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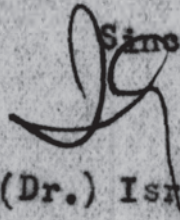
Hotel Kaete Dan,  
Yarkon Street,  
Tel Aviv.

5th September, 1948

My dear Dr. Silver,

I think that if you have a spare moment you might be  
interested to take a glance at the enclosed.

Sincerely,



(Dr.) Israel Goldstein.

Dr. A.H. Silver,  
16 East 66nd Street,  
New York.



Copy for Dr.A.H.Silver.

Hotel Kaete Dan,  
Yarkon Street,  
Tel Aviv.

5th September, 1948

Mr. Berman,  
Foreign Office,  
Kiriah,  
Tel Aviv.

Dear Mr. Berman,

Rabbi H. Englander of the U.S.A. has been speaking to me about his efforts to find an opportunity for service here in Israel. He tells me that he sent his application to you some time ago. He has been here a year and has thus far not succeeded in securing a position. He is a young man and seems to have qualifications for useful work.

I am writing you this note because it brings up a general problem which has been occupying my thoughts of late since I have met quite a few Zionists from America who have come here in the hope of finding an opportunity for service and who are still "displaced" American Zionists. They are not incompetents. They are young and able and eager. They have left the U.S.A. not because they were unable to find jobs there but because they wanted to work and serve here in Israel.

American Zionist leaders have been urged to call American Jewish youth to Israel. We have been chided for the small numbers of American youth who have come here; and yet, when I come upon situations such as the one referred to in this letter, I find it difficult to reconcile the call with the opportunity.

Perhaps I am inadequately informed about the real situation. Perhaps those whom I have met and from whom I have heard complaints are the exceptions. Nevertheless, I feel it my duty to express my at least tentative reaction to this situation.

With reference to the specific instance referred to in this letter, I would appreciate it if you would let me know what has happened with Rabbi Englander's application.

Sincerely,

(Dr.) Israel Goldstein.

Copies to: Mr. M. Shertok  
Mrs. R. Halpern  
Dr. E. Neumann  
Dr. A.H.Silver.



JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF  
312 HAWTHORNE TERRACE  
MT. VERNON, N.Y.

September 10, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to give you the following information that you requested:

The gentleman in question is J. Raymond Nunan who was appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue by F.D.R. and has been an active member of, and contributor to, the Democratic National Committee.

He was Chief Advisor to Donald Nelson in the War Production Board and subsequently, a leading figure in the War Assets Administration.

He is a boyhood chum of Governor Dewey. During the past Republican Convention, a man of excellent reputation who was at Mr. Nunan's home at the time, informed me that Mr. Nunan received a call from Governor Dewey. In response to a request he informed the Governor that he would mail him a check for \$25,000 made out to the Republican National Committee. From what I understand, it is not unlikely that Mr. Nunan may get a high appointment in the Dewey administration if the Governor is elected.

Mr. Nunan told me that he was the chief lobbyist for both the Argentine Government and the Dominican Republic in their successful negotiations for loans from the United States.

I have knowledge of a personal and successful appeal made by Mr. Nunan to the White House for the clearing of an "impossible" passport for us after it had been turned down by the State Department and the Appeal Board of the State Department. Forty-eight hours after the appeal was made - it was undoubtedly accompanied by a contribution to the Democratic National Committee - this "impossible" passport was granted over the signature of Secretary of State Marshall.

In my brief relationship with the gentleman in question, I have gotten the impression that there are very few men in Washington who have so many important contacts in high places. It is quite obvious that he has rendered services to many important individuals in Washington who are undoubtedly, indebted to him in large measure.



JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF  
312 HAWTHORNE TERRACE  
MT. VERNON, N.Y.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Recently, in the course of conversation, he hinted that he might be of assistance to us with reference to the Israeli loan. In view of the fact that he is willing to render, and has already rendered, important services to us and has virtually been a confidante of our group, there is very little that he doesn't know about our operations.

