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Moses Bailey, S.T.M., Ph.D.

September 27, 1948.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The American Friends Service Committee has asked me to consider joining them in some service of good-will in Israel. While the project is not yet clearly formulated, it is hoped that it may be helpful to war-sufferers quite regardless of their political loyalties. I shall be loath to undertake so delicate a matter without first having the advantage of your wisdom. Are you, during the next fortnight, at any time to be in New York, where I could meet you without inconvenience to yourself? Or may I come to Cleveland at some time when you could spare me an hour?

Very sincerely,

Moses Bailey



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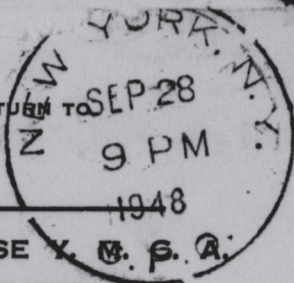
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Telephone, RITTENHOUSE 6-9372

October 8, 1948

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Sulgrave Hotel  
67th and Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you greatly for your courtesy extended over the telephone in allowing me to meet you in the interest of the American Friends Service Committee. I will be at your hotel at five o'clock Saturday, October 9. Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

*Moses Bailey*  
Moses Bailey *per jim*

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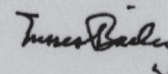
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for the courtesty in allowing me to come to your hotel in the midst of the busy periods of the high holidays. I greatly appreciated it.

Your word of introduction to Mr. ben Gurion I shall particularly prize, for the Service Committee is eager to undertake its work with the full approval of all those in authority.

May I say again that it was a great personal privilege to me to meet one whom I have known indirectly through many years. Even abstruse Medieval History will be a bit brighter for having the opportunity to know the author of "Messianic Speculation in Israel".

Very sincerely yours,



Moses Bailey

MB/jm



October 14, 1948

Mr. Arthur Lourie  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East 66th Street  
New York 21, New York

My dear Mr. Lourie:

Dr. Moses Bailey of the American Friends Service Committee was in to see me in New York last Saturday. I think you know about his mission to Israel. The American Friends would like to handle some social service among the Arabs in Israel. I understand that he has spoken to Eliahu Epstein and others. It has been indicated to him that his mission would be welcomed. I suggested to him the names of some people he should contact when he gets to Israel. When you next cable to Tel Aviv, please convey to them my request that Dr. Moses Bailey be given every courtesy and assistance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBAHILLEL SILVER

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October 20, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your note about Dr. Moses Bailey  
of the American Friends Service Committee.

I had a long talk with Dr. Bailey and cabled  
the Foreign Office in Tel Aviv with regard to  
his mission to Israel. They are understandably  
not very enthusiastic about the proposed visit,  
but will certainly do all they can to be helpful  
to him, and those who are likely to follow on  
behalf of the Committee within the coming few  
weeks.

I took the opportunity to indicate to Dr.  
Bailey that the part played by Dr. Totah, as the  
Director of Arab propaganda in this country, has  
not, in the light of Dr. Totah's long association  
with the Friend's school in Ramallah, done the  
Quakers much good in the eyes of Jews generally,  
and of the Jews in Israel in particular. Dr.  
Bailey, who was accompanied by a member of the  
Executive Staff of the Friends in Philadelphia,  
said that he was fully aware of this fact, and  
apparently was anxious to do something towards  
remedying the situation and to improve relations  
between the Friends and ourselves.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur Lourie*  
Arthur Lourie

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October 28th, 1948

Dr. A.H. Silver,  
The Zionist Executive,  
New York.

My dear Silver,

I am writing this note in connection with the work of the agricultural training centre for Palestine children. It deals with the considerable number of children in Palestine, especially belonging to the oriental communities, who are living in destitute conditions, do not receive proper education and are hardly prepared for a happy and decent life. The organisation takes numbers of these children out of the slums into the healthy conditions of life in the rural settlements. It is a special type of job, of a very important and fundamentally essential character.

I understand that Chief Rabbi Dr. Kratzenstein is going to the USA in order to work on behalf of the agricultural training centre, and I hope that you will get into touch with him and see in what way you can help him in this special task.

