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Jewish Agency, resignation, 1949.



Dr. Frederic A. Doppelt

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Feb. 20, 1949

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

Dear Colleague:

For some time now I have been following accounts of disturbing events within the ZOA of which I am a member; and when at last I read of the unfortunate turn of events last week which left you no choice but to resign from the Jewish Agency, there came to me only the sad words of Isaiah--words which seem to apply to you who has given a whole lifetime to both the Land of Israel, the people Israel, and the faith of Israel:

אֵלֶּיךָ שׁוֹבִים יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CHICAGO

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February 22, 1949

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Office Committee of the Zionist Organization of Chicago, which is comprised of the elected officers of the organization, meeting in Executive Session, on Monday evening, February 21st, read with regret the release issued by both you and Dr. Neumann, in regard to your resignations from the Agency.

While we are gravely concerned over the conditions which precipitated your resignations, we feel, however, that the larger issues involved demand your continued leadership within the Agency. Therefore, we urge you to reconsider.

Judging from the concensus, as expressed by Zionists in Chicago, we feel that there is need for greater clarification and enlightenment of the issues which prompted this action.

We respectfully extend our invitation to you to visit our community in the immediate future, in order that you may present the complete picture to the Zionists of our city. We hope that you will find it possible to accept our invitation.

With this, we again reiterate our unswerving support of the policies promulgated by you -- our leader.

Respectfully yours,

Milton Silverstein  
President

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Copy to Dr. Hillel Silver  
Vice President  
American Zionist Org. of America

152 West 42 Street  
New York, New York  
February 22, 1949

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
820 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Lehman:

I am writing you of my attitude on the controversy between Rabbi Hillel Silver and Mr. Henry Morgenthau Junior, in connection with the policies of the campaign for the "United Jewish Appeal." I do stand on the side of Dr. Silver on this issue. It seems to me that Mr. Morgenthau does not fully appreciate the issues involved in this campaign since Israel has become a state.

1. American Jewery cannot afford to be guided by outside forces, may they come from the state of Israel.

2. If Dr. Silver would have more courage, he could become the first prosecutor in modern Jewish history to prosecute Dr. Chaim Weitzmann and David Ben Gurion, the two leading spirits of the new state, for demoralizing American Jewery.

I don't know of any other figures in modern Jewish life which have condemned American Jews to death as they do. They never considered that American Jews are entitled to the same civil and human rights in the United States, as other citizens. Their conception was: that the American Jews have only one aim in life and this is: their sacrifice for the benefit of the establishment of a Jewish state.

We just have to go through the struggle between Hebrew and Yiddish in the last twenty five years to realize the methods which Zionism has adopted that this sacrifice should be completed. I do not travel with Dr. Silver on every train but in this controversy, all the credit is due him as he stands now for the dignity of American Jews.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip Segal*  
PHILIP SEGAL

P.S. Copies of this letter are being send to Dr. Silver, Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr., and to the newspaper, "Davar" in Tel Aviv, Israel.



Strictly Confidential

# Weizmann Dinner Delay Linked to State Dept.

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

THE WEIZMANN DINNER was postponed at the request of the American State Department. Top officials persuaded Mr. Truman that Arab-Jewish negotiations would be jeopardized if Mr. Truman and Dr. Weizmann exhibited their friendship publicly at this time.



P. J. Biron

WEIZMANN'S "TRIAL AND ERROR" is creating a bad impression in Israel.

His minimizing of the creative Zionist work by Herzl, Nordeau Jabotinsky, Brandeis, Ben Gurion, Ben Zvi and other giants of the days that marked the beginning of political and practical work for a Jewish State, is being sharply criticized. That is why Weizmann in his inaugural address at the Constituent Assembly went out of his way to mention several of these leaders.

And while we do not agree with Rabbi Silver on many issues we do think that he deserved more than a passing mention in Weizmann's autobiography.

NOW LET US be reasonable, Rabbi Goldstein. We read the other day a statement you issued in Jerusalem, in which you are reported as having said that "the immigration to Israel of a million and a half Jewish refugees from Europe and Arab countries in the next five years was envisaged."

