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Kfar Silver

December 20, 1953

Mr. Elias Sourasky
Mexico City
Mexico

My dear Friend:

I came upon the other day a news item which reported that you contributed ten scholarships for students from Mexico who will enroll in the Agricultural School in "Kfar Silver". This brought pleasantly to my mind my last visit to Mexico and the many courtesies which I enjoyed at your hand during my stay.

I wonder how you and Mrs. Sourasky are. We have frequently spoken of you, Mrs. Silver and I. We express the hope that some day soon we may have the pleasure of seeing you in the states in our own home, or perhaps if fortune favors us, on some future visit to Mexico.

I appreciate very much the generous scholarship gift which you made to this important new agricultural school in Israel.

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Sourasky and all of our good friends in Mexico City, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Harvest Time in Kfar Silver

MIGDAL ASHKELON. — The first harvest at the Kfar Silver Agricultural School will be reaped during the second week in June, it was announced here.

One of five crops sowed over a 671 dunam (approximately 165 acres) area as part of the preparatory program for readying the School for occupancy by students, the potato plantings are hoped to yield between two and three tons per dunam. Other crops to be harvested at Kfar Silver in the next six months include peanuts, cotton, watermelons, cantaloupes, onion seeds and sorghum, the latter a grain feed for chickens.

Mr. Ozer Guttman, secretary of Kfar Silver, revealed that original American cotton seeds were used in the planting of what has been termed in Israel as "white gold." First plantings of cotton introduced in Israel last year by an American expert proved exceedingly successful.

The first June harvest points up many new advances in the development of Kfar Silver, which when fully completed will provide agricultural training for

300 teenage Israel students. An irrigation system completed at a cost of £90,000, which included the sinking of a well and the installation of necessary electrical equipment, now provides water for more than 400 dunams, Mr. Guttman reported. The aluminum piping is mobile, he said, thereby allowing for its shifting to various parts of the 1,870 dunams (470 acres) of choice land which comprises Kfar Silver.

Other developments include a plan to install lighting for the village where students will study and live and the mapping of streets and completion of plans by the outstanding Israel architect M. Horman for the erection of a library in the name of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a gift from Jack Verdi of San Francisco.

While its main purpose is the maintenance of a modern and complete agricultural school, Kfar Silver will serve other important purposes as well, among them the maintenance of a summer-season center, where Jewish youth from all parts of the Diaspora may gather at seminars, Hebrew instruction classes, vaca-

tion and educational summertime camps for crowded city youth and a center for youth of the General Zionist Party.

The construction of the first dormitories, dining-hall, instructors' quarters, irrigation system and other facilities has been accomplished in the amazingly short period of 18 actual work months.

Silver to Speak at Dewey AZF Dinner

Former Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York will be honored at a metropolitanwide \$100-a-plate testimonial dinner under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Fund (AZF) on Sunday evening, Oct. 30, at the Hotel Statler, New York.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, world Zionist leader, will be one of the principal speakers at this dinner in tribute to Governor Dewey's services to the Zionist cause and to the State of Israel. Other speakers will include Mortimer May, president of the ZOA, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of its National Executive Committee.

Several hundred representatives from all ZOA Districts and Regions throughout the metropolitan area as well as leaders of other national Jewish organizations are expected to attend this momentous testimonial. All income from the evening will go toward the AZF to finance its major projects in Israel and on the American scene.

October, 1955

Opening of Kfar Silver

ASHKELON, Israel (Special). — In the presence of many distinguished guests from the cities and settlements throughout Israel, Kfar Silver, the agricultural school established here in honor of Rabbi Hillel Silver, was opened on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The opening of the institute was postponed until this date in view of an order by the Israel Agriculture Ministry ordering all accredited agricultural schools to open their doors during October.

Leaders of the General Zionist Organization spoke during the ceremonies which marked the initial opening with a limited enrollment of two classes which will gradually expand to accommodate the institute's full capacity of 300 students. Official dedication of Kfar Silver is scheduled to be held in the near future.

Kfar Silver is located three miles north of Migdal-Ashkelon on an area of 1,600 dunams. Designed to train farmers in all fields of agriculture in the country, the three year courses will cover grain growing, plantations, vegetables, flower gardening, dairy and poultry farming, bee keeping and other phases of farming. Students range in ages from 14 to 17, including those from youth aliyah from Israel as well as the United States.

Kfar Silver is supported jointly through funds raised by the ZOA and the General Zionist Organization of Israel.

Kfar Silver: A Significant Milestone

The official dedication on March 29 of Kfar Silver, agricultural training institute named for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, marks a significant milestone in the long history of ZOA contributions to the upbuilding of the State of Israel. Moreover, the establishment of this training center for Israel's future farmers—a joint project of the ZOA and the General Zionist Party of Israel—represents a major landmark in the development and strengthening of Israel's economy.

