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September 6, 1950

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

You have received a letter from Mr. Theodore Strimling, the distinguished President of the JNF Council of Los Angeles, and who was formerly Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council. Mr. Strimling has been eager over a period of years to have you visit the Coast and particularly his own city of Los Angeles.

We are now moving forward with our Jubilee Year and in going over the history of the JNF, I recall, of course, the time when you served as one of the Governors of the Keren Kayemeth. You have a notable record of dedication to the JNF and in championing the integrity of this great institution.

It would be a great source of strength not only to our friends in Los Angeles but to the entire movement if you would accept this invitation to be the guest speaker at the Chanukah Dinner to be held in Los Angeles on December 3rd. Our friends on the Coast urged me to ask you also to participate in the Chanukah Dinner to be held in San Francisco on December 10th. If you could appear at both affairs, it would be a very great contribution to the JNF.

In any event, I am most eager for you to come to Los Angeles and to take part in the great Jubilee Celebration and Dinner to be held in that community. We expect a record attendance and your participation, of course, would give great stimulation to the Celebration not only in that community but throughout the land.

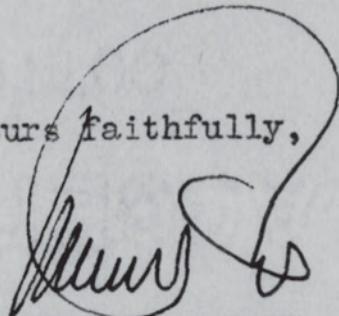
I know that you are hard pressed for time and that you have to devote much of your energy to the Congregation this year but I would beg you to make an exception in this instance. It is not only a visit for the JNF but, of course, it would give us an opportunity to mobilize all of the Zionist forces in the community and I hardly need to say that you will receive a royal reception at the hands of all the groups participating in the JNF.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 9/6/50

I would, dear Dr. Silver, ask you to give this request your most earnest, and I trust, most favorable consideration.

With warmest and affectionate greetings and best wishes to you and Mrs. Silver and the children for a very Happy New Year,

Yours faithfully,



MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

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September 11, 1950

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is with special pleasure and delight that I am sending you an Esrog that we have just received from Israel. Both the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem, and the Jewish National Fund in America, think of you not only during the period of the holidays but throughout the year and appreciate the magnificent services that you have rendered our movement.

I send to you and Mrs. Silver and the children our best wishes for the New Year.

With warmest and affectionate greetings,

Cordially yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

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September 15, 1950

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mendel;

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the Esrog from Israel. It will add much to the joy of my Succoth holiday.

Mrs. Silver joins me in wishing you and your dear ones a most Happy New Year.

I was unable to accept the invitation of Los Angeles to their J.N.F. Banquet on December 3rd as I am scheduled to be in New York on that day to address the American Association for Jewish Education.

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

In connection with the 50th Anniversary of the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel, the Jewish National Fund Council would like to have the Rabbis in Cleveland proclaim November 17 to December 17 as Jewish National Fund Jubilee Month.

Every effort is being made in Cleveland to redeem an additional 1,000 dunams of land as its 50th Anniversary gift to Jewish National Fund.

Cleveland will hold the first Dinner, to signalize the Jubilee Year. The Cleveland Celebration is set for one week before the National Conference of the Jewish National Fund in Washington. We would like to have a good report at that Conference.

We feel certain that the cooperation of the Rabbis in Cleveland will aid materially in reaching our objective - the redemption of an additional 1,000 dunams of land.

May we have your authorization to use your name in connection with this proclamation? We feel certain you will find the proper occasion to mention this Jewish National Fund Jubilee from your pulpit and mention it in your Bulletin.

The effort in connection with the Jubilee Celebration will culminate in what we hope will be a Victory (Kosher) Dinner on Sunday evening, December 17, 6:30 o'clock, at the Hollenden Hotel.

May we hear from you at your earliest opportunity?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Mintz, Chairman
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November 15, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have accepted the invitation of the Bnai Zion to be Chairman of the Committee of the Jewish National Fund Jubilee Dinner in honor of Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund. The Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 11th, 1951, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York. His Excellency, the Hon. Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S.A., has kindly consented to participate as a guest speaker.