I may say that I myself am very much interested in this matter. It is obviously impossible now that in the State of Israel there should be hundreds of thousands of children that can be described by means of the words used above. I am also interested because the founder of the agricultural training centre is Mrs. Recha Freier. Mrs. Freier was, in fact, the woman who first proposed the activity which is now known as Youth Aliya. It is clear that she has a very deep moral contact with developments of special significance in connection with the children of our people and their settlement in Israel.

I am also writing to Dr. Neumann.

With best wishes and kind regards and the hope that the Jewish year that is just beginning may give us our final victory in regard to the State of Israel.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,

S. Brodetsky

P.S. I suppose you know that I am going to the USA very soon. It is really on behalf of the campaign for the Hebrew University in New York. My wife is accompanying me. I shall look forward to being in contact with the New York members of the Executive of the Zionist Organisation during my stay in the USA.



November 10, 1948

Mr. Abe Herman  
P.O. Box 92  
Jewish Agency  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Herman:

With regard to China's opposition to Israel in the U.N., I happened to discuss this with a Jewish sinologist. He suggested very strongly that the Israel Government send as its envoy to China a sinologist because such a person can speak the common language and gain the confidence of the Chinese leaders. He can emphasize the common point of view and the common backgrounds, namely that Jews are Orientals and that they too have suffered from Imperialistic suppression, especially for 2000 years. He can point out that the Jews in Palestine have been oppressed by the same Imperialism that has oppressed China since 1850. He can also point out that by gaining China's friendship, China could also gain the friendship of 5 million American Jews and perhaps also the friendship of the American Government and the American people at large.

This is merely a suggestion which undoubtedly David Ben Gurion, Meleke Shertek, and Chiam Weismann and others must have given some thought. Perhaps you can bring this to their attention through your own channels.

This Jewish sinologist thinks that you should be able to find a qualified person among the Shanghai refugee scholars or in Paris at the Sorbonne.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

SH:vr

Rabbi Samuel Horowitz

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M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: DEAN ALFANGE

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

STRICTLY PERSONAL  
AND CONFIDENTIAL

I am sending you this memorandum in the strictest of confidence because I was unable to reach any of you on the telephone, and time is of the essence.

I think I have earned the right to speak freely to the leaders of Zionism, and I want to tell you frankly that your failure to commend Governor Dewey for his forthright reiteration of his own and his party's position in respect of Israel, will not serve the best interests of your cause.

I am speaking for myself and not for Governor Dewey when I say that your failure to commend him will be construed as motivated by a design to play one side against the other. This is bound to do harm to the Zionist movement, and to Israel.

I think you will agree with me that Governor Dewey's election next Tuesday is a virtual certainty. After November 2nd, the foreign ministers of the great powers and the delegates to the United Nations Assembly will not look to Mr. Marshall and to Mr. Truman for guidance and leadership in matters pertaining to Israel. They will look to Mr. Dewey and to Mr. John Foster Dulles, who will reflect Mr. Dewey's views. I therefore venture to say, again on my own, that your silence and the interpretations to which that silence lends itself will not serve the long term interests of the State of Israel.

If I were a Zionist leader, I would promptly

- 1 - commend Governor Dewey for taking the initiative in reaffirming his own and his party's position, and make public my commendation. I realize that your position in the Zionist movement may not permit you to urge his election, but it does not stop you from commending him.
- 2 - criticize President Truman for making political wares and merchandise of Israel, for it was quite apparent that that was precisely what he was doing when he



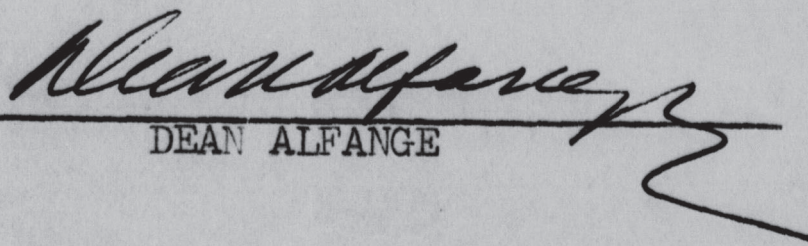
issued his statement yesterday. After all, he is in power, and he could have done the things he advocates long ago. You will observe in the third paragraph from the last of the President's statement, that he hopes "that by using this (Bernadotte) plan as a basis of negotiation, the conflicting claims of the parties can be settled." This is a virtual endorsement of the Bernadotte Plan, and points up the kind of double talk and equivocation to which you have been subjected during the past year.

