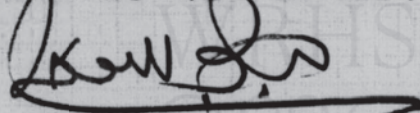


**אדונים נכבדים!**

הבאתי לפניכם את הצעתי אשר יש לראותה כתביעה מאת  
המושב הרצליה לקבוע כאן את הבירה. ואף כי הנמוק העיקרי שלנו  
מבוסס על הסנטימנט, ששמו של הרצל נקרא על מושבתנו, הרי הוכחתי  
כי קיימים גם נתונים אחדים המקילים את הקמת הבירה במושבתנו.  
ידוע לי כי גם בקרב חברי הנהלת הסוכנות הושמעה הצעה זאת מכבר,  
אם כך הרי כיונתי לדעת גדולים ממני והנני לחזק את ידיהם.

הנני איפוא תקווה כי תתייחסו להצעתי בכל הרצינות הדרושה,  
ואענה ברצון להזמנתכם לשם בירור פרטים נוספים.

בכל הכבוד הראוי  
ובברכת המדינה היהודית



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December 24, 1947.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42 Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of Hapoel Hamizrachi may I thank you for your very kind greetings you sent us, upon the United Nation's approval of the establishment of a Jewish State. If we have been loyal and helpful in these trying times, then most certainly you, above all, have been one of the most ardent and zealous workers for the cause of Zion.

We thank you for your selfless devotion and for the part you played in bringing about the success of our struggle. Kindly convey our greetings of Mazel Tov to The Zionist Organization of America.

We pray to God that we shall be able to march onward together to see the full realization of our hopes and aspirations.

With Torah Va Avodah greetings,

*Abraham Avrech*

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HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

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March 19, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the present fateful hour I wish to convey to you the views of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation on the steps that in our opinion must be taken in the situation which will develop as a result of the newly announced policy of the Government of the United States.

First, we must stress that the Anglo-Arab plan of destruction and subjugation of Hebrew Palestine has not been abandoned. In our opinion, now, even more than before, we stand exposed in Palestine to British-planned, though Arab-executed attack aimed at the maximum destruction of life and property with the objective of forcing us into unconditional surrender.

Secondly, we must bear in mind that the object of the United States proposal is to delay a show down in Palestine until after the 1948 elections in order to nullify the powerful American public opinion which is favorable to our cause.

The Hebrew Committee has always opposed the partition plan and we believe that the Jewish Agency has acted against the national interest in the policy it has pursued with regard to partition both before and after the adoption of the resolution of the General Assembly. But we do not wish at this time, wrought with physical danger to the very survival of our people, to engage in recriminations, or to take partisan advantage of the complete collapse of Jewish Agency policies. Quite the contrary. We believe that now is the time to strive for the immediate attainment of a policy of national unity which could immediately result in measures to save the nation and turn the new American policy to our national use.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Section of the Jewish Agency  
for Palestine



The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation and, I am sure, the High Command of the Irgun (we have not yet consulted with them on this point, but we speak confidently on the basis of the mutually agreed upon policy which we have followed until now) not only stand ready for national unity at this critical time but, indeed, hereby take the initiative to urge you in the strongest possible manner to adopt such a policy.

As a basis, we propose the proclamation at an immediate date in Jerusalem of the establishment of the independent Hebrew Republic of Palestine and the establishment of a Provisional Government of the Republic with all requisite ministries, including a ministry of national defense; and a Palestinian army, comprising all of the nation's fighting forces.

The independence of the Hebrew Republic of Palestine should be proclaimed on the basis of our inalienable historic right, the League of Nations Mandate, and the recognition of sovereignty contained in the resolution of the General Assembly. The Declaration of Independence should assume Hebrew sovereignty over the whole of Palestine. Anything else can only cast doubt on our rights and deprive the government of sound basis for future negotiations.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine should proclaim that it has ended its existence and hand over all its prerogatives, assets and property to the new Government of Palestine. This Government should promptly appoint diplomatic representatives to the members of the United Nations. There is no doubt whatsoever that several nations stand ready to grant us recognition, and to assume normal diplomatic relations with us. We are sure that a determined campaign by friends of Palestine in this country could compel the Government of the United States to receive and deal with these diplomatic emissaries and thus give the new government de facto recognition.

Confronted by a fait accompli the United Nations will give the government at least the same measure of recognition it has given to the Jewish Agency.