It gives me much pleasure to invite you to act as an Honorary Chairman of the Committee. May I please hear from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
Chairman

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA
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DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
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November 16, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

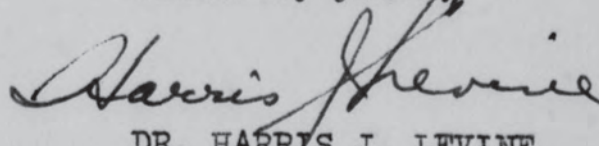
I am very pleased to have your letter of November 15th and I am delighted that you have accepted our invitation to participate in the Jubilee Conference.

We expect to open the conference on Friday, December 22nd. The official opening will, of course, be on Saturday night, December 23rd.

I should very much like you to close the conference but the committee has agreed that the conference should close late Sunday afternoon, December 24th. We have abandoned the idea of holding a Sunday night session. It is my hope that you can fly from Cleveland in time to deliver the principal address on Sunday afternoon. I am counting upon you to do this.

Once more, I send you my greetings and my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

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November 17, 1950

Dr. Israel Goldstein
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I shall be pleased to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the committee of the Jewish National Fund Jubilee Dinner in honor of Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dr. A.H. Silver
"The Temple"
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall our last conversation in New York, several days before I began this trek for JNF, when you gave me a first mortgage on a date for this Region. I would like it to fall due sometime in February and prefer Shreveport, Louisiana.

I have picked Shreveport for a number of reasons. You know that most of the work I am doing is tied up with the Kvar Truman. Shreveport has been working on a Nachlah in honor of the late Sidney L. Herold. I feel that this would be much more palatable. I know how well you thought of Judge Herold. His admiration for you knew no bounds. The time has come to conclude the project in his honor, and I am convinced that no one can do it with more grace than your good self.

There is another reason for asking you to come to Shreveport. With Judge Herold gone, the movement there is in a more or less precarious position. For a number of years they gave the JNF between Ten and Fifteen Thousand Dollars annually. I am convinced that unless the above measures are taken that the continuity for JNF will be broken. This would be a serious loss. On the other hand, if you come down for a dinner, I feel fairly certain that we can surpass previous records.

There is also some thought of having a Conference during the afternoon of the same day, to which the leadership of the entire Southwest Region will be invited. If this plan is acceptable to you, the Region and National Headquarters of JNF, I think that the occasion can be used for stepping up the collections in the various communities so that the delegates who come will be in a position to make fruitful results. Incidentally, you have no idea how anxious many of your old time leaders are to see and hear you again. It felt good to have them ask about you with warmth and affection.

I know that you go South every year. I hope that you and Mrs. Silver can take a day or two out of your vacation to come to Shreveport. I am quite sure that it will be time worth spent; and the temperature is at least Forty Degrees higher than in Cleveland.

I am making some progress in my work, but I am not too happy about it. The JNF is one of the first victims of the "Welfarites" and too many of our own people who cater to them on the local level.

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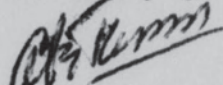
Dr. A.H. Silver - December 29, 1950 - Page 2.

Militant Zionism has receded drastically from the high point we knew several years ago and it is an important part of the struggle to bring some of the old-timers back into line.

I will await your reply eagerly, and will appreciate a wire % 712 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Texas.

With deep affection to you and Virginia, I am

Sincerely yours,


Abe Tuvim



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My dear Dr. Silver:

The National Golden Jubilee Committee of the Jewish National Fund has chosen Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund, as guest of honor for the Truman Village - Israel Order Day Dinner to be given by Bnai Zion, Zionist Fraternal Order, on February 11th at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Dr. Levine has been in the forefront of the work for the redemption of Israel for the past 30 years. As one of the leaders of the Zionist Organization of America and Bnai Zion, and as president of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Levine has rendered signal service to Israel.

