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In testimony whereof, witness the hand of the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel, Jerusalem, and of the Jewish National Fund of America, acting by its officers herunto duly authorized.

Dated, March 15, 1937.

M. Ussishkin

PRESIDENT, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, JERUSALEM
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Israel Goldstein

PRESIDENT JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA
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111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

October 27, 1937

My dear Dr. Silver:

I sent you the following telegram:

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ACCEPT WIRE COLLECT CORDIAL GREETINGS "

We are still anxious to have your acceptance and are holding
up our final announcement pending your reply. We do hope
that you can be with us for this very important function which
means so much in financial assistance to the Jewish National
Fund.

Please wire me.

Very cordially yours,

Louis J. Schwegel
RABBI LOUIS J. SCHWEFEL

LJS:SS

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the
Jewish National Fund



DETROIT, MICH.

Nov 9, 1937.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

Dear Rabbi Silver -

It is my privilege to extend to you
the invitation of The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jewish
National Fund to be our Guest speaker at our
Seventy-fifth Anniversary Luncheon on March 2, 1937
at 12:30 noon.

I do hope you will find it possible
to accept the call of the Jewish National Fund,
as your presence will make our task of
interesting an even larger audience than
here to you. We have over 600 each year, and we
hope for a thousand women "dofke" in spite
of the unpleasant situation in Eretz Yisrael.

Several years ago we invited you and
you were unable to come, so we are hoping
that your letter of acceptance will be your
response to our invitation.

17417 Stockel Ave

Sincerely yours
Anna Gaudel Homooty

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November 11, 1937

Dear Friend:

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Enclosed please find a credential which certifies that you are a duly credited delegate to our Land Redemption Conference, which will take place this coming Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 P.M., at the Jewish Center Auditorium, 1117 E. 105 St.

The program of this conference, as you already know, includes a member of the British Parliament, the Honorable Morgan Jones, who is one of the outstanding leaders in the English labor movement; and the prominent New York labor leader, Joseph Schlossberg, who recently returned from Palestine, where he participated in a special laborite delegation which brought back an enthusiastic report about the accomplishments so far in Palestine.

Among our local leaders who will address this conference are: Rabbi Israel Porath, Mizrachi leader; and the director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Dr. A. H. Friedland. Greetings will be extended by Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, who will represent Conservative Jewry; Rabbi Seymour M. Zambrowsky, representative of Orthodox Jewry, and Rabbi David Genuth, of Kinsman Jewry. Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center, will preside.

From our program, you can see the importance of starting this meeting early. Kindly be prompt.

Expecting to see you Sunday, I am

With Zion's greetings

Samuel Ismach
Samuel Ismach, President

SI:ER

P.S. If you should find three additional blank credentials enclosed in this letter, it is because we received no response when we requested three names from your organization. Kindly fill out the cards with the names of three additional members of your group, and pass the credentials on to these people.

November 12, 1937

Mrs. Anna Gould Slomovitz,
17417 Stoekel Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Slomovitz:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 9th and for the invitation which you extend to me to be the guest speaker at the Seventh Annual Donor Luncheon of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jewish National Fund of Detroit on March 2, 1938. I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately my program for the remainder of the season is so crowded with out of town lecture engagements that I cannot, in justice to myself accept any more.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Friend:

This is to acknowledge the fine pledge made by your organization at our Land Redemption Conference on Sunday, November 14th. This indicates that your organization appreciates the need of the Gehulath Ha-aretz problem at the present moment in Eretz Israel. Let us hope you will be able to fulfill your pledge in its entirety.

According to our main office pledges are to be paid as soon as possible, at least partially; the entire amount is to be turned in at our office not later than January 10, 1938. May we expect that you will do everything possible to have the entire amount in by that time.

We shall be glad to furnish you with Huleh gift bonds against your pledges as your money begins to be turned in. Bonds are \$3.50, \$5, \$10 and \$18. We can fill out the bonds at our office or send you blank bonds for you to fill in, just as you request.

A more detailed explanation about the distribution of the bonds will be contained in our next Jewish National Fund Bulletin, a copy of which you will receive within a week or so.

With Zion's greetings

Samuel Ismach
President

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Dear Dr. Silver:

You have no doubt been advised that the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Keren Kayemeth on the 15th or 16th of January.