Thousands of Israelis and guests from abroad, representing all shades of opinion and affiliations, will gather on this momentous occasion in Ashkelon, bordering on the Negev, to greet Dr. Silver in person when he delivers the major dedication address.

Elsewhere in this issue our readers are afforded an insight into all important and interesting facets of Kfar Silver's program, the progress recorded to date as well as a glimpse

into the significant role this institute is destined to play in the training of Israel's young farmers.

Established in tribute to Dr. Silver's great services to the cause of a free and independent Israel, the construction of the agricultural training center was made possible by the generous manner in which our ZOA constituency throughout the land responded to the AZF for this specific project. Kfar Silver and the ZOA Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv represent two major ZOA projects in Israel which exemplify in striking and concrete fashion our organization's work for and in Israel. This is apart from the ZOA's leading role and participation in the efforts for the UJA, Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, and the ZOA's vast program in the field of public relations and education, in mobilizing American public opinion for the security of Israel.

On this occasion of the dedication of Kfar Silver, it is indeed fitting for all of us to recite the blessing of Sh'echeyanu.



Jack Verdi Gift Of \$10,000 for Neumann Library At Kfar Silver

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JACK VERDI

As a concrete expression of his esteem of and tribute to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, "who has dedicated his life to the renaissance of his people and to the development and prosperity of Israel," Jack Verdi of San Francisco, veteran Zionist and associate ZOA treasurer has made available the amount of \$10,000 for the building of a Neumann agricultural library at Kfar Silver, the agricultural institute in Israel established jointly by the ZOA and the General Zionist Party in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Announcing his action at the AZF testimonial dinners for Dr. Neumann in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Mr. Verdi said:

"In our current history, when the most dramatic saga was written into the pages of our long history, namely the drama of the re-establishment of the State of Israel, it was Dr. Neumann, our guest of honor, who together with the sage of Cleveland, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, played such a decisive role in this glorious chapter."

Declaring that Kfar Silver not only symbolizes strength but will assist Israel's economy in the spirit of our American Zionist concept, Mr. Verdi reported his decision to establish an Agricultural Library there to be named for Dr. Neumann so that "his name shall forever be linked with this important project."

Kfar Silver: ZOA Milestone in Israel

At the Gateway to the Negev

by Leon Ilutovich

LOCATED near Ashkelon, in the rich southern part of Israel, the site chosen for the Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Institute, boasts historic links both biblical and modern. It was here that the invading Egyptian army fought pitched battles with the Israelis and was finally routed across what is known today as the Gaza demarcation line. Much of the Kfar Silver site still bears grim testimony to its former status as enemy-held territory.

The ZOA undertook this second large project in Israel (the first being the ZOA Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv) with one important consideration in mind, namely, the dire need of Israel for new cadres of educated and thoroughly trained farmers who could contribute their share to the expansion of Israel's agricultural potential and to the conquest of the vast desert area of the country. Good farmers and good citizens is the slogan of the school.

Of the 80 students already attending classes, 20 are graduates of Israel elementary schools. The other sixty, drawn from the ranks of Youth Aliyah, are boys and girls from North Africa; youngsters who arrived in the country only one month prior to their admission to Kfar Silver. They know little of the country and practically no Hebrew. Their mother tongue is French, and it is Kfar Silver, the melting pot for the young generation, which will have to shape their character and future life and will determine the measure of their participation in the up-building of a new homeland.

Kfar Silver places no restrictions on enrollment. Capable and promising young people, who meet general qualifications and are considered adept, will be accepted. The students will undergo a four year course, which will include general studies as well as specific training in agriculture. General studies cover the curriculum of an Israel high school.

The school pioneers in acquainting young Israeli farmers with Israel's new and "never-before" crops. In line with this pioneering effort, cotton, flax and other new crops are planted at Kfar Silver. In fact, some of the finest cotton in Israel is grown there. Augmenting this phase of new crops, the Institute offers its students specialized training in proven agricultural stand-bys like citrus and vineyards.

The development plan drawn up for the next four years provides for the establishment of two departments. One is an agricultural high school for graduates of Israeli and foreign elementary schools. It is expected that by the end of four years this school will have an enrollment of 140 pupils.

The second department is a four year agricultural high school for pupils coming from the ranks of Youth Aliyah only, since it is necessary to modify its curriculum to suit the lower educational standards of Youth Aliyah pupils drawn primarily from the new North African immigration. It is estimated that by the end of four years this part of the school will have 180 pupils.

Thus, a total enrollment of 320 students is expected at the start of the school year 1958-59.

