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HEAD OFFICE

JERUSALEM P.O.B. 583

October 18, 1944

ADDRESS REPLY TO

ROOM 2100

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not want to disturb you in the time of the Convention. However, I mentioned to you that the campaign in Mexico had been postponed, and because of this, we did not approach you in September as we originally intended. Now we are again coming to you with the same plea to visit Mexico for a few days in order to inaugurate the Keren Hayesod campaign of this year.

At the luncheon for Messrs. Lipsky and Neuman, after their return from Mexico, you heard something about that country. It is our most important community on the Latin American continent after Argentina. In Mexico, we have a vigorous and promising Jewry. It serves as an example for all the communities in Latin America. We have there a nice Zionist Organization and the best Jewish school system on the Latin American continent. Mexico is working splendidly for our Funds. Last year they gave \$80,000 for the Keren Hayesod. Now they promise to increase greatly this amount, but with one condition: that Dr. Silver inaugurates the campaign.

But it is not only a question of money. Your visit will bring new life into Mexican Jewry and a new upsurge of the Zionist movement. Your mission also will be important politically. Mexico will have a say in political decisions after the war.

What will be done in Mexico will not remain within the borders of that country. Your visit is of vital importance. Mexican Zionists and Mexican Jewry urgently are insisting upon your visit. They know you, they believe in you and they love you. I know it will also be a pleasant experience for you to come in contact with this new and developing branch of the Jewish people.

The campaign has to start on the 1st of December. We would therefore appreciate your reply within a few days - I am sure it will be positive - as we must prepare the trip and obtain a priority.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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Oct. 18, 1944

I want to say how deeply I was impressed by your speech at the Convention. On the day of Sunday, I saw the highlight of American Zionism. It was a consolation and an encouragement.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

L. Jaffe

Leib Jaffe

lj:hr



November 1, 1944

Mr. Lieb Jaffe
Keren Hayesod
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I have given your letter of October 18 a great deal of thought. I should very much love to comply with your request. I fully realize the importance of the mission to Mexico, and you know of my deep interest in the progress of the Keren Hayesod, but I am simply tied up with so many obligations in such a way that it is impossible for me to leave the country for a period of a week or ten days. The campaign in Mexico will start on the first of December. You realize, of course, that that is when the American Jewish Conference sessions begin in Pittsburgh. It is absolutely essential that I attend the Conference. I am chairman of its Palestine Commission, and for many other reasons my presence there is imperative. The following week is Chanukah week when many duties make it important for me to remain in Cleveland. It is also very likely that our Congressional Resolutions will come up for action before the Christmas recess of Congress in December. It will be important that I spend a great deal of my time in Washington to see that the Resolutions pass, and that the right kind of Resolutions pass.

Taking all these facts into consideration, I am sure that you will realize that it is quite impossible for me to go to Mexico this year. As I told you, I would love to go there. I have never been to Mexico and I would like to get acquainted with the Jewish people there. Unfortunately, however, commitments which I have already assumed compel me to decline many an invitation which normally I would be most happy to accept.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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New York, N.Y., December 13, 1944.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO

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41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This year's Keren Hayesod campaign in Mexico will finally be launched on December the 21st. Since you could not go there, our friends decided not to invite anyone else but to make an effort to raise funds through their own efforts. They set for themselves the quota of One Million Pesos, and they are conducting the campaign in honor of Dr. Weizmann. They cabled to say that a personal message from you is of special importance to them, and we would therefore be very grateful if you would kindly send us a draft of this message by return mail so that we can cable it to them.

With many thanks and kind regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours

LJ/NE/vf

L. Jaffe

Leib Jaffe

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December 26, 1944

Mr. Lieb Jaffe
Keren Hayesod Ltd.
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jaffe:

Please pardon the long delay in sending you the message which you requested. As you probably know, I have been rather busy these last few weeks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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I send my warmest greetings to our friends in Mexico who are at this moment engaged in the Keren Hayesod Campaign. I wish you every success in your great and noble undertaking. It is with deep satisfaction that I have received reports of the continued progress of our movement in Mexico, of the growth in the number of the friends of Palestine, and of the increase in their contributions to the upbuilding work in Eretz Yisrael. I had hoped to visit you this year, but pressure of work here had deprived me of that great pleasure. I am looking forward eagerly to a time when I will be able to come to you.

This is the decisive hour in our centuries old struggle for national restoration, and it is good to know that the splendid Jewish community of Mexico is rallying to the cause in such a splendid manner.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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December 29, 1944

ADDRESS REPLY TO

ROOM 2100

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We received today your message for Mexico and we have immediately sent it on to them.

Although the inauguration meeting for which the message was requested has already taken place, we are sure that our friends in Mexico will make very good use of it, and will give it the widest publicity.

Thank you very much for the message.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. Jaffe

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER,

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March 7, 1945

Mr; Leib Jaffe
Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Jaffe:

In compliance with your request I am sending the following message to be forwarded to the Latin American Zionist Conference at Montevideo:

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
I SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE ALL LATIN AMERICAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE MEETING IN MONTEVIDEO. I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS. OUR MOVEMENT IS ENTERING THE DECISIVE STAGE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN BEHALF OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE. THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE CRUCIAL. THE MOBILIZATION OF THE MAXIMUM STRENGTH AND MORAL RESOURCES OF OUR PEOPLE AND OF OUR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS MOST URGENT. THE VOICE OF LLATIN AMERICA RAISED IN BEHALF OF THE JUST AND HISTORIC CAUSE OF ISRAEL WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL.

Abba Hillel Silver