Now seriously, where did you get that figure? There are no more than 150,000 refugees left in concentration camps in Europe. Eastern European countries can at best, provide another 50,000. Arab countries will give, maximum, 300,000. This makes a total of a half a million.

So, we ask you, Dr. Israel Goldstein where did you get the figure of 1,500,000, unless you expect one million refugees from America.

We allow a certain margin for exaggeration to stimulate fund raising in countries outside of Israel but there should be a ceiling to extravagant statements by responsible Zionist leaders.

THE BRITISH Home Secretary Ede does not think that anti-Semitism in England has reached a dangerous stage. He maintains that there is no ground for

prosecuting advocates of physical violence against Jews and for interfering with the distribution of anti-Jewish literature.

We have information from reliable sources that the Mosley gangs in England are not only extremely active but are organizing units whose task it is to intimidate the Jewish population in London and other large centers.

Jews are being physically attacked, store windows are being smashed, children are being molested. These are undeniable facts, yet the police have strict orders not to interfere.

Wonder why our American defense organizations are not paying attention to this rise of British Hitlerism. . . .

WALTER WINCHELL revealed the other day that the attempt to afflict Americans with Nazi musicians is part of a deliberate plan.

Newsweek stated that this plan is being sponsored by our State Department "to restore German-American cultural relations."

Walter's comment is rather to the point. Says Walter: "How do you like that? Could anything be more bitterly ironic? . . . Using Nazis as cultural agents. The Nazis who burned books, murdered and put behind bars great authors, artists and musicians."

Off the Record:

## Battling Hate Is Job for All Faiths, Schools

By NATHAN ZIPRIN

ON ITS SURFACE the idea of "Brotherhood Week" is an anomaly. For if we cannot live by the precept "love thy neighbor as thyself" throughout the year, it seems doubtful that a week dedicated to the promotion of the principles of equality, good will and understanding among all men of all races, religions and nationalities can serve as a taking-off point in the fight against indecency.

And yet there is much sense in "Brotherhood Week." For it is not only a reminder that men of goodwill are seeking to usher in "Brotherhood Year" but also a reminder of the significance of interfaith unity in combating bigotry, discrimination and hate.

### ATTITUDE CHANGE

BEFORE THE GOAL of interfaith, inter-racial and inter-country amity is reached there must come a profound change in human attitudes. This achievement is a slow process, as the history of the human race has demonstrated. But if the process was a slow one, the fault perhaps does not rest so much with the people who are obsessed by prejudices as by the fact that the problem has not, until recent times, been attacked on the basis that its existence was a threat to the hater as well as the hated.

If hate exists among the vast masses of the people, it is because it has often been generated, directly or indirectly, by the very sources to which the people looked forward for guidance and leadership.

Had generations of men been truly brought up on the concept that brotherhood among men is

an affirmation of the Fatherhood of God, our century might have had the distinction of going down in history as the "Brotherhood Century" instead of the century of war and death and hate and pestilence.

### HATE DENIES GOD

HATE IS A DENIAL of God. The church and Synagogue can help eradicate it by making it the central point in the education of the young. Group hates within a state menace the unity of a nation in peace as well as in war. Recognition of that fact by government can become a strong factor in overcoming it.

Hate on the social level is a disintegrating force in the community structure. Preservation of that structure demands that it be fought on community level by the educator, the community leader and the school.

Whether the ultimate objective in human relationship is possible of attainment or not is a question belonging to the realm of conjecture. But there is no denying that if the problem of hate and bigotry and discrimination can be tackled at all it

must be tackled through the concerted efforts of all faiths, through the school, forum and government.

### BEN GURION'S PURSUITS

ISRAELI PREMIER David Ben Gurion is not only a military strategist and statesman but also a great lover of books. He has one of the largest private Buddhist libraries. Zionists from all over the world send him their rare finds. His other intellectual interests are the Greek classics and Jewish mysticism.