An ultra-modern dining hall capable of accommodating over 300 students, seated dining room style, has also been completed, as have six small reconditioned buildings serving as quarters for instructors and administrative personnel. A special feature of the Kfar Silver dining hall is a movable stage which may be adjusted to convert the hall into an auditorium.

Another new structure added to the Kfar Silver campus recently is a two-classroom building in memory of Rose Chizewer, built through a contribution to

Kfar Silver—Portent of the Future

by Dr. Harris J. Levine

THE dedication exercises which will be held on March 29 marking the inauguration of Kfar Silver, agricultural training institute in Israel, portend progress and development and advancement for the State of Israel, and forge still another link in the chain of cooperation that American Zionists have strung across the seas to Israel.

Located in the vicinity of historic Ashkelon, and close to the Gaza frontier, Kfar Silver is a unique institution and settlement, challenging the imagination and the creative capacity of the young people who will make it their home.

Kfar Silver is a new type of settlement—a kind of "pilot settlement" for teenagers preparing to conquer the land, to settle on the soil and increase the natural wealth and productivity of Israel's long-dormant land. Eventually, more than three hundred boys and girls ranging in age from 14 to 17 will live at Kfar Silver, where they will, during a four-year period, receive expert instruction in a variety of agricultural skills, as well as formal Jewish and general education.

Initially, eighty students are being accommodated, of whom one-fourth come from Israel's schools and the remainder are Youth Aliyah youngsters. In Kfar Silver, which will occupy 1,870 dunams (470 acres) furnished by the Jewish National Fund, the young settlers live, work and study, preparing for an agricultural life designed to furnish Israel with sorely needed trained farm manpower, as well as giving the youngsters the basic training and experience needed to provide them with a lifelong livelihood.

I must confess that nothing we in the ZOA have done in recent years has provided me with more personal satisfaction than this magnificent project. I cannot help but get very excited at the prospects. If Kfar Silver turns out to be as successful as we hope it will—and have every confidence it will—we will be helping Israel resolve one of its most serious internal problems—obtaining trained manpower to settle in the remote sections of the country. And of course this project affords me, as it must every American Zionist, intense gratification in the knowledge that the settlement-institute is being named in honor of Abba Hillel Silver.

When the formal dedication exercises take place in Israel there will be a great deal of speech-making, which is as it should be. Representatives of the Government, of the General Zionist Party in Israel, the Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish National Fund, will take the opportunity to salute this splendid undertaking and at the same time to pay tribute to the man for whom it is named. Dr. Silver will on this occasion undoubtedly respond in his eloquent and moving fashion.

But I would like to make the point that although we may feel pleased with ourselves in seeing this concrete and vital project nearing fruition, and although we will feel extremely proud that the achievements of Dr. Silver over the last decades are now being heralded in this signal and fitting manner—I am confident that none of us wants to lose sight of the fact that this settlement is but one step in a larger program of Israel projects that we must still bring to reality, in as short a time as possible.

Kfar Silver—planned to honor Dr. Silver on his 60th birthday—will contain several small model farms, based respectively on grain, mixed farming and dairy farming. Future smallholder farmers will thus be receiving expert experience in the day-to-day problems that come with running a small, individually-owned and operated farm. The settlement will contain, in addition,

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Dr. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund, is also chairman of the ZOA Israel Projects Committee.

Silver to Fly to Israel March 20

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, now serving as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Bond Organization of the United States, is scheduled to fly to Israel on March 20 to address the dedication ceremonies at Kfar Silver. During his two-week stay in Israel he will also study the progress recorded in the country since his last visit there in 1951. Dr. Silver will also address a dinner in the ZOA House in Tel Aviv on Apr. 3. He is due to return to this country on Apr. 5.

The Kfar Silver dedication ceremonies on Mar. 29 will be highlighted by addresses of greetings by Israeli Ministers of Education and Agriculture. The opening address will be delivered by Chaim Danieli, chairman of the Kfar Silver Curatorium, followed by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, president of the Israel General Zionist Organization. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem Section of the Jewish Agency Executive, will deliver greetings in behalf of the World Zionist Organization.

A Message

by Mortimer May
ZOA President

THE dedication of Kfar Silver not only marks a most constructive endeavor on the part of the ZOA in Israel, but affords us, together with our friends the General Zionists, an opportunity to concretize the great esteem and affection that our Organization holds for Dr. Silver. We are thus erecting a lasting monument to one to whom the Zionist movement and the State of Israel are both so deeply indebted.