We would greatly appreciate receiving a message of greeting from you, in tribute to our guest of honor, Dr. Harris J. Levine, as a token of friendship and of admiration for his outstanding service to the Jewish National Fund and the cause of Israel.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Natl. Chairman,
Bnai Zion-Kfar Truman Dinner Committee



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Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am somewhat disturbed about not having heard from you in reply to my letter of Dec. 29. I know how absorbed you are in affairs that are of much greater importance, but I had great hopes nevertheless.

The people who know I've written to you, and who are waiting upon your reply to get started, seem to think that "one of Silver's boys" ought to be able to put the project over. It is somewhat embarrassing to admit that I've had no word.

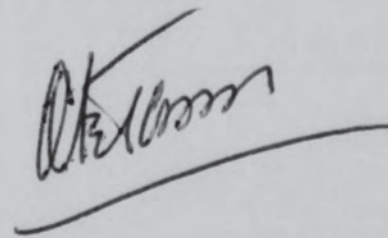
I am in constant touch with 712 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, and I hope that you can soon address a wire or letter to me there. I'll still hope for a "yes". Any date between the middle of February and the middle of March will fill the bill.

As to myself--I'm doing a good job, of sorts, but it is at best a fill-in. I won't be able to take it for much longer. I am away from home too long a stretch, and am not ready to retire from life as yet. But that is about what this job amounts to.

If you hear of anything to which I can apply my few talents I hope you will think of me.

I hope, too, that you will let me hear from you. With all good wishes,

Cordially



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January 29, 1951

Mr. Abe Tuvim
712 Scanlan Building
Houston, Texas

My dear Abe:

Let me acknowledge both of your letters and explain to you why I have delayed answering them. Considerable pressure is being brought to bear on me to visit Israel in March or April. This is in connection with the forthcoming elections for the World Zionist Congress and the earnest solicitations of the General Zionists of Israel to have me come over. I have not made up my mind what to do. Emanuel Neumann is leaving in a day or two for Israel. He will size up the situation there and will let me know.

If I go to Israel, I will not only be unable to accept additional engagements for the spring, but I shall have to cancel many of them. If I do not go, I shall make every effort to be with you, but you will have to be patient a little longer.

I attended the J.N.F. Jubilee Conference in Washington and from all indications it was a very successful conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 16, 1951

Dr. Harris J. Levine
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Levine:

Only illness prevented me from sending a message to the testimonial dinner in your honor given by the Jewish National Fund last Sunday. I had intended to do so because I wanted to be represented on the occasion, for I feel that the honor which was bestowed upon you has been so richly merited. I am sure that my felicitations, even though unfortunately belated, will be nonetheless welcome because they are sincere and from the heart.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 19, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are endeavoring to correct the error that was made in reporting the meeting of the National Administrative Council at which the election of delegates to the forthcoming Congress took place.

Enclosed please find the report that appeared on the front page of the DAY; also an editorial which appeared in Sunday's DAY.

A column of mine interpreting the ZOA *Congress* ticket will appear tomorrow.

I am also enclosing a DAY editorial which appeared on February 11th, which should be of some interest to you.

Hoping that you have fully recovered from your indisposition, I am, with best wishes

Cordially yours,

S. Margoshes

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Encls.

February 21, 1951

Dr. S. Margoshes
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Margoshes:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 19th and for the enclosures which I read with much interest and pleasure. I have also seen your English column of yesterday which I enjoyed reading very much.

I understand that Dr. Neumann is returning tomorrow, and I am eager to get a report from him, as I am sure you are.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 27, 1951

Dr. S. Margoshes
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Margoshes:

I was interested to receive your letter informing me of the reorganization of the Yiddishe Folk and that you will now head off an editorial committee to run that magazine. It is highly desirable that the Yiddishe Folk should be re-vitalized and become more effective.

As far as the symposium is concerned, it is, of course, a good idea and I read the paraphrase you made of the address which I delivered at the ZOA Convention in Chicago. I would make the following observations.