It is the conviction of the Hebrew Committee that immediate action along the lines of the above proposals is imperative to avert the disaster to which we are now exposed. I trust that you will view our proposals in the same light of national emergency and responsibility in which they are made.

I will appreciate, therefore, an early reply. I should be grateful for an intimation of your reaction by Sunday when a meeting of the members of the Hebrew Committee at present in the United States will take place to determine our course of action.

*Yours faithfully,*  
Peter H. Bergson

*Peter H. Bergson*





Arthur Henkin  
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LOS ANGELES 14

Dear Rabbi Silver:— March <sup>20</sup>~~14~~, 1948

As a Jew and member of the Zionist Organization from Brooklyn New York, I was shocked to read in the Los Angeles papers of the (XX) "stat in the back" on the "Partition" question. All of my friends who I am visiting here are greatly saddened & humiliated, at this latest move, against the Jewish people who were so happy, at last—thinking of a Jewish Country, a Jewish President & Cabinet, etc.

Having heard you in Madison Sq. Garden & elsewhere, I know that you are on the "Spot". Show you "Leadership" now. Use the Press - Radio - Pulpit, as you have done in the past, but now you, and all of us Jews, throughout the Country, dare not fail. Arthur Henkin  
If possible, kindly answer me. (Thanks)



April 5, 1948

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East Sixty Sixth Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter is being written on behalf of Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair and Hashomer Hadati.

We feel that the only adequate response which can be made by American Jewish youth to the challenge of the current critical period for our people is the one of personal involvement in our cause - aliya to build and defend Eretz Yisrael.

It is with this spirit that we accept the challenge presented by the institution of Land and Labor for Palestine. We, the halutz groups, have decided to speed up our aliya, and to send as many halutzim for permanent settlement in Palestine as possible in the next several months.

In this connection there is one specific problem which we should like to call to your attention. A large number of our members plan to go to Palestine to build and, as members of the Hagana, to defend in specific points of concentration, as nuclei for future colonies. Shlichim from Palestine tell us that there are very few garinim for new settlements left and that such American garinim would be of utmost importance to the future of Palestine. This means that these halutzim, though they will be doing extremely important work, and though some of their members have already fallen in the defense of our cause, cannot fit into the existing framework of Land and Labor for Palestine.

We are therefore requesting the creation of an over-all classification of "Fighting Americans" which would include both Land and Labor and the halutz groups, while enabling the halutz groups to respond adequately to the call of the hour.

Together we number over a thousand members and many haverim are prepared to leave in the very near future. To facilitate their leaving we would appreciate the same financial arrangements made with these haverim as with the volunteers for Land and Labor.

We know what a serious thing it is to ask our Jewish agencies for additional funds in these days. We will try our best to be worthy of the trust placed in us.

Sincerely yours,

*Murray Weingarten*

HABONIM, LABOR ZIONIST YOUTH

*Yis Kraft*  
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*Tzvi Reich*  
HASHOMER HADATI

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JOHN HILLDRING

The Kennedy-Warren,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 17, 1948.

Dear Rabbi Siever:

You may have wondered why you have received no reply to your telegram to me of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Your telegram was addressed to me in Phoenix after I had returned to the East. I was forwarded to Detroit where I was scheduled to speak for the W.A. at that time, and has wandered around America for nearly a month before it reached me yesterday.

You may rest assured that I will raise my voice. I have and I will.

There is no satisfactory solution to the Palestine problem except partition. I thought so last fall, and I still think so. I shall say so whenever two people gather to listen to me.

Sorry about the delay in answering your message.

Sincerely

John Hilldring



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April 22, 1948



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The political situation in Brooklyn has turned into a sad and piteful fiasco from my point of view.

The Brooklyn political leaders of the Democratic party are invading our ranks and are neutralizing the Zionist anger and resentment, by making promises and offerings of office to our Zionist leaders.

We are allowing such men as Congressman Multer to smash our Regional executive meeting. He took considerable time to explain that he was justified in abusing a Womens delegation in regards to Palestine, claiming they were Communists. We know that Multer also voted aid to Franco Spain, and that he is behind his party, and the administration, no matter what the issue may be.

In district 32 Flatbush Z.O.A. Mr. Albert Shanzer is working hard in convincing us that the Democratic party leaders of Brooklyn have done a marvelous piece of work, in furthering the Zionist issue. (I question this).