In 1959 it is estimated Israel will have a population of more than two million Jews. To meet the problem of the enlarged population, the new State will have to increase its agricultural production by more than 70 percent. This means a large part of the population will have to engage in farming. One of the great sources of income in the next decade will be tourist trade.

### COMMUNIST SCARE

THE SMALL VOTE polled by the Communists in the recent Israeli election has not silenced the communist-penetration scare on which the foes of Israel have been harping. The latest harping on that theme comes from the pen of the New York Herald-Tribune's correspondent Joseph Alsop.

The gentleman whose predictions on other issues proved about as right as a horse-player's hunch selection now says a sus-

tained effort is on by Soviet Russia to infiltrate Israel with Communist "refugees" from Eastern Europe.

We have been hearing that story for more than two years now. If it hasn't been killed by

the election results it is only because it is kept alive by wishful thinking.

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Friday, February 18, 1949

(Shvat 26, 5709)

DETROIT 26, Mich.

## In Brief . . .

The delegates to the Jewish Community Council will meet for their quarterly session next Wednesday night. Democratically-elected representatives of about 100 organizations, more or less, will be present. With great sincerity, they will discuss anti-Semitism, elect a new board member and study the Council's budget to be submitted to the Jewish Welfare Federation which controls the Council's funds. The delegates are all aware that the Federation is standing quietly by scheming to swallow up the Council and take over all its functions so that its professional administrators can have greater power over the workings of the Jewish community. They have known this for years and they also knew that the situation is progressively growing more serious. Despite warnings and appeals by this newspaper, they have never done a thing about it except whisper among themselves bemoaning the situation. Rest assured, they will do nothing again about it next Wednesday.

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### The Yeshivah Needs Help

Yeshivath Beth Yehudah, one of the most successful and most progressive educational institutions in the city, will have to get greater communal spirit than it has hitherto in order to continue its existence. Chief opposition to that support has been premised on the fact that about 40 percent of its students attend all-day classes at the Yeshivah, a situation that is repugnant to certain ideals on public education. We confess we have been a victim of that repugnance and we are not yet entirely convinced that the all-day school is a healthy development in Jewish education in the U. S. To be honest, however, we must point out that objective educators are more and more convinced that this type of schooling is the most successful in reaching the goal of a well-rounded Jewish education. In addition, observations will point out that the methods of education in the Yeshivah are of the most advanced types and that the student body has a loyalty and affection for their school that is unfortunately lacking in most other Jewish schools. The fact that 80 percent of the Jewish children in the city get no Jewish education at all, even the one-day Sunday School kind, should help convince the doubter that a successful school like the Yeshivah ought to be accorded the support of the full community. As it stands now, except for \$22,500 given to it by the Allied Jewish Campaign, the schools are supported almost entirely by the same handful of devoted contributors year after year. It is time that we all unite to back the Yeshivah first, and then, if we are still unconvinced, debate the matter of the day classes. The situation is getting desperate and will become disastrous if increased financial backing is not forthcoming. The Allied Jewish Campaign holds the answer.

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### Jewish Music Month

Last week saw the launching of Jewish Music Month on a scale hitherto unknown in the U. S. The National Jewish Welfare Board likes to do things in a big, American way and its list of musical programs for the month in New York City and in approximately a thousand Jewish centers all over the country, is simply staggering. Will it all help to encourage Jewish music? And what is Jewish music? How does it differ from international music? And is it necessary to introduce separation even into the one universal language that humanity has? These are questions that come to mind during this month.