1. In the first paragraph it should be stated that I am re-stating the basic ideas which I delivered at the ZOA Convention in Chicago and indicate that these are not ideas which I recently propounded. Those who opposed me at the Chicago Convention have adopted my ideas and are now preening themselves with them for which, of course, I am grateful. Unless this is made very clear in the first paragraph of the article, what follows may sound like the echo of speeches recently made by Goldmann and others who have helped themselves to my ideas and are now plowing with my heifer.
2. There is no reference in the abstract which you made to the activities of the future World Zionist Organization in the field of education, youth work, various forms of Chaluziut, and the establishment of the channels of cultural communication between the Diaspora and Israel. The omission of these from the articles might suggest that I am unaware of the importance of this vital area of work for the World Zionist Organization. You may recall that in my address at the Convention, I pointed out that these tasks are tremendously important, but that the urgently pressing economic and political problems demand that priority be given to them and that other organizations which are in the field should be stimulated and summoned to carry on this work of education, etc.
3. I note, too, that you refer to the fact that the American Section of the Jewish Agency had worked out a project for such a charter. You should also refer to the Rifkind report where many of the basic ideas for the future of the World Zionist Movement are very effectively enunciated. The Rifkind report, as you will recall, was the result of the commission appointed by the ZOA.

With these inclusions, I think that the article will serve its purpose.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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March 7, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed editorial will, I hope, interest
you.

Cordially yours,

S. Margoshes

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Encl.

מדינת ישראל און אמעריקאנער

איבערפארטייאישע פאליטיק

עס איז באקאנט געווארען, אז סענאטאר ראבערט ד. טאפט, פירער פון דער רעפובליקאנער פארטיי, וועט אינגיכען אריינטראגען א ביל אין סענאט צו געבען דער מדינת ישראל אמעריקאנער רעגירונגס הילף אין דער סומע פון א האלבטען ביליאן דאלאר, אלס א טייל פונ'ם אמעריקאנער פראגראם צו שטיצען דעמאקראטיעס איבער גאר דער וועלט. אן ענליכער ביל וועט אריינגעטראגען ווערען אין רעפרעזענטאטען הויז פון פארשטייער פון ביידע פארטייען.

ס'איז קיין סוד נישט, אז סענאטאר טאפט'ס אינטערעס אין מדינת ישראל און זיין ביל פאר רעגירונגס הילף צו דער אידישער מדינה, זיין נען צו פארדאנקען דעם איינפלוס פון דר. אבא הלל סילווער. דער פירער פון דער רעפובליקאנער פארטיי אין סענאט האט תמיד ארויסגע-וויזען די פריינדליכסטע באציאונג צו דר. סילווער'ן און זיין ציוניסטי-שער פירערשאפט.

מ'האט לעצטענס שטארק קריטיקירט דר. סילווער'ן פאר זיינע ארויסטראגענען אויף דער אמעריקאנער פאליטישער ארענא, וואס זיינען אפט געווען זעהר שווער געווענדט קעגען דער איצטיגער אדמי-ניסטראציע אין וואשינגטאן און איר אויסערליכער פאליטיק. מ'מוז אבער געדענקען, אז אמעריקע איז א פריי לאנד און יעדער בירגער איז פולשטענדיג בארעכטיגט צו זיינע פאליטישע איבערצייגונגען, — און דר. סילווער נישט אויף א האר ווייניגער ווי יעדער אנדער בירגער. מ'קאן מיט אים איינשטימען אדער נישט איינשטימען ווען ער קריטיקירט די אויסערליכע פאליטיק פון דער אמעריקאנער רעגירונג פון דער איצטיגער אדמיניסטראציע, אבער קיינער קאן נישט אפפרעגען זיין רעכט אויף דער דאזיגער קריטיק.

מיר האלטען, אז דר. סילווער איז פולשטענדיג גערעכט ווען ער האלט, אז ווען עס קומט צו אידישע אינטערעסען בכלל און צו מדינת ישראל בפרט דארף מען זיך נישט פארלאזען אינגאנצען אויף א יי-ן פאליטישער פארטיי אין די פאראייניגטע שטאטען, נאר, אז דער שטארקסטער פארווך מוז געמאכט ווערען צו קריגען דעם אינטערעס און די הילף פון ביידע גרויסע פארטייען. נאך מער: די דערפארונג פון די לעצטע עטליכע יאר האט באוויזען, אז די שטעלונג פון איין גרויסער פארטיי בנוגע צו אידען און דעם אידען-שטאט ווערט אפט באוויקט פון דער שטעלונג פון דער אנדער גרויסער פארטיי. און אזוי ווען עס האט זיך געהאנדעלט וועגען מאכען גרויסע אנטישוידונגען בנוגע צו דער אידישער מלוכה אין ארץ ישראל, האבען די פירער פון דער דעמאקראטישער פארטיי זיך שטארק גערעכענט מיט דער האלטונג פון די רעפובליקאנער פירער. אזוי איז געווען בשעת די וואלען און אזוי איז געווען אין דער צווישען-צייט, ווען וויכטיגע שריט האבען באדארפט געמאכט ווערען מצד דער אמעריקאנער רעגירונג אין פארבינדונג מיט אידישע אינטערעסען.

