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October 8, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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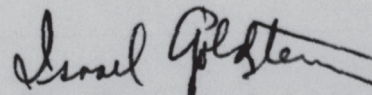
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Administration of the Jewish National Fund has been urged from many quarters to take such steps as would bring about a better understanding of the need, feasibility and effectiveness of Geulah Ha'aretz work during the war. It was also felt that our traditional fund-raising activities should be stimulated at this time of uncertainty.

The Board of Directors has therefore deemed it necessary to convene the bi-annual National Keren Kayemeth Conference for the early part of November. The sessions will take place in the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Missouri, during the Armistice Day week-end (November 9th, 10th, 11th), and will be attended by delegates of the Jewish National Fund Councils and representatives of the Zionist organizations and groups which are cooperating with the Jewish National Fund.

The Administration and I would regard it as a high privilege if you would accept our most cordial invitation to attend and address the National Conference.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Israel Goldstein  
President

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October 15, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President  
Jewish National Fund of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I deeply appreciate the honor of your invitation to address the National Conference of the Jewish National Fund in St. Louis. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to avail myself of the opportunity to meet with the friends of the Jewish National Fund. Unfortunately I am scheduled to address two teachers' conventions in West Virginia on the 8th and 9th, and I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday, November 10th. You will, I am sure, understand. Please convey my warmest greetings to the delegates at the Convention. I hope that it will be tremendously successful and helpful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi A.H. Silver, President  
Cleveland Zionist Society,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On Wednesday evening, October 8th, the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland will hold its first general meeting, at J.N.F. headquarters, Uptown Theater Bldg.

During the Hebrew year of 5701 the Jewish National Fund, in spite of all obstacles, was successful in acquiring 29,770 dunams of land. In addition, this Fund performed its other tasks in respect to forestation, drainage and installation of water supply systems, and has carried on other activities which are of the utmost importance to the Yishub and the military forces in the country.

This meeting will be of great importance for the furthering of J.N.F. activities in Cleveland, and a discussion will be launched for organizing the Council on such a basis as to meet the present demand for the Geulath Ha'aretz problem.

Our Council consists of delegates representing the various Zionist organizations in the city. If you have already appointed delegates for 1941-42 urge them to attend this meeting without fail. If not, please do so at once and let us know their names and addresses, so that they may be invited to this meeting in time.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are,

Very cordially yours,

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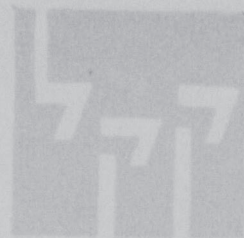
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October 21, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On November 16th, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York, we shall inaugurate the Fortieth Anniversary year of the Keren Kayemeth by a conference in the afternoon and a memorial meeting in honor of Ussishkin in the evening.

We are very eager that you should participate in this program. Unfortunately, you have not found it possible to accept our invitations in previous years on account of conflicting engagements. It is the hope of our administration, in which I enthusiastically join, that you will find it possible this time.

Cordially yours,

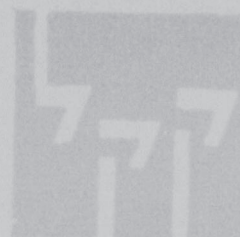
*Israel Goldstein*  
Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
President.

P.S: We would very much like to have you speak at the public memorial meeting, which will be held in the evening.

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October 24, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. Goldstein. We have changed the date of our Greater New York Conference and Ussishkin Memorial meeting to Sunday, November 30th, at the Roosevelt Hotel. We wish to give you more time, as we know you have a very, very crowded schedule this month, so that you can be with us on November 30th.

May I add a personal note. We have invited you many, many times to participate in our JNF functions. You have not been able to accept any of our invitations. It would be a great thing for the JNF, and for our friends throughout the country, to have the Chairman of the UPA take part in the memorial tribute to Mr. Ussishkin. We would like your address to be given Sunday evening.

I hope that your answer will be in the affirmative. We will not excuse you this time.

With cordial regards,

Yours faithfully,

MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Director.

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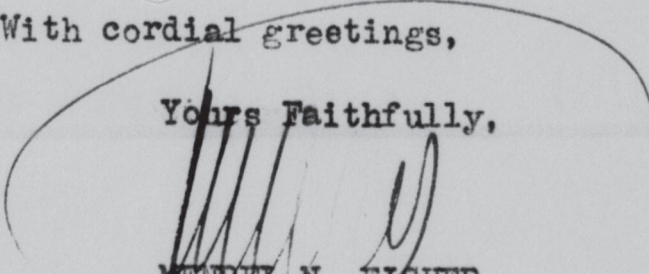
My dear Dr. Silver:

This is to confirm the arrangements for you to speak at the Ussishkin Memorial meeting, on November 30th.

Our Conference is scheduled to take place in the afternoon, and we will resume at 8:00 P.M. You are expected to make the principal address on Sunday evening, November 30th.

With cordial greetings,

Yours Faithfully,

  
MENDEL N. FISHER,  
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November 24  
1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in letting us have an advance copy - or at least an excerpt of 1,000 words - of the address you are scheduled to deliver at the "Land For Victory" Conference and the Menahem Ussishkin Memorial Assembly next Sunday, November 30th, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City.

Inasmuch as it is our intention to have it stencilled and made available to the press in advance, it is essential that we receive your manuscript not later than Thursday, November 27th.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

*William Z. Spiegelman*  
William Z. Spiegelman  
Public Relations Director

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November 26, 1941

Mr. William Z. Spiegelman  
Jewish National Fund of America  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Spiegelman:

I am enclosing herewith a brief abstract  
of the address which I am to deliver next Sunday  
evening. I trust that you will find it satisfactory.