- 3 - encourage lesser Zionist leaders to declare openly for Mr. Dewey's election, although not in their official capacity as Zionists.

Statesmanship sometimes has to take risks in order to fulfill its objectives. The risk here is very small compared to the benefits that could come from such forthright action on your part.

I hope you will pardon me for setting down my views so frankly, but my interest, like yours, is to serve the Zionist cause, for which, though a Christian, I have devoted a good part of my life. I hope I am mistaken in my estimate of the great harm your silence is doing. I do not know what Governor Dewey's reaction is, or what it may be, but I think my conclusions are based on a valid premise.

You gentlemen are the leaders of Zionism, and Zionism looks to you speak out; and now is the time.

  
DEAN ALFANGE



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U.S. DELEGATES AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE DEFEND U.J.A. LEADERS; DENY THEY ARE ANTI-ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- Allegations that those who now head the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. are anti-Zionists were denied here at the conclusion of the general debate of the Zionist Actions Committee by Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

"The fact is," the American Labor Zionist leader said, "that they (the U.J.A. leaders) often abandon their businesses and devote all of their time to the collection of funds for Israel. This shows they are good and faithful Zionists," he added.

The debate became especially impassioned when the issue of the resignations of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann from the executive of the Jewish Agency was taken up for discussion. Berl Locker, chairman of the Agency executive in Jerusalem, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency executive, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, Agency treasurer, delivered long speeches on the subject.

Locker warned against "terrorization of the majority by a minority--even by a minority consisting of respected members of the Jewish Agency who are contributing much to the Zionist movement." He urged maintaining of the democratic spirit of the Zionist movement.

Agency's Decision on U.J.A. Saved Drive This Year, Goldmann Says

Dr. Goldmann stated that the decision of the majority of the Agency executive with regard to the U.J.A. saved the Appeal's campaign in 1949. The main issue, he said, was the refusal by Drs. Silver and Neumann and American Zionist bodies to accept the majority decision of the Agency executive. Such a policy, he added, if allowed to prevail, would destroy the voluntary democratic system prevailing in the Zionist movement.

"The imposition of the will of individual personalities upon the Zionist movement is not admissible," Dr. Goldmann declared. "I fought it in the past and will fight it in the future. Nobody denies the great merits of Dr. Silver but we should not forget also other great Zionist leaders in America, such as the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

"The decision of the Jewish Agency executive with regard to the U.J.A. established the authority of the executive in America and saved the Zionist movement from sliding into a centralized direction. The full autonomy of local Zionist bodies with a right to defy the central authority would have broken the Zionist organization," Goldmann concluded.

Dr. Goldstein said: "Speaking for the General Zionists, I can say that if Drs. Silver and Neumann would wire that they withdraw their resignations tomorrow and that they are returning to the Jewish Agency executive, there would be a widespread satisfaction.

"A good deal has been said here that on account of financial considerations the Zionists sacrificed to the non-Zionists. Others argued here that the Zionists had a victory because the position of the Jewish Agency had been maintained. My firm conviction is that American Zionists can regain their leadership in the field of fund-raising--if they lost it--as soon as they are prepared to throw themselves into fund-raising with the same zeal and passion of self-sacrifice with which they threw themselves into the political struggle." Dr. Goldstein declared.

A reception honoring members of the Actions Committee was given today by the Israeli Knesset. Various subcommittees of the Committee began work today on their respective assignments, including the subcommittee preparing resolutions on relations to be established between the Agency and the Israeli Government.



# The Jewish Agency for Palestine

# MEMORANDUM

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

**SUBJECT:**

Attached please find a copy of a cable, which we have dispatched today to Mr. Yizchak Rafael, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jerusalem, for your kind information.

S. B.

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