די ליניע וואס ווערט איצט נאכגעפאלגט צו פארוואנדלען די פרא-ישראל אקציע פון אמעריקאנער קאנגרעס אין אן איבערפארטייאישער האנדלונג, איז א לאגישע און געוונטע, און איז אויסגערעכענט צו בריינגען די געווינטשטע רעזולטאטען. די הילף וואס אמעריקע וועט געבען צו מדינת ישראל קען זיין א באדייטענדע נאך דעמאלט ווען זי וועט זיין דער אויסדרוק פון די געפילען פונ'ם גאנצען אמעריקאנער פאלק, און נישט נאר פון איין פארטיי אדער גרופע, וואס האט אירע אייגענע פאליטישע אויסרעכענונגען. די ציוניסטישע פירערשאפט אין אמעריקע, מיט בנימין ג. בראודי בראש, פארדינט גרויס אנערקענונג פאר איר ארבייט צו פאראינטערעסירען פרעזידענט טרומאנ'ען אין דעם פלאן פון אמעריקאנער רעגירונגס-הילף פאר מדינת ישראל, אבער אויך דר. אבא הלל סילווער'ס לייסטונגען פאר מדינת ישראל אין בריינגען גענטער די רעפובליקאנער פירער צו דער אידישע פון אמע-ריקאנער רעגירונג-הילף פאר דער יונגער אידישער מדינה, מוזען פאר-צייכענט ווערען ווי גרויסע דערגרייכונגען פון א גרויסער פערזענליכ-קייט פאר'ן אידישען היימלאנד.

פאראן קאלאסאלע מעגליכקייטען צו שאפען אויסערגעוויינליכע מיטלען פאר מדינת ישראל אין די פאראייניגטע שטאטען, אבער די דאזיגע מיטלען וועלען געשאפען ווערען נאר דעמאלט ווען די אידישע פירערשאפט וועט זיך שטעלען אויף דער געהעריגער איבערפארטייא-שער הויך, אויסנוצענדיג אלע מעגליכקייטען פאר דער טובה פון אידישען היימלאנד.

The Day, March 4.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Dr. Silver:

It is with pleasure that I am happy to advise you that you were unanimously re-elected as Honorary Chairman of the Jewish National Fund at the Annual Meeting held a few days ago. We will need your help and guidance in strengthening the work of the Jewish National Fund in this country.

The enclosed report of the extraordinary ceremony that took place in Jerusalem was read. Every member of the Board was deeply touched and planted trees to begin a nation-wide effort, without conducting any campaigns, so that every American Jew may have a share in the planting of this forest of six million trees.

I should very much like to hear from you regarding this matter.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

HJL:SS

March 18, 1951

Dr. S. Margoshes
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

at your request

My dear Dr. Margoshes:

I am sending you herewith a few copies of the address which I delivered on "Shall We Re-Arm Germany?", as well as some additional copies of the earlier address on "A Letter to Mr. Truman" which was reprinted in the Congressional Record as well as in the New York Compass. As you will see, neither of these addresses justified the vile and lying interpretations placed upon them by the scribblers of the Jewish Daily Forward.

The campaign of the Forwards against me began some two years ago with a series of articles by Ehrenreich. It was followed by two or three articles clearly inspired, all of an electioneering character, to make sure that Dr. Silver will not be President of the World Zionist Organization, an office, by the way, for which I have not announced myself.