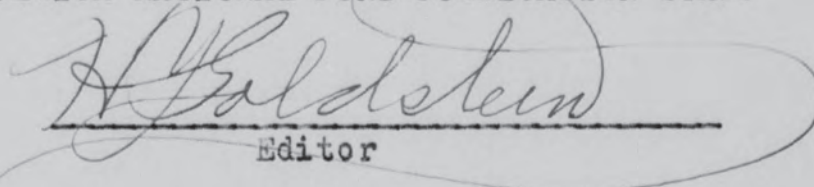
In conjunction with this occasion, the "JNF NEWS" (monthly bulletin) will devote the January issue to the Anniversary Celebration. We are therefore, soliciting the chairmen of the various Zionist groups affiliated with the Keren Kayemeth, for a brief message on this occasion. These messages will be featured in the January issue of the "JNF NEWS".

We will greatly appreciate receiving your message at your very earliest opportunity. The bulletin goes to print on the 30th of this month.

With Zion greetings, we remain

Most sincerely yours,

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND PUBLICATION STAFF


Editor

FORWARD TO -
H Y Goldstein
2700 E. 47th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

December 23, 1937

Mr. H. Y. Goldstein,
2700 E. 47th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Permit me to extend to you, in the name
of the Cleveland Zionist Society, congratulations on
the occasion of the celebration of the 35th Anniversary
of the Jewish National Fund.

The services of the Jewish National Fund
to the cause of the upbuilding of Palestine are too
numerous to be recorded here and too well known to
need much comment. The Fund has been the most
popular as well as effective Agency for the redemption
of the soil of Palestine and for the numerous colonization
projects. May the future of the Fund be even more glorious
than the past.

Cordially,

AHS:BK

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December 24, 1937

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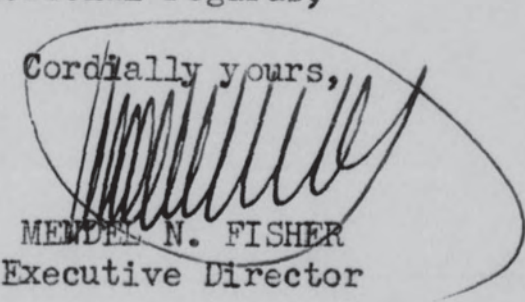
My dear Rabbi Silver:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure in enclosing herewith our Huleh Gift Bond and to note with a great deal of satisfaction that you have contributed the sum of \$200.00 towards our special Hagalilah Fund.

You are not only a great preacher of Zionism, but you are always the first to contribute and to set a high standard for giving. I want you to know that our President, Dr. Goldstein, and all of us are very appreciative of the fine contribution you have given.

With warmest personal regards,

Cordially yours,


MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

MNF:RC
Enc.

How are you? Shalom

KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL
Head Office

K E R E N H A Y E S O D
Head Office

Jerusalem, 30th December, 1937.

CONFIDENTIAL

Political Information Bulletin (No. 1).

Dear friend:

A. The Executive of the Jewish Agency has authorized us henceforth to impart to a limited number of our active workers the political information disclosed at the press conferences held regularly under its auspices in Jerusalem. Most of these items are not for publication and are sent for the personal information of recipients of this letter. For the sake of clarity, however, we shall also include a brief summary of those items which may be published and which have in the meantime been released by the press and telegraphic agencies.

At the last conference, Messrs. D. Ben-Gurion and M. Shertok reported on certain of the activities of the Jewish Agency Executive during the interim between the 20th and 21st Congresses. As is well known, no definite decision was adopted by the last Zionist Congress on the partition issue, but the Executive of the Jewish Agency was empowered to negotiate with the British Government with a view to submitting a revised and authoritative proposal in this matter for decision by the next Congress. Accordingly, the Executive of the Jewish Agency has adopted a dual course of action:

1. Insistence on the fulfilment of the terms of the Mandate until another acceptable form of government is constituted, and vigorous opposition to any violation thereof (such as the continued operation of the political high level in respect of immigration after March 1st, 1938, etc.)

2. Negotiations with Government with a view to submitting a revised and authoritative proposal for the establishment of a Jewish State. Congress will have to decide whether it favors the proposal or a continuation of the Mandate. The nature of the proposal must be a revised one inasmuch as that submitted by the Royal Commission was rejected by the last Congress.

On the basis of this course of action, committees have been set up in Jerusalem to prepare the necessary material for the forthcoming investigations committee and to examine all questions connected with the establishment of a Jewish State in a section of Palestine.

B. With regard to Arab-Jewish negotiations, certain rumors have been current in recent weeks, all of which are absolutely unfounded. Certain Arab leaders in the various Near Eastern capitals are toying with negotiations to this end with unauthorized individuals and circulating false reports on the subject, since they are afraid of the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine and wish to prevent it by all possible means. The Executive of the Jewish Agency is prepared to negotiate for an understanding with the Arabs, but not on the basis of an artificial restriction of the increase of our numbers in Palestine, nor, least of all, on the basis of minority status for the Jewish population in an Arab State. Such proposals offer no basis whatsoever for negotiation, since the Zionist movement would never consider them.