Mr. Artie Levine, a Witty political footman, joined district 32 in the month of March, and already was appointed to our executive board.

Rumors are that a Brooklyn Z.O.A. leader was offered the Brooklyn Borough presidency, if he wants to take it.

Rank and file and most local Z.O.A. so called leaders, are already talking that we cannot, and must not, defeat the Democratic Party, because we will be cursed with a Communist Administration.

We are even at this most degrading and shameful time in American Jewish history, when our administration is letting us down, and delivering us into hell and damnation. at this very moment, our Jewish leaders are falling all over themselves to seek favorable opinion to themselves, from our lying and insincere politicians.

This destructive wave against your herculain effort, this sabotage to your achievement, must be halted, I urge you to advise our Mah-Yofes leaders to cease acting this greedy role.

I am certain that you still did not make peace with an administration that is capable through shameful manuverings to shatter our dreams of Two Thousand Years.

Copies sent to:  
Dr. Emanuel Newman  
Mr. Phil Lassar  
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Mr. Abraham Tuvin

Very truly yours,

*I. J. Haskel*  
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April 26, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 E. 66 Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to call your attention to the fact that a significant portion of American Jewish youth, which could be utilized to a very great advantage in the present emergency, is being permitted to shift for itself without any guidance or assistance from the Agency. I refer to the American chalutz youth of which there are a few hundred in this country waiting for an opportunity for Aliya.

We, in Hashomer Hadati, in common with other chalutz movements, are faced with this problem at the present time. We are anxious to send our chalutzim to Palestine, as quickly as possible. In order to do so, we have speeded up our Hachshara process and are making a campaign to urge younger chaverim to go to Hachshara at the earliest opportunity and thus be able to leave for Palestine much sooner. However, many of these people are held up by lack of necessary funds for immigration. They are forced to sometimes spend months, after having been graduated from Hachshara, in order to earn enough money to go to Palestine.

We fail to see why these chalutzim should not at least get the treatment accorded non-chalutzim who are going to Palestine for only a year or two during the present emergency. We do not feel that the fact that these people expect to spend their whole lives there, makes them in any way less worthy of support. We believe that we could perhaps double the rate of chalutzim who can leave in the next six months, if they can receive a subsidy from the Jewish Agency equivalent to the amount of their passage. We urge you to give this matter very serious consideration, and please let us have your answer as soon as possible.

With Torah and Zion Greetings,

Very truly yours,

HASHOMER HADATI

*Zvi Reich*  
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May 3, 1948

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
Chr. American Section  
Jewish Agency  
16 East 66th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We allow ourselves to draw your attention to the cablegram we were compelled to send today to the treasurer of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, a copy of which we are enclosing.

We feel that you will fully understand the grave implications mentioned in this cablegram and be aware of the untenable financial situation of Hechalutz.

With Zion's greetings,

Yehuda Messinger

*Yehuda Messinger*  
*Natan Friedel*

Natan Friedel

YM: jr

CC: Dr. E. Neumann  
Hayim Greenberg  
Rose Halperin  
Rabbi Gold  
Gottlieb Hammer



COPY OF CABLEGRAM

May 3, 1948

KAPLAN  
JEWAGENCY  
JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

AGENCY HERE NOT READY PAY SUBSIDY WITHOUT YOUR ORDER.  
DIDN'T RECEIVE ANYTHING ACCOUNT SUBSIDY 47-48. UNABLE  
MEET OBLIGATIONS DUE. IF NO MONEY FORTHCOMING NEXT  
WEEK HAVE TO CLOSE FARMS SEND 120 CHALUTZIM HOME.

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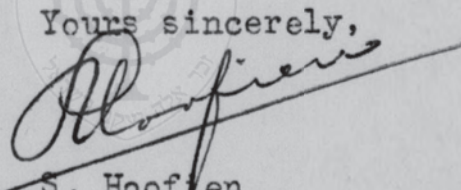
May 28, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver:

On the eve of my departure for Israel I want to take leave from you by the present letter and to say how much I have appreciated to see you at work in our own councils and in those of the powers of the earth. There is still a struggle ahead, but we have got very far from the time I started to do a few things in my own field in this country and I leave, imbued with the confidence that we shall see this thing through.

Lehithraoth beyisrael hanig'al.

Yours sincerely,

  
S. Hoofien



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Dr. M. Kahany