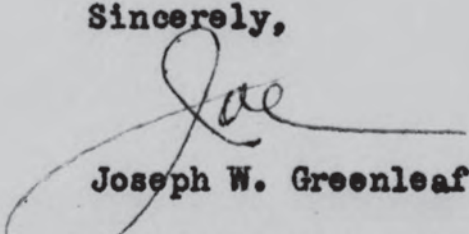
When I suggested to you the other day that it might be advantageous for you to meet him and discuss any and all problems that you might deem advisable, I not only had the present situation in mind but also the future especially, since it is very likely that he will play an important role and continue to be a man of great influence in the Dewey administration.

I regret that this letter has been so lengthy but I did want to give you a few of the salient points so that you might know who the man is. I have omitted a number of details which I shall be very happy to give you privately but in the main, I believe I have given you an accurate picture of J. Raymond Nunan.

In closing, I should like to add what I am sure is known to you - namely, that whereas he is extremely sympathetic to our cause, he expects to be paid well for services rendered.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Greenleaf

P. S. Subsequent to speaking to you yesterday, I had occasion to speak to Nunan and he informed me that he would be willing to come to see you in Cleveland if he could be assured that it would not be merely for the purpose of "extending mutual greetings."



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To JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF

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WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE YOUR WASHINGTON FRIEND IN CLEVELAND ANY DAY BEFORE  
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To JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF

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PERHAPS YOUR FRIEND CAN SEE ME IN NEW YORK THIS COMING SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
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*Dr. Selver*

JAS. MAXWELL FASSETT  
Counsellor and Attorney at Law  
55 Liberty Street  
New York, N.Y.

September 20, 1948

Hon. Eliahu Eilat .  
~~Ex~~ Representative of the Provisional Government  
of Israel to the Government of the United States,  
2210 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I represent His Grace, Vitaly, the Ruling Archbishop of the American and Canadian Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic Church, whose headquarters are located in the City of New York. He is the senior ecclesiastical authority in North America of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

It has come to the attention of His Grace that "The New York Times" of September 13, 1948, has reported, in a dispatch from Jerusalem, which has been filed by Mr. Julian Louis Meltzer, one of their most competent and experienced foreign correspondents, that the Soviet Union has sent to Jerusalem two members of the staff of the Soviet diplomatic mission at Tel Aviv for the announced purpose of establishing in Jerusalem a liaison office, which has as its ultimate objective the assumption by the Soviet Union of complete control of the properties of the Russian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem. These properties are valued at several million dollars and comprise some important commercial properties in the center of Jerusalem, as well as various churches, monasteries and convents, which are located not only in the City of Jerusalem, but in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Ein Karim.

Monks have heretofore been administering the properties, pursuant to authorization granted to them by an order of His Excellency, the High Commissioner, dated April 28, 1948, which was made by him in the exercise of powers vested in him by Article 3 of the Palestine Order in Council, 1948.

Mr. Meltzer's dispatch further indicates that he has received information in Jerusalem to the effect that continuous maintenance of the properties will be undertaken by the Soviet Union through its mission in Jerusalem.

On behalf of the authorized representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, I wish to register with you a most emphatic protest against any interference by the Soviet Union with the properties of the Russian Orthodox Church, identified above, and in the interest of orderly government and the protection of established rights, such as are recognized by all governments everywhere, I wish to bespeak the cooperation of the Government of Israel in preventing the consummation of any such plan as that which the Soviet Union has announced.



The properties are valuable from a purely monetary, or financial, point of view, but the intrinsic value of the properties is not the most important consideration. The most important consideration is the spiritual value of these properties in the Holy Land, where the Christian faith had its origins.

The Soviet Union has frequently indicated its opposition to Christianity and even to theism, and there can be no reasonable doubt in the minds of those who understand the activities of the Soviet Union, particularly with reference to the Russian Orthodox Church, as practised over a period of time beginning with 1919, that the purpose of the Soviet mission is the destruction of the properties identified above or their diversion to unauthorized uses and the confiscation of any income which might be derived therefrom.