"We are prepared to discuss with the Arabs all kinds of proposals - even the most far-reaching - proposals which are designed to assist in uniting the Arab people or to create federations in Arab countries, but not on the prior condition of an artificial limitation of our development in Palestine."

C. In respect of security conditions, a certain change is to be noted as compared with last year. On the one hand, there is a change for the better; acts of violence are now being perpetrated by organized bands or individuals, but the Arab population at large has no hand in them. On the contrary, marked opposition to the activities of these bands is to be noted in the villages. This is to be attributed to the impoverishment which resulted from the 1936 disturbances, the bitter lesson learnt from the Arab strike which yielded only economic ruin, and, finally, to the vigorous action taken by Government during the last few weeks.

On the other hand, the terrorist bands have latterly grown in number. Some of the bands, organized even prior to the 1936 disturbances (one of them, in the northern part of the country, has been operating since the Yagur murder in 1935), have been reorganized and re-armed, obtaining financial support as well as reinforcements from across the border. To this day Government has not succeeded in checking this influx of mercenaries. Nevertheless, there are no grounds for assuming that Government is not combatting the terrorism whole-heartedly. It is doing everything in its power, but the campaign against these bands is not an easy one. The Jewish Agency is lending its support to Government and continuing in its demands for the enforcement of stricter measures, for the recruitment of Jews for this campaign and for protection, and for the adoption of such political measures as will prove that acts of violence will not secure the fulfilment of Arab demands nor influence Government policy. To this end, in particular, the insistence of the Jewish Agency on the abolition of the political high level principle with respect to immigration is directed.

D. The internal unrest in neighboring Arab countries and the instability of their governments exercise an unfavorable influence on Palestine's affairs. Each of the factions in these countries endeavors to exploit the Palestinian question in order to gain wider support from the masses. The fact that the would-be assassin of Nahas Pascha, the Egyptian Premier, had been associated with the terrorist movement in Palestine stirred up little comment in the Egyptian press, which is engrossed in the struggle of the Government and the Palace, nor did it arouse public opinion against the terrorists.

To our regret, there are indications of late of the strengthening of the propaganda activities of certain European Powers that are not sympathetic towards us, thus lending material help to the extremist forces in the country.

Reports have recently been circulated of proposed boundary changes in the partition scheme. No such proposals have been received by the Jewish Agency, and there is every reason to believe that these reports are based on pure supposition.

E. The Jewish Agency Executive is continuing its negotiations with Government to legalize the status of illegal immigrants who are in a tragic plight, particularly those whose families are abroad and cannot seek permission

to join them in Palestine. Since these negotiations will apparently not be conclusive for some time, and there is thus no hope for an early solution of the problem, the Executive of the Jewish Agency has found it necessary to allocate a limited number of certificates to some of the illegal immigrants whose condition is particularly distressing, in order to enable them to bring their families from abroad. This step, which involves a decrease in the number of new immigrants, and weakens the Jewish Agency's pressure on Government on the whole issue, was taken out of concern for the fate of the illegal immigrants.



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KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL, LTD.
Jerusalem, Palestine

December 31, 1937

Information Circular No. 2/38

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

The Political Significance of Land Purchase

We have already acquainted you with the fact that, as foreseen by the J.N.F. management, the disturbances in Palestine have brought about a considerable increase in the offers of land for sale. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on 6th December a report was submitted showing that these offers were on a scale unprecedented since the World War. If means were available, contracts could be closed for 200,000 dunams in various parts of the country, including both areas in the projected Jewish and Arab State, and on their borders, with an undertaking on the part of the vendors to complete the transaction in a short time. Of these offers at least 150,000 dunams have been examined and found satisfactory in respect of lands in Upper Galilee, Districts of Beisan and Acco, Judean Hills (the "British corridor") and in the south. The acquisition of this territory would require L. 1,100,000 additional of course to the regular budget of the J.N.F.

At this meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Ben Gurion stressed the political significance of land purchase at the present time. It was most probable that in the event of partition the scheme of the Royal Commission would be modified positively and negatively. Certain areas in Galilee were endangered, and in consequence land purchase now by the J.N.F. has an additional value, above its intrinsic merits. Mr. Ben Gurion referred to it as not less than the "rescue of the homeland".