### Silver, Neumann Are Right

We acclaim the action of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, leaders of American Zionists, who have resigned from the Jewish Agency. They must not withdraw those resignations as long as the causes which brought them on are not rectified. The resignations are a warning to American Jewry and the first open blows by top leadership at the greedy octopus which is attempting to seize control over all Jewish funds in America and over all Jewish agencies collecting money for whatever purpose. On a larger scale, they are the same kind of blows that the Jewish Chronicle has been aiming at the Jewish Welfare Federation here which through its professionals is attempting to squeeze the life out of every independent money-raising agency in the Jewish community. Silver and Neumann have told Henry Montor and his dupe, Morgenthau, that a man who until three years ago didn't even know he was Jew and that a man who is hired to do a fund raising job are not going to take over the control over funds destined for Israel and thus attempt to pressure the government of Israel. Men who perform their jobs for the sake of power and prestige and not for the love of Israel should not be given the authority to supervise its funds in America. The rank and file are with you, Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann. Stick to your guns. Help save democracy in the American Jewish community.

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### Brotherhood Week

In connection with the anti-Semitic remarks hurled at the pickets protesting the Flagstad concert, we must say that the Jewish community showed itself weak in failing to support the picketing. The remarks demonstrate that there is something wrong with Christian teachings when such a violent exhibition of hate and malice can be elicited from a small group of cultured Christians. Frankly, we are getting tired of being the only religious faith sincerely observing Brotherhood Week. What is the matter with our Christian neighbors? Are tolerance, understanding and brotherly love too much for them to practice?

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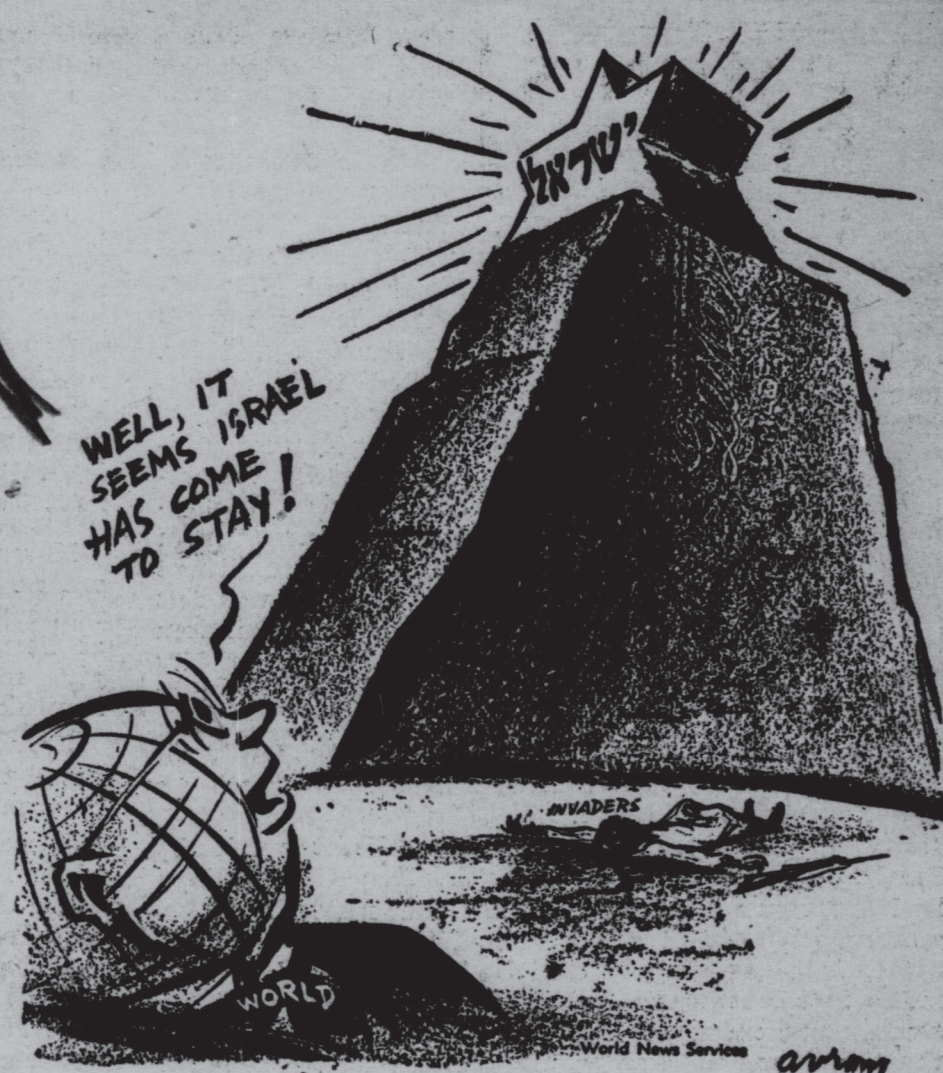
### First Parliament Opens