The articles which appeared in the Forward in the last two-three weeks are clearly motivated by the same thing and are also inspired by the journalistic war between the Forwards and the Freiheit. I have not commented on the biased reporting of my lectures in the Freiheit which, in the past, you will recall, violently attacked me time and again. I find it difficult to keep up with the distortions and misrepresentations of some of the Yiddish newspapers.

I might say that the position which I expressed on President Truman's handling of the Korean situation is overwhelmingly the sentiment of the American people, as every well-informed man in Washington governmental circles knows. The letters which I have myself received from people all over the country - Democrats and Republicans alike, conservatives and liberals - have confirmed me in my position.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Encs.

Via Air Mail

NATIONAL USSISHKIN LEAGUE

FOR LAND REDEMPTION AND RECLAMATION IN ISRAEL

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My dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you in regard to a matter which I am convinced is of most vital importance to the Jewish National Fund and its future program in Israel.

I know you to be a realist in Zionist affairs. Every acknowledged Zionist leader must be to continue to give outstanding service to Israel. As such you have no doubt given some thought to the present and foreseeable trends in fund-raising in America. To my mind even the most sanguine outlook should give us pause to examine the future of established Zionist institutions.

While Dr. Abraham Granott was here recently, we gave much thought to the problem, especially in view of the almost overwhelming task ahead for the JNF in Israel. You are acquainted with the program, and the virtual super-human effort which it demands. How are we to meet the requirements of the future?

One sure way is to provide now for the steady flow of income which the coming years will demand if we are to meet our time-honored obligation. To accomplish this aim, Dr. Granott directed the establishment of a permanent department to deal with insurance, (with the JNF as irrevocable beneficiary) living legacies and bequests.

Such a department has been set up under the direction of Abe Tuvim, who is known to you as an executive with imagination and drive. We have great hope for this project, but its ultimate success will depend in a great measure on the cooperation and support of Zionist leaders such as yourself.

"If Israel will redeem the Land of Israel, then the Land of Israel will redeem the People of Israel"

Menahem Ussishkin

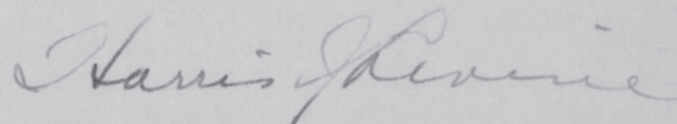
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 3/21/51

It is at best a difficult task to invest the subject of insurance with the high ideals which are embodied in this effort, but this task would be made less arduous if you were to inspire our Zionist following by becoming one of the honorable society enrolled in the National Ussishkin League, devoted solely to the high ideals enumerated above.

I am enclosing a membership application. You will note that it provides not only for new insurance making the Jewish National Fund the irrevocable beneficiary, but also for the assignment of all or part of present policies you may hold.

Thus do we hope to insure the carrying out of the great obligations which lie ahead. I am sincerely hopeful that we can count on you to help inspire the great Zionist masses to follow in your footsteps.

Sincerely yours,



DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
President

HJL:ss





Menahem Ussishkin

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - NATIONAL USSISHKIN LEAGUE

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
National Ussishkin League
41 East 42nd St., New York 17

My dear Dr. Levine:

Desiring to help assure the future of national land redemption and reclamation in Israel, I hereby apply for membership in the National Ussishkin League, and undertake the purchase or assignment of life insurance of a minimum of \$1000.00 in which I will name the Jewish National Fund as irrevocable beneficiary.*

Name

Address

City

Phone Number

Date



I have checked below the procedure I wish to follow in carrying out my obligation as a member of the National Ussishkin League.

1 ☐ I will take out a policy in the amount of \$.....

A ☐ I will choose my own agency.

B ☐ You may choose an insurance agency with Zionist affiliations.

2 ☐ I will assign the amount of \$..... in existing policies.

Name

* The Jewish National Fund does not sell insurance; you may choose your own broker.

*Menahe*m Ussishkin, known as "the man of iron", devoted his life to the single purpose of acquiring the land of Israel. He did not swerve from this vital objective. To his obstinate, persistent courage and devotion we owe the redemption of the land. Through the Jewish National Fund, which Ussishkin headed for twenty-five years, nearly three million dunams of land have been acquired in the people's ownership.

