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Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) Inc., you were unanimously elected an Honorary Chairman.

I look forward to your cooperation in the work which the Keren Hayesod has before it and hope, that as a result of our united action, we will be in a position to report a fruitful and successful operation.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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November 18,
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 106th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Biennial Conference of the Jewish National Fund will take place on January 2nd to 4th at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

I have the honor of extending to you a most cordial invitation to address our conference on January 4th.

The delegates coming from all parts of the country will be eager to hear your message and to have the benefit of your participation in our conference.

I should be grateful to you to receive your favorable acceptance as soon as possible.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
President

MR:EG

December 8, 1947

Judge Morris Rothenberg, President
Jewish National Fund of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to attend the Biennial Conference of the Jewish National Fund in Chicago on January 4. I regret that I will not be able to attend. My present plans are to sail for Palestine on December 30 to attend the meetings of the Executive and of the Actions Committee.

I wish your conference every success.

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of the critical situation resulting from the failure of the United States to throw its influence back of the partition decision, I should like to offer the following suggestion:

In the last presidential campaign as well as the preceding one, the Jewish vote throughout America did much to insure Roosevelt's election. The Democratic Party today feels that it is assured of this bloc of votes. Now, I understand that the Government is attempting to make its Palestine policy bi-partisan and should this tactic succeed it might mean that the Zionist vote would have very little effect in shaping a favorable policy for the implementation of the decision creating the new Jewish State.

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I propose that in the immediate future Henry Wallace be approached to address a mass meeting on the failure of the Democratic State Department to carry out the dictates of the United Nations. This meeting, in my opinion, should not be held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization but as a straight campaign meeting of Wallace, sponsored either by the New Republic or preferably the Progressive Citizens of America. We, on our part, should do all we can not only to pack the meeting, but to jam the streets surrounding it. This, I think, would have the effect of throwing fear into the hearts of the Democrats. Bi-partisan policy or not, a vote for Wallace would in effect be a vote for the Republicans. As a result this Jewish angry vote would definitely lose New York State for Truman. In other states where large centers of Jewish population prevail, a similar catastrophe for the Democrats could occur. After all our State Department is directly under the control of the Democratic Party and perhaps through this tactic, Truman might be forced to do something constructive.

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I stress the fact that a Zionist Organization or any other Jewish organization should not call the meeting and that our support of it should be handled in a more or less covert manner.

Should you feel that this plan has any merit, I should like to discuss it further with you. I have some direct connections with people surrounding Wallace and perhaps you might feel that the initials steps should be taken through them rather than through some Zionist official.

With Zion's greetings, I am



Sincerely yours,

Deel Feurelicht

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