Regardless of what the intent of the Soviet mission may be, however, and regardless of what statement they may make as to their purposes, the fact is that they have no right whatsoever in or to the properties, or any of them, and that only the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, to which body my client, Archbishop Vitaly, gives ecclesiastical allegiance, has any authority, temporal or spiritual, in the properties in question, and we look to you for the protection of these rights in Jerusalem.

I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to give this matter your very prompt attention and advise me as to what steps will be taken by your Government with reference to this matter.

I would also be glad to have you report to me as to what the officers of your Government in Jerusalem may report to you as the facts with reference to the matter, which is the subject of Mr. Meltzer's dispatch, above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

JMF:rh

(signed) Jas. Maxwell Fassett



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September 30, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East 66th Street  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Frank L. Greenfield, president of our company, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Isaac Rosengarten, editor of the Jewish Forum, that I am sure will be of interest to you.

He has asked that I contact your office and ask the favor of arranging an appointment with you, at which time he can present the letter and discuss its contents more fully. Mr. Greenfield suggested that possibly a luncheon engagement would be preferable but hastened to assure me that he is most anxious to meet with you at any time and in any place designated by you.

I trust this meeting will prove to be of the greatest importance as it regards a matter of most vital concern to us all.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*Alexander Langfelder*  
Secretary to the President

ALangfelder/A



October 29, 1948

Mr. Louis A. Falk  
#1 Exchange Place  
Jersey City, N. J.

My dear Mr. Falk:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your letter to the Honorable Lynn U. Stambaugh, and his reply. I am hopeful that some positive results will soon follow the considerable effort which has been put in to get the loan.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*J. George Fredman*

591 SUMMIT AVENUE

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November 23rd, 1948.

Mr. Louis A. Falk,  
1 Exchange Place,  
Jersey City, N.J.

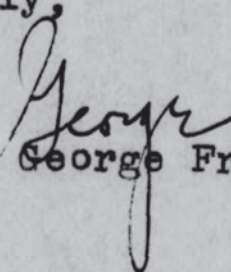
Dear Lou:-

While in Indianapolis last week-end attending the National Executive Committee meeting of the American Legion, I met our mutual friend Lynn Stambaugh, of the Export-Import Bank.

He told me he had received your letter and would be pleased to hear from or see you in Washington at any time. He stated his bank had received a clearance from the State Department, and the loan to Israel seemed probable. He said he didn't know how much it would be. He doubted it would be \$100,000,000. but might be between 50 and 70. He informed me they were gathering necessary information, which has to be done in all such matters, with a regular routine or procedure to be followed, which might take some little time. From my conversation with him, things look favorable and I'm sure you can count on his support.

Thought you'd like to know of this.      Regards,

Sincerely,

  
J. George Fredman



**MEMORANDUM**

December 22, 1945

**FROM: Abraham Feinberg**

You will be interested in a wire which was just dispatched to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

AF/en  
Encl.



T E L E G R A M

STRAIGHT

December 22, 1948

AMERICAN SECTION JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
16 EAST 66TH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