The opening of the first Parliament of Israel was one of the most impressive ceremonies of this historic year, and rightly so. It represented the culmination of a series of events which brought about not only the establishment, but also the political solidification of the Jewish State in a remarkably short period of time. The opening, like most other State ceremonies of Israel, was used as an occasion to stress the desire of the Jewish State for peace with its Arab neighbors, peace not only on the battlefields, but also in everyday life. The opening address by President Chaim Weizmann was a moving document which amply proved that the aged leader is not a figurehead, but one of the moulders of the character of the new State. The ceremony left a feeling with liberal Jewish people the world over that the Jewish State is in the safe hands of peace loving men with sane minds and progressive liberal ideas.

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### Peace—Israel's Symbol

A martial eagle with frightening mien used to be the chief symbol on a nation's emblem. Israel in choosing its emblem used a seven-branched candelabrum embraced by two olive branches. Beneath it is the word "Israel". No threat, no arrogance in this symbol. Rather there is assurance of continued respect for ancient traditions and a promise of treading the pathways of peace. Perhaps, some day, the great prophecies of old will be fulfilled and Israel will help lead all men to the ways of permanent peace.



## Flight Empties Europe of Jewish Remnant

By WILLIAM ZUCKERMAN  
(Jewish World News Service)

NEW YORK—The Exodus from Europe is now a fact. Europe is being rapidly and surely emptied of Jews. Most European countries have already lost between 50 and 75 percent of their Jewish inhabitants and the process of emigration is going on at the rate of ten and more thousand per month. Within a year or more the so-called Dispersion of the Jews, Galuth, in Europe at least, will be a thing of the past.

This was brought out by one of the top officials of Israel, Dr. Isaac Werfel, the head of Jewish immigration of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, who is in this country. According to Dr. Werfel, more than half of the population of the Jewish communities in the Balkan states have already left their homes and emigrated to Israel. The other half is on the way.

Specifically: 25,000 of the 40,000 Jews of Bulgaria have already settled in Israel. Out of the 11,000 Jews in Yugoslavia, 6,000 have emigrated; the others have the government's permission, even encouragement to leave.

In Czechoslovakia, 20,000 of the entire Jewish population of 35,000 have left the country. The others are preparing to leave with the permission of the government.

### OPPOSED IN EAST

THE SITUATION is somewhat more complicated in Poland, Rumania and Hungary because of the active opposition to mass-Jewish emigration by the local Jewish Communists, but even in these countries a constant stream of emigration is going on with the consent of the governments on a scale unknown in this century.

In Poland there are now only 60,000 Jews, out of a prewar 3,000,000, and half of these, 30,000, are expected to leave the country within the next few months with the permission of the government. Eight hundred will leave in the month of February.

In Hungary, negotiations are going on with government authorities for the mass evacuation of 50,000 Jews and there are hopes that when these will leave, permits will be obtained for thousands of others.

The most difficult situation exists in Rumania. But even in that country, Dr. Werfel obtained permission for 5,000 Jews to

leave every month; 4,000 have already emigrated.

### FEW IN DP CAMPS

THE EVACUATION process is more remarkable from the Jewish DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy. Until recently, these camps had a total Jewish population of nearly 300,000. Now it is nearer 75,000.

In Italy, most of the camps have already been liquidated. In Austria only several thousand are left; and in Germany the liquidation goes on at a pace where there will not be a single DP camp left by the end of summer.

At the same time between six and seven thousand Jews are leaving every month from ports of France.