Ussishkin said, "If the people redeem the land, the land will redeem the people". He had one thought — to acquire and prepare the land for the people returning to Israel.

"Deed and wish must go hand in hand", was his watchword.

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3rd April, 1951

HULEH DRAINAGE CONTINUING DESPITE SYRIAN INTERFERENCE

Notable progress has been made in the preliminary phase of the Huleh Reclamation Project, despite provocation and acts of violence by the nearby Syrians.

The work of straightening the banks of the Jordan south of Lake Huleh prior to dredging the riverbed has been sporadically interrupted by shooting from across the Syrian frontier, for the past several weeks. This provocation began in the second week of March, when the work of straightening the western bank of the river had been completed and the workers attempted to bring the tractors over to the eastern side to work on that bank as well. When the first tractor crossed, it proceeded directly to the riverbank to begin work, and almost immediately, Syrians appeared on a nearby height and began to fire on the driver. Similar incidents have since occurred with increasing frequency and one of the Jewish casualties was fatal.

The source of the entire controversy lies in Syria's erroneous interpretation of the truce agreement concluded between Syria and Israel at the end of the War of Liberation. The area in question is at present inhabited by Arabs who returned after the signing of the truce, and who work the land. The work preliminary to the actual drainage of the Huleh swamps, which is being carried on here, necessitates the appropriation of a number of dunams of land, or the leasing of them for a number of years. (According to the Reclamation Plan, the riverbed which is 8 metres wide in this particular place, is to be widened to 16 metres; and to that end both banks are being straightened to prepare them for the giant dredging machines which will do the work of altering the riverbed). The JNF is ready to buy the Arab lands in the vicinity, to lease them, or to pay compensation for whatever harvests may be lost while the machines work there. And the owners of the land are ready to sell or rent their lands. But the Syrian authorities have ordered the landowners to refrain from such action.

The work is being done entirely within the former international boundaries of Israel. But the Syrians, who had invaded this area during the War of Liberation and had later been repulsed, still regard themselves as half-owners of the territory.

The Syrians contend that the truce agreement forbids any and all changes in the area. Israel spokesmen point out that the agreement places no ban on development in the zone, and that we are within our rights to proceed with the work.

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AMERICAN JEWS ADDING TO MARTYRS' FOREST

THE JNF OF AMERICA IS INITIATING AN EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENTLY PLANTED MARTYRS' FOREST, ACCORDING TO WORD JUST RECEIVED AT HEAD OFFICE. THIS NEW DRIVE CALLS FOR THE PLANTING OF MILLIONS OF TREES IN THE MARTYRS' FOREST, ONE TREE FOR EACH JEW IN AMERICA TO HONOUR THE HALLOWED DEAD.

FOREIGN CREDITS FOR JNF SPEED ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT

Equipment to double Israel's cement production will soon reach this country following recent negotiations by Dr. Josef Weiss, Director of the Financial Department of the JNF, with three leading Swiss Industrialists. The equipment will be delivered on a four and a half year credit basis.

With the credit assured, Dr. Weiss signed contracts amounting to 3,100,000 Swiss francs, with two large industrial firms in Switzerland, to supply the mechanical equipment needed to expand the Nesher works near Haifa and to equip a new cement plant which will be erected near Ramle.

Favourable prospects exist for making similar agreements with other big Swiss firms which will supply equipment to enlarge and improve Israel's flour industry, to establish 70-90 regional refrigerating stations for storing agricultural produce and for electrical and mechanical equipment on a large scale.

Food and Frame Houses from Sweden.

In Sweden the JNF has concluded an agreement for the purchase, on a credit basis, of goods amounting to 30,000,000 crowns (about \$ 6,000,000) from the large export firm, G.L. Beijer in Stockholm, on terms of 3½% interest, repayable within five years. This grantor of the loan has already received bids from various suppliers totalling over \$ 3,000,000, and a Beijer representative will shortly come to Israel to make final arrangements for the delivery of the goods, which include food (fish and dairy products) and about 6,000 prefabricated wooden houses for new immigrants.