WE UNDERSTAND THAT QUESTION OF REINSTATEMENT FIVE EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBERS UPA WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROWS MEETING AMERICAN SECTION JEWISH AGENCY. WE FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW THE FACTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER. ON SUNDAY DECEMBER FIFTH COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS TOLD MR. EDWIN ROSENBERG THAT PREREQUISITE CONDITION FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OVERALL AGREEMENT IS IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF THESE MEN AND ASKED FOR ASSURANCE THAT THIS CONDITION WILL BE MET BY UPA. SAME DAY MR. ROSENBERG INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH MR. WEISMAN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FIVE MEN CAN RETURN TO THEIR POSTS IF THEY SO DESIRED ON CONDITIONS MADE BY MR. ROSENBERG AND THAT MR. ROSENBERG HAS FULL AND SOLE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH CONDITIONS AND DETERMINE PROCEDURE OF THEIR RETURN TO WORK. IN A WIRE WE SENT YESTERDAY TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UPA WE SAID QUOTE IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY MR. ROSENBERG AND THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS THAT THE RETURN OF THE FIVE MEN UNDER THE CONDITIONS TO BE MADE BY MR. ROSENBERG WAS PART OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPA AND COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS. MR. ROSENBERG AFTER HAVING REACHED HIS DECISION ADVISED THE MEN ON THURSDAY DECEMBER SIXTEENTH TO RETURN TO THEIR POSTS ON MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER TWENTIETH AND SO ADVISED THE UPA. THE MEN FOLLOWED MR. ROSENBERGS ADVICE AND RETURNED YESTERDAY BUT THEY WERE TOLD BY MR. SHAPIRO THAT MR. WEISMAN DENIES EVER HAVING GRANTED MR. ROSENBERG SUCH AUTHORITY. THERE IS NO ~~XXXXXX~~ DOUBT THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT MR. ROSENBERGS DECISION BY ADDING CONDITIONS TO THE RETURN OF THE FIVE MEN IN OUR OPINION WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEAR BREACH OF FAITH IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPA AND THE COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS. WE ARE QUITE SURE THAT YOU AS WELL AS WE ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE THE GOOD NAME AND REPUTATION OF UPA AND CONCERNED



WITH SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN 1949 WOULD NOT WISH TO BE A PARTY TO ANY BREACH OF FAITH AND WILL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO PREVENT IT UNQUOTE WE WANT TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THESE EXECUTIVES TO THEIR POSTS WOULD HAVE SERVED TO THE ENTIRE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AS SYMBOL OF REESTABLISHED UNITY. IT IS THE FIRST ~~CONCRETE~~ CONCRETE TEST OF THE SINCERITY AND THE GOOD FAITH OF UPA IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. IF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE FIVE EXECUTIVES IS TO BE DISHONORED OUR COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE REASON TO FEEL THAT THE OTHER PHASES OF THE AGREEMENT MAY BE SIMILARLY IGNORED. WE THEREFORE INSIST THAT THE MEN BE ADVISED TO RETURN TO THEIR DESKS BY DECEMBER TWENTYSEVENTH AND TO BE CONSIDERED REINSTATED AS OF THE DATE DECIDED UPON BY MR ROSENBERG. ANY FURTHER DELAY IN COMPLYING WITH MR ROSENBERG'S DIRECTIVE MEANS BREAKDOWN OF AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS ENDORSED BY JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE. COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO INFORM COUNTRY ACCORDINGLY AND TO REASSEMBLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING FUTURE ACTION. WE URGE YOU TO LET US HAVE YOUR REPLY BY FRIDAY MORNING CARE MY OFFICE ROOM 4401 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING. A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM IS BEING SENT TO THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS.

ABRAHAM FEINBERG  
CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS



MEMORANDUM

December 30, 1948

TO: Members of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive

FROM: Meir Grossman

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- b) Tourism.
- c) Totzeret Ha'arets.

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V. The Department in Jerusalem will be responsible for economic information and the issuing of publications connected with economic information, but it is understood that it will closely cooperate with the New York office.

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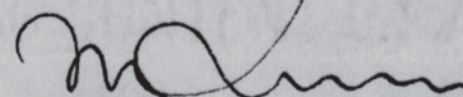
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter will introduce to you Mr. Yaacov Gutman, a member of this Mission, who was placed at the disposal of Materials For Israel to assist them in their material drives.

Mr. Gutman has arrived only recently from Israel and will be able to give you a first-hand report of the supply condition of the Army.

Very truly yours,



Meir Sherman.

MS/eg



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המנהל הרצ"ב יצחק בלעם ע"מ. העזרה

אקטואלע ביום ב' בבוקר; וחדש, כי יצאנו אל נמל יזרעל בידי.  
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י'ד' ג'אטמן



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*Dr. Silver*

MURRAY FRANK  
3959 Ames St., N.E.,  
Washington 19, D.C.

January 6, 1949

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, Editor,  
The New Palestine,  
41 East 42nd St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Barbarash:

I received your telegram this morning and also the memo from Miss Kroll of January 3.