In the event of partition not being carried through, further restrictions on land purchase were to be expected and they would probably affect Arab areas in which Jews have no foothold. It was therefore important to acquire land now on the borders of the Jewish State as projected, and in regions in which Jewish settlement has not yet taken place.

It was the opinion of the Board that every effort should be made to effect the purchase of those areas already examined, totalling 150,000 dunams. It was pointed out, however, that the present financial position of the Fund does not permit of the execution of this programme. The present contracts of the Fund affect an area of 40,000 dunams approximately, requiring an investment of LP. 361,000 on account of which LP. 150,000 have been spent, leaving a balance of LP. 211,000 which is entirely due during the present year of 5698. A further investment of LP. 33,000 is required for various small areas to complete certain estates. Apart from these investments there must be added the share of the J.N.F. in the cost of initial settlement of the new lands, as well as the budgets for protection of lands, afforestation, amelioration, etc.

The total sum which the Fund is required to invest would thus amount to LP. 390,000. In addition there must be paid this year obligations amounting to LP. 360,000 so that together the financial commitments of the Fund for 5698 amount to LP. 750,000. The receipts of a good year have not amounted to more than LP. 350,000 - LP. 400,000 net (apart from gifts of land). Approximately, therefore, a sum twice as large as expected income is needed.

Under these circumstances, in spite of the fact that the J.N.F. has always found it essential, for national reasons, to accept commitments for land purchase even beyond its immediate financial capacity, the J.N.F. management proposed that a minimum programme be adopted of 43,000 dunams (additional to the 40,000 dunams for which contracts have been signed). This will mean an additional obligation of LP. 300,000 to be covered as an exceptional expedient by special financial measures. The lands to be bought with such funds should be determined by political considerations, in consultation with the Zionist Executive.

The Board agreed to the above proposal on the assumption that the ordinary budget of the J.N.F. could not be expected to provide the additional funds. Mr. Ben Gurion proposed that a further meeting be held, together with the Executive of the Zionist Organisation, including Dr. Weizmann, on this subject.

This joint meeting took place on 12th December, at the Head Office of the J.N.F., following a summary of the discussion of the previous meeting, in which it was stressed that Arabs were now willing to sell land in view of their fear that new political developments might make the holding of their land unprofitable, whether it fell within the Arab or Jewish State, or owing to the reduced financial resources of land owners, or the apprehension that they might be prevented by legislation from selling later on. Mr. Ben Gurion stressed again the political necessity on the part of the Jewish people to acquire more land as rapidly, and on as large a scale, as possible.

In reply to Mr. Ussishkin's request for his opinion, Dr. Weizmann stated that the most important places in which land should be bought are on the northern and southern boundaries of the projected Jewish State. It was his opinion that partition was bound to come. The borders are not yet finally determined. It was conceivable that the acquisition, and settlement or occupation, of land on the far side of the borders as now delimited of the Jewish State, would influence the Boundaries Commission to extend those borders. This would not be the sole factor operating, but in addition to others, would be influential. He emphasised the northern and southern boundaries, because there the position seemed to him to be clear. He believed that the Negev would not be included in the Arab State, but would be under British control. As a matter of fact, a neighbouring Arab State was opposed to the Negev being in the hands of an Arab State.

In regard to the "corridor" he stated that the exact status of this region was still quite obscure, and it was difficult therefore to suggest what line of action to take in regard to land purchase there. However, the purchase on which the Board of the J.N.F. had decided, of some 4,000 dunams in extension of the estate of Kiryath Anavin, should be proceeded with.

Other speakers supported the view that our most urgent task at this moment was the securing of territory at the extremities of the projected boundaries of the Jewish State. This policy was advocated irrespective of what might be the outcome of the Royal Commission's recommendation. Mr. Shertok, for

example, said that he could not exclude the possibility that the partition scheme would not be adopted, when we might be faced with stringest restrictions on land purchase. In that case, too, our best policy was to concentrate on land in areas where we were not at present at all or well established. He thought that restrictions, if and when they come, would rather fall on areas in which we had not gotten a footing than on areas where we already owned a more or less substantial part of the land.

Certain proposals were before the J.N.F. for the purchase of lands in the vicinities mentioned. However, it was emphasised by those present that no real progress could be made unless much larger means became available than either the Executive or the Keren Kayemeth have at present for land purchase. In view of the fact that lands bought now, in the light of political conditions, would have to be at least occupied and partially settled, the Keren Hayesod would have to participate in the scheme. Neither the Keren Kayemeth nor the Keren Hayesod could afford at present to run an additional drive since it would only divert funds from one purpose to another. It was essential to tap additional resources and this, it was generally agreed, could only be done by an intensive campaign among a limited number of individuals. It was believed, and in this Dr. Weizmann concurred, that there were individuals who, if approached by the right person, would be willing to contribute a substantial sum for the purpose of "rescuing the homeland", in the words of Mr. Ben Gurion. It was, of course, necessary to mobilise the right type of person to approach these people and they would have to devote themselves exclusively to this task. Dr. Weizmann is prepared to join them a little later on.