Dr. Weiss also succeeded in overcoming delays in the implementation of the 300,000,000 Belgian franc (about \$ 6,000,000) credit granted in November 1950 by three Belgian banks. The difficulties arose from the greatly increased general demand for goods and the panic buying by American importers.

To date, a special Israeli trade delegation has purchased goods totalling more than two-thirds of the amount of the loan, including various types of machinery, rubber, tires, iron and other ferrous and nonferrous metals, leather sacks and pipe fittings.

Thus the JNF is contributing substantially to Israel's overall economic development while, at the same time, ensuring the successful implementation of its enhanced land improvement programme.

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SOUTH AFRICA PREPARATIONS FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Featuring the JNF Jubilee Year celebrations to be held by South African Jewry throughout the spring and summer months will be the appearance of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker. Dr. Silver will leave the United States in the latter part of June, and will spend three weeks visiting various Jewish centres.

South Africa has spared no effort to make the festivities the most impressive ever held. A pageant has been written by Mr. Yaacov Orland, in which hundreds of members of the Youth Movement will participate. One of South Africa's most prominent stage producers, Mrs. Taubie Kushlick, will be in charge of its production.

A JNF 'Cavalcade', in the form of a sixteen panel exhibition depicting the 50-year history of the Fund is being prepared by Mr. S. Vardimon of Tel Aviv for shipment to South Africa by Head Office.

Meanwhile, Dr. S. Lowy, special emissary of Head Office in South Africa, is continuing his co-operation with the JNF Commission in Johannesburg in the preparation for Jubilee celebrations. And Mr. Lewis Harris, newly appointed Director of the South African Office, will shortly be arriving to take up his new duties.

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Dr. A. H. Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

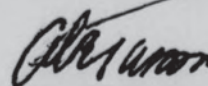
Last week Harris Levine sent you an invitation to become a member of the Board of Directors of the National Ussishkin League, and I am taking this opportunity to add my hope that you will accept the invitation.

An effort is being made to reconstitute the Board of the National Ussishkin League so that it may reflect Zionist leadership and interest. This is the sort of company in which you belong. Among those who have already accepted and who have offered close cooperation are Emanuel Neumann, Abraham Goodman, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Herman Weisman and Joseph Greenleaf.

If we do not hear from you by next Monday, I will ask you in person at your "going away" luncheon. I have been invited.

With kindest regards to Virginia and yourself,

Sincerely yours,



ABE TUVIM

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2nd August 1951

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Eden
Jerusalem.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Official duties require my presence in Tel-Aviv. Before leaving town, I hasten to send you my cordial greetings on your arrival in Israel.

I wish to take this first opportunity of thanking you most heartily on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael for your extremely successful mission to South Africa. I am looking forward to welcoming you personally and officially at the reception in your honour coming Saturday evening.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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October 26, 1951

Dr. A.H. Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It may have come to your knowledge that the Yiddishe Folk, the Yiddish organ of the ZOA, has undergone a reorganization. Dr. Bernstein has withdrawn from the editorship and asked to be put on a pension. The paper was then put by Mr. Browdy under an editorial committee of which I am the chairman and Messrs Louis Falk, Abe Redelheim and Elihu D. Stone are members. The paper is to appear in a new format with an editorial statement that henceforth it will be conducted along the lines mapped out in the Declaration of Policy submitted by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as chairman of the ZOA World Zionist Affairs and adopted by the ZOA Executive Committee. It is intended that the paper, in the new form, should find readers not only in the United States, but other countries where Yiddish readers abound, such as Latin America, Europe and Israel. The paper will keep in closest touch with ZINS.

In the first issue of the new Yiddishe Folk we are beginning a symposium on the issues pending before the World Zionist Congress. I should want very much to have you lead this symposium, and so I took the liberty of succinctly paraphrasing an important passage from your address which you delivered at the ZOA Convention in Chicago and which dealt with the Congress issue; the enclosed article bearing your name is the result. I'll ask you to be good enough and read the article, and after having made all the changes you find necessary, to return ~~to~~ ^{it} me for publication. I trust you will give your approval to this article.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

S. Margoshes

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