In short, something extraordinary is going on in Europe. A people who have lived on that continent for 2,000 years (Jews are, as a matter of fact, the oldest people in Europe. They were there before the fall of the Roman Empire.), are now leaving it en masse.

### VOLUNTARY EXODUS

IN A FEW YEARS, Europe will be emptied of Jews and Hitler's dream of a "Judenrein" Europe will be realized, but not in the way he dreamed of and tried to bring about, for this exodus is primarily voluntary.

There is less anti-Semitism and persecution of the Jews in Europe now than ever before in its history, and yet Jews are leaving it at a greater rate than ever before. Those people who spent years of their lives fighting the theory of an exodus from Europe as undesirable and impossible (and the writer of these lines was one of them), must now confess that they were historically wrong.

Jewish history is not moving according to their rationalistic theories, in this as well as in other problems. It is well to face these facts frankly.

Not only Zionists, but also non-Zionist Jews now have to change some of their theories and reorientate a good many of their views if they want to keep in step with Jewish history.

### Infants Group Gives \$1,000 for Israeli Tots

The Infants Service Group has allotted \$1,000 for the purchase of layette items to be shipped directly to Israel.

The group distributed Valentine's to all of the small patients at Children's hospital at a party.



Ruth M. Denenholz  
7834 Drexel Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

Mar. 1 - 1949

Dear Dr. A. H. Silver:

I read with deep  
regret of your resignation  
from the Zionist Organization.

I personally feel that  
they have sustained a  
decided loss without  
the help and advice of your  
esteemed intelligence.

I would appreciate  
and deem it a ~~privilege~~<sup>be</sup>  
privilege



to receive an answer, if  
in any way you could  
help clarify my interest,  
why you and Dr. Newman  
resigned. Will it in any  
way effect the status of  
of shaping the destiny  
of the state of Israel?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs D. Dechenhof.



Silver

C O P Y

ALFRED H. KLEIMAN  
Attorney at Law  
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New York 7, N.Y.

March 3, 1949

Rabbi Emanuel Neuman and  
Rabbi Abba Silver  
c/o Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

I should like to take the liberty of bringing to your attention a resolution which was passed by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of District 92 (Tikvat Israel) of the Z.O.A. This resolution was passed after due deliberation by the Political and Executive Committees on March 1, 1949. It reads as follows:-

"Having noted that the United Palestine Appeal has voted to comply with the decisions of the Jewish Agency, in respect to the administration of the 1949 campaign of the U.J.A., the Executive Committee of Tikvat Israel heartily recommends to you that you withdraw your resignations from the said Agency. We believe that this is in the best interest of the unity of the Zionist Movement and to the vital success of the United Jewish Appeal."

I should like to bring to your attention the fact that Tikvat Israel is the largest Young Zionist District in the Borough of Manhattan and, to further voice my personal opinion, to say that this resolution would have the support of the greatest majority of all Young Zionists.

Very truly yours,

ALFRED H. KLEIMAN  
Political Chairman,  
District 2, Z.O.A.

AHK:JM



March 4, 1949

Mr. Milton Silverstein, President  
Zionist Organization of Chicago  
220 South State Street  
Chicago 4, Illinois

My dear Friend:

I greatly appreciate your letter of February 22nd. I regret that I was unable to reconsider my decision to withdraw from the Executive of the Jewish Agency. I believe that future events will justify the position which Dr. Neumann and I were compelled to take.

As far as coming to Chicago is concerned, I hope that I shall have an opportunity in the not too distant future. At the moment I am not free to indicate when I can come. I deeply appreciate the confidence which you and the Zionist Organization of Chicago have placed in me. Please convey my best wishes to the officers and members of the Zionist Organization of Chicago.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



March 4, 1949

Mrs. Ruth M. Denenholz  
7834 Drexel Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Denenholz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am enclosing herewith a statement which Dr. Neumann and I made on the occasion of our resignation from the Executive of the Jewish Agency which may help you understand the reasons for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 4, 1949

Dr. Frederic A. Doppelt  
500 West Wayne Street  
Fort Wayne 2, Indiana

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciate it very much.