It should be stated that the acquisition of these lands would have to be completed within a matter of months, at the outside in the course of a year. This entailed the gathering of additional funds the more quickly. The possibility and desirability of stimulating private individuals to purchase land in conformity with the present scheme, was also stressed and generally agreed upon.

The proceedings concluded with the appointment of a sub-committee for the purpose of considering the ways and means of obtaining the additional funds needed. In this respect the possibility of a loan either from outside sources or "an internal loan" was mentioned. The Committee is composed of the following, representing the Executive, J.N.F. and Keren Hayesod: Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ussishkin, Mr. Ben Gurion, Dr. Granovsky, Mr. Kaplan, Rabbi Berlin and Dr. Hantke. The Committee has already met.

In communicating this information strictly for personal knowledge, it is perhaps unnecessary to point out that the additional effort which is contemplated can only have its effect if the funds for the present programme of other purchases are made available to the full extent, namely LP. 750,000. Just because it will be necessary to approach a number of specific individuals for large additional sums, the present activities of the Fund to meet the obligations it has already incurred and to carry out the purchases already contracted for, must obviously continue at their maximum intensity. That is the immediate conclusion to be drawn from the situation which has arisen.

With Zion's Greetings,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. M. Epstein

KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL
Jerusalem, Palestine

21st March, 1938

Information Circular No. 5/98
Confidential - Not for Publication

Dear Sir:

First Settlement on J.N.F. Land in Upper Galilee

On 21st March 1938, Jewish settlers occupied one of the tracts lately redeemed by the J.N.F. in the western portion of Upper Galilee. It is with pleasure that we hasten to acquaint you with this news. Occupation of this land, the first during the present Jewish year, continues, after a long interruption, the tradition of Jewish settlement in Upper Galilee. The northern borders of the Yishuv are thereby enlarged and a decisive step forward thus accomplished in the fulfilment of the program of the Keren Kayemeth for the redemption of Upper Galilee. For reasons which you will comprehend, we must ask that special precautions be taken to refrain for the moment from giving publicity to this significant event, which has been greeted by the Jews of Palestine as the herald of good tidings and of revival of creative effort in the present period of stagnation. The form of publicity of this news will be carefully prepared and you will be apprised thereof shortly. The following particulars are for the personal information of J.N.F. workers only.

The Land of Hanuta

Hanuta is the name of the area on which the new settlement will be established. A small Arab village or, more correctly, a large building containing four families of tenants, is on the land, which is on the very boundary of the Lebanon, east of Ras el Nakura. On the north, the land borders for 3 km. with the Republic of Lebanon and is $4\frac{1}{2}$ km from the principal Haifa-Beiruth highway, and $6\frac{1}{2}$ km from the coast. The new strategic road between Ras el Nakura and the Vale of Huleh passes close by. The landscape is one of the most beautiful in the country. From the hillock on which the settlement will be established there are seen in the distance Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Emek Zebulun with its settlements, and Nahariya, the nearest Jewish point to the new settlement.

The land is of a hilly nature and comprises 3,992 dunams. The J.N.F. commenced negotiations with the owners, Arabs from Syria, in mid-January of this year, in accordance with its program to create points of settlement in Upper Galilee and particularly in the western portion (see our circular of 21st February). The transaction was concluded as rapidly as possible and at the end of January the transfer of the land was effected.

The four families of Arab tenants who cultivated this land, employed by the Syrian land-owners, lived in an old double-storeyed stone house, built on a hillock in the center of the tract. 1,000 dunams are today under primitive cultivation. Investigations, however, have shown that after fundamental amelioration, 2,500 dunams will be cultivable. Nearby are two small springs which provide water which for the present is sufficient for drinking purposes. It will be possible, however, to deepen these wells so as to obtain water for irrigation. Climatic conditions at Hanuta are favorable. The rain is abundant, as elsewhere in the north, amounting to 800 to 900 mm. per annum. That part of the land not

found suitable for agricultural purposes will be otherwise exploited. Most of it is covered with relics of ancient carob woods, and the new settlers will endeavor to revive these plantations, and will plant new ones. Both the beauty of the place and the revenue of the settlement will thereby be served.