On Sunday I shall send you a new article on current developments here for your next issue.

Attached is the article on Keenan and a picture of him which he gave me. For your personal information ONLY, I spent a half hour with him on Tuesday. We had a lengthy discussion of various angles connected with his work, but he did not want me to quote him as a source at this time because it would embarrass him in his work. Most of my article is based on my talk with him and with his JEWISH partner, a chap named Morris Kanfer who is a member of the ZOA. I would advise you very strongly not to publicize this information because it will do us more harm than good.

All I can tell you is: We have nothing to fear, the man knows what his job is and he is most anxious to be helpful to the Jews. But we cannot say so publicly. You may pass it on to Silver or Neuman, but no further. Keenan told me he will most definitely consult with Jewish leaders in this country before he leaves. Bear in mind, however, that his chief interest lies in keeping the Jews pacified and their votes safe for the Democratic Party.

I know much more than I can tell you or than I was able to disclose in the article. I had to be extremely cautious in my article. You may use it as is or shorten it if necessary, but do not add anything or change anything in a way that might embarrass me later.

He knows me now as a newspaperman. Bloom was the one that arranged my meeting with him, consequently he was very friendly. In view of that, it occurred to me that perhaps Silver and Neumann would think it advisable for me to go along with the Commission as a newspaperman, but at the same time to keep them posted confidentially on other developments. What do you think of the idea? Would you like to propose it to them? Maybe you ought to talk it over with Sidney Marks?

Sincerely,

MF



THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

January 28, 1949

We take great pleasure in inviting you to  
attend a farewell party in honor of

Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados  
Head of the Guatemalan Delegation  
to the United Nations

Wednesday, February 2nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
at the offices of the American Section of the  
Jewish Agency, 16 E. 66th St., New York City.

Dr. Granados has just returned from Europe  
and is on his way to Guatemala.

We hope that you will be able to be with us  
on this occasion.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman



March 14, 1949

Dr. Nahum Goldmann  
Jewish Agency for Palestine  
16 East 66th Street  
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Goldmann:

I received a notice of a meeting of the Directors named in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Jewish Agency. I should like to state again what I have already stated in public, that I did not authorize the use of my name in the Certificate of Incorporation and that I do not approve of the incorporation. Accordingly, I am not serving as a Director.

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



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

March  
17th,  
1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

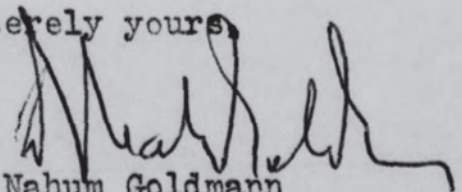
I want to acknowledge your letter of March 14th with respect to the incorporation of Jewish Agency, Inc., and the use of your name as one of the Directors.

The decision to incorporate Jewish Agency, Inc. was taken by the Plenary Session of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine on February 18, 1949. It was decided that the Directors of the Corporation, until the first annual meeting, should all be the members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Since the Executive has not acted upon your resignation your name was included among those of the other members as a Director.

On March 9th a notice of meeting of the Corporation was sent to you. Since that date the first annual meeting of the Corporation was held. Note was taken of your unwillingness to serve as a Director of Jewish Agency, Inc., and you were accordingly not reelected.

Sincerely yours,

  
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DAY LETTER

DR. NAHUM GOLDMAN, ACTING CHAIRMAN  
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WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RABBI IRVING MILLER  
THAT THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY  
HAS REQUESTED THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO CALL OFF  
ITS SCHEDULED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN CARNEGIE  
HALL. WE RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
FACT THAT A DECISION TO HOLD SUCH A CELEBRATION IS  
EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE FAR ADVANCED. IF ANY AD-  
DITIONAL CELEBRATIONS ARE TO BE HELD ON THAT DAY,  
THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO BE ASSURED OF AN  
ADDITIONAL BUDGET. REGARDS.

ABE TUVIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
Rabbi Irving Miller