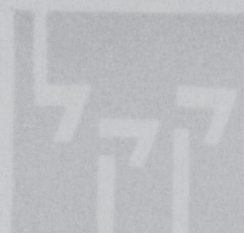
With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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November 27, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate very much an opportunity of seeing you during your forthcoming visit to New York City.

At the last annual meeting of the American Zionist Guild, the executive staffs of the U.P.A., Z.O.A. and J.N.F. have done the undersigned the honor of electing him president of the American Zionist Guild. It is in this capacity that I would like to present myself to you.

Since the joint committee of the Z.O.A., U.P.A. and J.N.F., appointed by you for the purpose of considering social security and cognate questions will meet next Tuesday, our discussion, together with Mr. Montor, would serve to expedite the realization of the program in which we are interested.

The Guild, as you know, strives to: (a) eliminate some of the evils that now exist in the relationship between the administrative organs of the Zionist movement and their staffs; (b) codify the good practices that are being followed here and in Jerusalem; (c) institute a system of cooperation which will promote the best interest of the movement and safeguard the dignity and welfare of the people concerned.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*William Z. Spiegelman*  
WILLIAM Z. SPIEGELMAN

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November 27, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

This is to confirm the telegram which I have just sent you, that your Sunday evening address is to be broadcast over Station WEVD, from 10:00 to 10:30. You have already received a request from Mr. Spiegelman for a manuscript. In view of the broadcast, it will be necessary to have the script as early as possible.

I hope you will be able to send it by return mail, special delivery.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER,  
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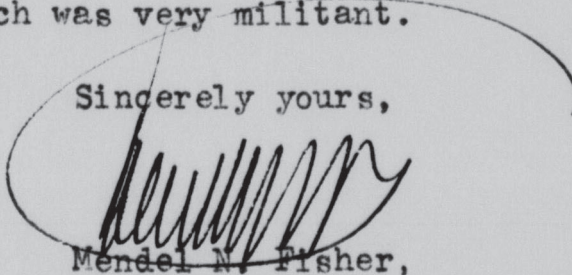
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. at East 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was a terrible disappointment to all of us that you could not be with us. We had a tremendous turnout in the evening. Hundreds were turned away. We, of course, understood the circumstances. When Dr. Goldstein announced that you could not be with us on account of the weather, I wish you could have heard the murmur in the hall. There was more than genuine disappointment. The extracts of your address were read, but how can anyone ever take your place.

The conference was the most successful we have ever had, not only from the point of attendance and in the large number of organizations represented, but also from the point of view of the splendid addresses delivered including the one by Senator Claude Pepper which was very militant.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. at East 106th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have had requests from Detroit for the last few years asking us to prevail upon you to be the speaker at their annual affair which usually yields as much as \$14,000.00. This function is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish National Fund. It is a traditional affair in the community, and one of the largest things that Detroit has. Because of the war and the desire on the part of the Ladies Auxiliary, which is the best J. N. F. organization in the country, to save money that they would ordinarily spend in providing luncheon to the women, they have abandoned the idea of serving lunch and this year every dollar that will be raised will accrue to the J. N. F.

I realize the burdens that you are carrying, and you know that we never want to impose upon you unnecessarily, but as long as we have a raincheck because you couldn't come to New York last Sunday night, it would be a wonderful thing if you could accept our invitation to speak in Detroit on the afternoon of March 11th.

There isn't the slightest difficulty insofar as the Detroit Welfare Fund is concerned. The very fact that you would be the speaker would make it possible for the committee to substantially increase the income over the amount they raised last year. What they do usually is that every woman undertakes to raise a substantial sum, and they then get together for the large function which is held once a year representing the culmination of all their efforts. No appeal for funds is made at the affair itself.

It would be a great service to the Jewish National Fund if you would be good enough to accept this invitation. We are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Keren Kayemeth and your acceptance would give the women a great deal of encouragement in the wonderful work they are doing. I beg of you, please accept this invitation. I am not going to burden you with many requests during the coming year, but this is one request which deserves your consideration, and we hope



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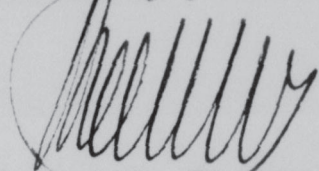
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your acceptance. It will lighten our hearts considerably and make up for your not being able to be with us last Sunday night. It will also mean quite a substantial sum for the Jewish National Fund, a sum larger than what we usually could get from any individual function.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

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December 11, 1941

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director  
Jewish National Fund of America  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 4. I should like to go to Detroit on March 11 but I regret that I cannot. I shall be at Harvard University that week. Generally speaking, whatever spare time I will have from now on I will have to devote almost exclusively to the work of the United Palestine Appeal. The war will undoubtedly place additional burdens upon our shoulders.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Executive Committee of the Jewish National Fund Council is very anxious to have you address the Jewish community of Cleveland, to give your report on your recent voyage abroad.

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Young Israel  
Zionist Youth Groups  
Keren Hayesod Women's Club

It is felt by the Council that yours is a report that should be given, not to any one particular group, but to all Zionists and sympathisers in the city. We think, therefore, that the Council would be the most appropriate organization to call such a meeting in view of the fact that it represents all the Zionist and many other Jewish groups in the city. We could also close our 40th Anniversary project with such a city-wide meeting, and we know that such a meeting would result in a very large attendance.

Should you be in accord with this suggestion and feel that it is possible for you to accept the invitation of the Council I would greatly appreciate your communicating with me at the very earliest possible time advising me to that effect.

Hoping that this letter finds you in the best of health, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Samuel Katz*  
President