The plan of settlement will embrace 80 agricultural families who will adopt a mountain type of agriculture. Special significance attaches to the form of settlement in a region into which the Jews have not penetrated hitherto, near to the Lebanon border, and which of late has been the scene of the traffic of armed bands. For this very reason the preparations for occupation of the land have been carried out with great care. At first there will be 80 men and 10 women on the land. They will be selected from all the organizations participating in our agricultural settlement who have candidates ready for immediate settlement. The following are those organizations whose members will participate in the new achievement: - Vaad Hairgunim ve-Hamoshavim, Hakibutz Ha-artzi (Hashomer Hatzair, Hakibutz Hameuhad, Hever Hakvutzoth, Hapoel Hamizrachi, and Manoar Hazioni). Candidates have come forward from all these bodies in a large number, and a special committee has examined them from the point of view of their capacity for farming in the hills, and for defense. Ninety of the candidates belonging to various groupings throughout the country have thus been concentrated into one settlement body. It will be directed by three instructors, drawn from the older villages, whose functions will be as follows: one will be in charge of labor, the second of security and the third of relations with the Arab neighbors. The last will be the "mukhtar" or headman, of the new point.

The occupation program was determined by the Department of Agricultural Settlement of the Jewish Agency and the costs, including the expenditure on equipment of the occupation camp and the first farming activities, has been assured by the Keren Hayesod. The J.N.F. for its part is participating, in addition to providing the land, in the expense of building a road from the recently completed strategic highway (Ras el Nakura - Emek Huleh) to the new point, and in ameliorating the land so as to make it fit for agricultural exploitation able to assure a livelihood for 80 farming families. At first the settlers will be occupied on guard duty and in the installation of the water works, building the local road and ameliorating the land. They will, with the help of the settlement institutions, begin certain branches of farming, such as sheep-raising, for which conditions are favorable owing to the splendid pasture, poultry-raising, and the preliminary preparation of the cultivable fields. It may be remarked that Hanuta is particularly suitable for the growth of tobacco, and it is thought that this branch will in future be one of the primary sources of income of the new settlement.

The Occupation of the Land of Hanuta

The occupation of the land of Hanuta has been of an unprecedented character, due to the remote and inaccessible nature of the site, which is located in the mountains, without any established means of communication. It was quite impossible in these conditions to transport the necessary building materials there from the Ras El Nakura highway, a distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ km. A temporary encampment was therefore erected some 800 m. from the road and the permanent quarters will be constructed only when the new by-road has been laid down.

Today, 21st March, at 4 A.M., a long procession of motor lorries and cars set out from Kiryath Motzkin in Emek Zebulun in the direction of Hanuta,

with about 400 individuals and preliminary construction materials. Of the participants, 100 were members of the group of occupation, 80 supernumerary constables from the settlements of Emek Jezreel, and a large number were quarrymen and workers whose purpose it will be immediately to begin constructing the by-road from the site of the camp to the highway. There were present also representatives of the Vaad Leumi, Jewish Agency, J.N.F., Keren Hayesod and local Jewish communities and institutions. The procession was led by an armed police car and a detachment of supernumerary constables.

At the foot of the plateau on which Hanuta is located, a group of settlers was waiting with camels and donkeys hired from a neighboring Arab village. These were the means of transporting the barbed wire and other materials to the site of the camp, 800 m. away. The area of the site of the immediate encampment is 20 dunams. The erection of the temporary camp was completed by the end of the morning. Hundreds of quarrymen started out simultaneously to lay down the new by-road. When the group of occupation had its first hurried meal on the spot at midday the transformation of the wilderness had already begun. A high tower and searchlight crowned the encampment, a dining hut was in place, long rows of tents had been pitched and a strong barbed wire fence surrounded the whole.

A touching scene was enacted in the afternoon, when a group of old settlers from Yessod Hamaale in Upper Galilee brought a Scroll of the Law as a tribute from the oldest contemporary Jewish settlement in Upper Galilee to the youngest.

Every detail of the occupation was planned in advance. From the moment of arrival at the site every worker knew exactly where his task lay. The quarrymen will continue their work until the end of the day, then proceeding to Nahariya for the night, accompanied by a group of supernumerary police, and will return at daybreak to continue their work. Only when the road has been completed and it will be possible to bring the necessary building materials to the site will the official inauguration of the settlement take place. The first new Jewish village will then have been created in western Upper Galilee along the northern frontier of the country and on land redeemed by the J.N.F. with the proceeds of the Galilee campaign.