I would not worry about the events of recent weeks. In a political tug of war there are always advances and retreats. The last word has not yet been spoken on this particular political tussle.

I trust that you are well, and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too far distant future.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 8, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

"I read in the New York Times that you had withdrawn from the UJA."

It was not clear as to what issue was so important as to cause this action.

A reference was made in some of the reports to the status of Mr. Montor, but I presume that something bigger than the personality of one individual was involved.

I was wondering, therefore, whether there is any place where I may learn the reasons for your position. (I have heard it said that the basic difference was over the question of the relative power of Mapai and the General Zionists in the allocation of funds.)

Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Simeon H. F. Goldstein*

SHFG:ds



March 11, 1949

Mr. Simeon H. F. Goldstein  
518 Willis Avenue  
Bronx 55, New York

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

In reply to your kind letter of March 8th, I should like to comply with your request and state in a letter the issues which were involved in the controversy. I would suggest that you obtain a copy of the latest issue of "The New Palestine" which contains statements which are issued in connection with the controversy, and which will help you to understand it.

Incidentally, your first sentence suggests that you are under a misapprehension. You state, "I read in the New York Times that you had withdrawn from the UJA." I have not withdrawn from the UJA. I resigned my membership in the Executive of the Jewish Agency and also as Chairman of its American Section.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES RESIGNATIONS OF SILVER, NEUMANN FROM JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- A motion calling on the Zionist Actions Committee not to accept the resignations of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann from the Jewish Agency executive was introduced today at a session of the Committee here by I. Serlin, representative of the World Confederation of General Zionists. The motion urged the Actions Committee--supreme ruling body of the world Zionist movement between sessions of the World Zionist Congress--to cable Drs. Silver and Neumann "to resume their work."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency, said that Serlin's motion had not been discussed or decided on by the General Zionists. Rabbi J. Neufeld, of Mizrachi, who presided today, ruled that the motion would be discussed after completion of a general debate.

Speaking for Mapam, J. Hazan declared that his party "never fought Silver's battles. Nevertheless, priority should be demanded for Zionism and Zionists, because key positions handed over to those (engaged) only in money collections will be a dangerous move," he said.

First speaker in the general debate was Rabbi Max Kirshblum, of the Mizrachi Organization of America, who warned against changes in the Zionist Organization. "Those who recently joined the Zionists' ranks were welcomed, but the Zionist movement cannot rely on them," he warned, adding that "they may jump off the cart in the first crisis, whereas Zionist leaders will not desert." He said that "wishful-thinking Zionists persuaded non-Zionists to demand greater rights."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, of Hadassah, described the changes in the American Jewish community during the last few years, as well as American Jewry's response to everything occurring in Palestine. It would be a grave mistake, she asserted, to create divergencies in the Zionist movement. She also demanded strengthening of the movement in the U.S.

MAPAI PARLEY PLEDGES PARTY'S AID TO IMPLEMENT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- The closing session of a country-wide Mapai conference today pledged the party's assistance in implementing the government's austerity program as well as in its plans to restore the country's economy to a normal footing. The convention also called on all labor movements and institutions in Israel to dispatch several hundred emissaries to the immigrant camps to train the new arrivals for life in the Jewish state.

Mapai wants to carry out its pre-election pledge to establish a Socialist regime in this generation, yet it appreciates the fact that with present mass immigration, absorption of the newcomers would be impossible without attracting private capital from abroad, Premier David Ben Gurion told the parley.

Discussing the predicted austerity program, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Minister of Food and Supply, predicted the first stage would entail a saving of five million Israeli pounds the first year. He said the program would succeed if the public and especially the workers understood that the fate of the state was dependent on it.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan expressed disappointment that Jews in the Diaspora had not borne the brunt of the absorption of new immigrants, which had fallen on the shoulders of the Israeli community. He said that about \$800,000,000 would be needed annually in order to absorb the proposed immigration of 200,000.