With Zion's Greetings,
Yours faithfully,

Harry Levin, Secretary
English Department

Supplement to Information Circular No.5/98

22nd March 1938

Dear Sir:

The Attack on Hanuta

The joy of the Yishub at the establishment of the first Jewish settlement in western Upper Galilee, at Hanuta, described in our circular of yesterday's date, has been marred by a tragedy that occurred during the night.

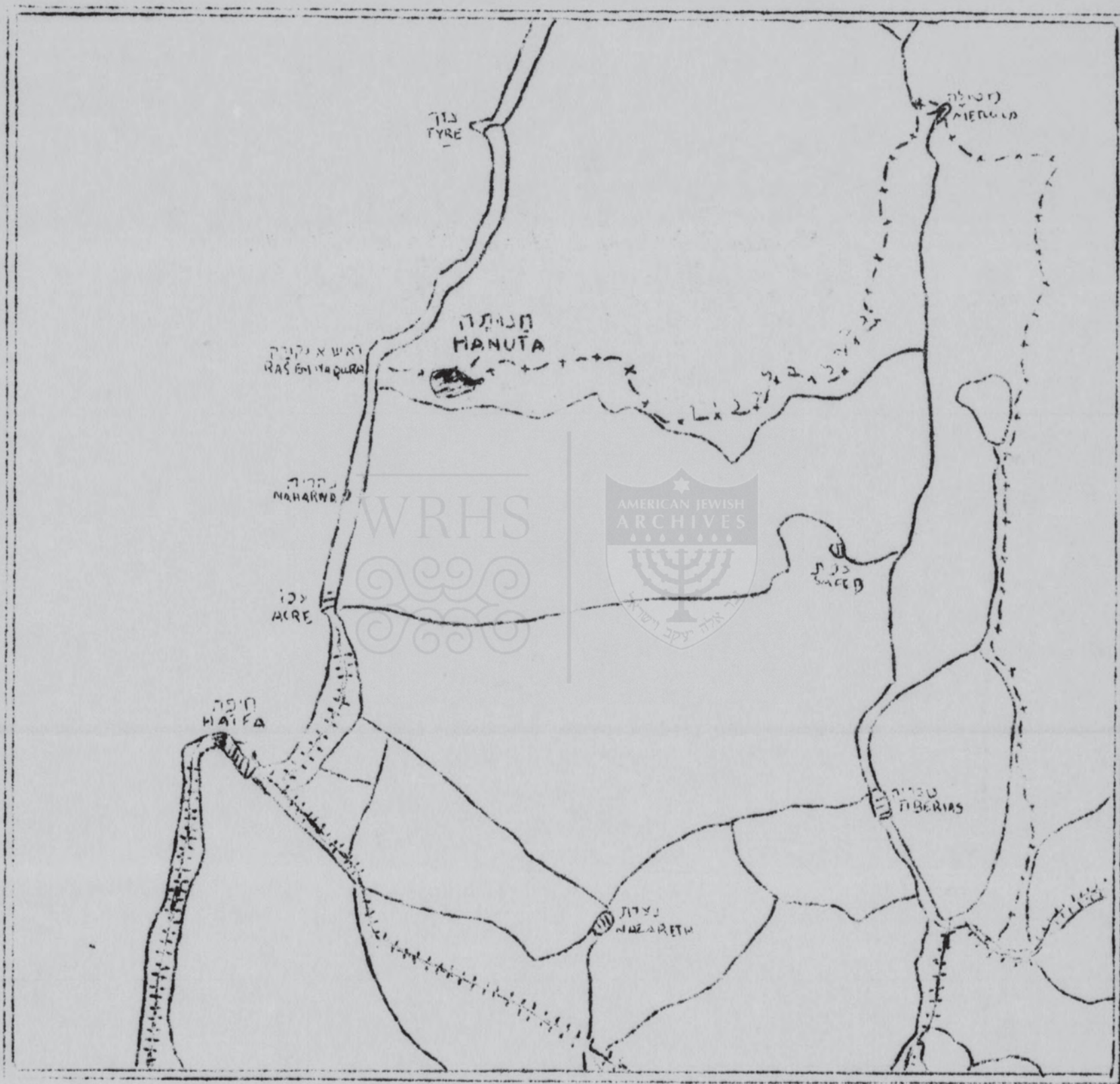
At midnight, when all had left the site except the group of occupation and the supernumerary constables, the encampment was attacked from four sides by a group estimated at between fifty and eighty armed Arabs. One of the settlers, Juda Brenner of the Kibutz Hashomer Hatzair, was killed, and Jacob Berger of Jerusalem, wounded. The attack was at no time allowed to come within close range, and was repulsed by the supernumerary constables after about 1½ hours. During this time, over 1,500 shots were fired at the encampment. A number of casualties are believed to have been inflicted on the assailants, to judge by the bloodstained tracks found this morning, but the number is unknown.

The mourning into which the camp was plunged has in no way affected the determination of the settlers nor caused any confusion. Today the quarrymen are continuing the work on road construction and a group of settlers, protected by supernumerary constables, are already carrying out the first ploughing of the land.

The bond between the Jewish people and this isolated outpost in long-neglected Upper Galilee has been strengthened by the sacrifice on the very first day of one of its builders. Hanuta, the first Jewish point in this remote wilderness, must be the vanguard of a chain of such settlements throughout the north in the coming months. The number of such settlements, however, is dependent on the acquisition of new lands, and thus on the Galilee campaigns in all countries.

With Zion's Greetings
Yours faithfully,

Harry Levin, Secretary
English Department



Jewish Nat'l Fund

April 14, 1938

Mr. Samuel Ismach, President,
Jewish National Fund,
926 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ismach:

The Cleveland Zionist Society will be host to Dr. Israel Goldstein on Wednesday evening, April 27 at a public meeting in Mahler Hall. As you undoubtedly know, Dr. Goldstein is the President of the Jewish National Fund of America. In the course of his address, Dr. Goldstein will undoubtedly speak of the work and the achievements of the Jewish National Fund.

The Cleveland Zionist Society herewith extends a cordial invitation to the Council of the Jewish National Fund of Cleveland to attend this meeting as a body. Following the meeting, an informal reception will be held for Dr. Goldstein at which time we shall be very happy to present to him the officers and members of the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland. I shall be very happy to hear from you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President
The Cleveland Zionist Society
c/o The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have your letter of April 14th.

The Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland accepts with pleasure your invitation to attend your meeting of April 27th as a body. However, it is the decision of the Council that your suggested informal reception should take place right after your meeting in Fenway Hall, where our Council members should be seated around tables, and where refreshments will be served.

At this time we would like to have Dr. Goldstein give a brief address (five or ten minutes) to our membership, who will be invited to the gathering.

We hope that this plan will meet with your approval. If so, will you please have arrangements made immediately by your Society, or else notify us and we will make them. Will you kindly notify us of your decision immediately.

With best wishes for a very pleasant Pesach, I am

Very cordially yours

Samuel Ismach
President

SI:ER

April 20, 1938

Mr. Samuel Ismach, President,
Jewish National Fund,
926 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ismach:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of April 19.

I note that the Council would like to
meet with Dr. Goldstein following the meeting at the
Fenway Hall. There is of course no objection on our
part whatsoever and I have so notified Dr. Goldstein
this morning.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 24, 1938

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

We thank you for your invitation to the Women's Committee to hear Dr. Goldstein next Wednesday evening.

We are following your suggestion and are inviting our entire executive committee of 65 women. We are sure that most of them will come.

Cordially,

Anne T. Weidenthal

Mrs. Clarence Weidenthal,
President,
JNF Women's Committee

B. P. PERSKY M. D.

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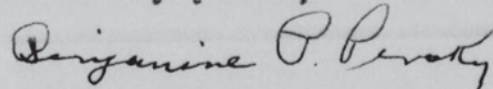
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi of THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Wednesday April 27th, at 11 P. M. at Arnold's Restaurant the delegates to the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland will meet informally with Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Jewish National Fund of America.

We would like very much to have you with us at that time. Trusting we may look forward to your company, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin P. Persky".

Dr. B. P. Persky
Chairman of Reception Committee

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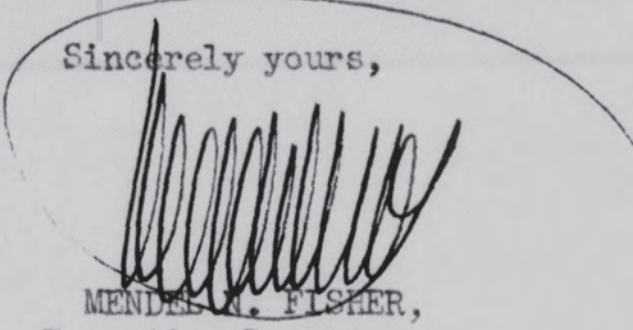
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My dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I have the honor to transmit, on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, the Golden Book Certificate which we have sent to Dr. Shapiro.

You have been inscribed in the Golden Book by the Cleveland Zionist Society, as an expression to you of their faith and appreciation for the great service you have rendered to our cause.

Sincerely yours,


MENDEL N. FISHER,
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Regards.

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