The experience of recent years has taught that the State of Israel, even though a small one, must have a sound agricultural foundation; that it must become as nearly self-sufficient in producing its food supply as is humanly possible. To accomplish this will require an extraordinarily skilled and intelligent farm population who will have to understand and use the most modern techniques and implements to extract a maximum of productivity from the soil. Kfar Silver offers an opportunity for the training of young Israelis to become scientific farmers and thus to establish a sound base of agricultural independence for the State. As American Jews, trained in the school of efficient production in both the field and the factory, we can be particularly proud of our contribution in the establishment of this institution to provide young Israelis with an education that will fit them to attain this goal. It will be our privilege and obligation to maintain with the General Zionists of Israel a course of training in Kfar Silver that will measure up to the highest American standards.

Kfar Silver by her husband Charles Chizewer, of Chicago.

An all-important addition to the expanding Kfar Silver facilities will be the Dr. Emanuel Neumann Library and Reading Room to be built with the aid of a generous contribution pledged by Jack Verdi, of San Francisco.

An electrical network, an irrigation system and watertower, plus the most modern agricultural equipment complete the facilities.

A welcome development is the Jewish Agency's recent inclusion of Kfar Silver in the budget of the Agricultural Colonization Department and its decision to grant allocations for the development of the Kfar Silver farm. These allocations will go toward the construction of such farm buildings as a poultry-run for 1,000 chickens, a cowshed for 40 head of cattle, stables, stores for grain, machinery shed, etc.

Despite the remarkable progress noted

The present is only a beginning, and we envision ever greater facilities to be placed at the disposal of our students. We also have plans for involving, for a time at least, young Americans who at Kfar Silver will be able to meet their counterparts in Israel; each to learn from the other and each to benefit from these mutual experiences. The horizons are unlimited and the challenge will have to be met if we are to use this installation to its potential.

We must be on guard in Kfar Silver lest we become too materialistic or too economic in our interpretations to our youth. Here we must emphasize spiritual and ethical values that are deeply rooted in our faith and traditions. Moreover, this school bears the name of one of our most illustrious religious leaders; it is therefore particularly incumbent upon us to provide, besides the best in accommodations and curriculum, a moral and spiritual environment for our young people on an equally high level. Among new structures that will be required, top priority should be given to a chapel. Kfar Silver will thus be redolent of modern America and historic Israel; we would thus do even greater honor to the name of Dr. Silver who by his life and his work has so gloriously harmonized the fusion of American and Jewish values; the practical of the one, the spiritual of the other. On this combination, indeed, may well rest the hope of mankind.

The above message was addressed to Chaim Danieli, Chairman of the Board of Kfar Silver.

here, we still have a long way to travel. Additional buildings for dormitories, classrooms, administration, medical clinic, staff quarters, carpentry, electrical and mechanical workshops, landscaping, sport and playgrounds—these will require considerable allocations and it will be up to our leaders in Regions and Districts throughout the country to make this admirable project of ours what it should be, through relentless efforts in behalf of the AZF, of which Kfar Silver, like the ZOA House, is a beneficiary.

A word of thanks is due to the members of the Kfar Silver Board of Directors and to the General Zionist Party in Israel and its women's affiliate, the General Zionist Women's Association, for their devoted volunteer work during the past two years in bringing our plans and ideas to fruition.

Mr. Ilutovich is assistant ZOA executive director.

*Kfar Silver Panorama**Our Own Land Shall Feed Us...*

A well-rounded "work-live-play" program has been devised for the boys and girls who have come to spend four formative years at Kfar Silver, agricultural institute named in honor of the American Zionist leader Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Photos here show, clockwise, modern dormitories, consisting of two buildings and a connecting patio, capable of accommodating 40 students in nine bedrooms, reading and recreation rooms; students learning to operate the most modern agricultural equipment; small boy preparing large cabbage for shipment to market; a part of the campus; students harvesting turnips; modern kitchens with facilities capable of preparing meals for 300 at a time; classroom where time is devoted to the learning of general subjects such as are taught in Israel high schools; first group of Youth Aliyah youngsters arriving at Kfar Silver; one of a number of armed "shomrim" who keep day and night watch to protect pupils and staff personnel from possible attacks from across the Gaza Strip.



israel newsletter

by Malkah Raymist

JERUSALEM.—Israel and Italy have raised the status of their respective diplomatic missions from legations to embassies. The Italian Ambassador, Benedetto Capomazzo, Marchese di Camplattaro, Italy's Minister to Israel since several years, presented his credentials to President Ben Zvi. Similarly, Israel's Minister in Rome, Mr. Eliahu Saason, has been given the rank of Ambassador.

Israel now has several embassies in different parts of the world: Argentina, Canada, France, Great Britain, the United States and now Italy.

Mr. T. W. L. MacDermot, the Canadian Ambassador to Israel, speaking at the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv, stated that: "Israel's exports to Canada grew by more than 600,000 Canadian dollars in the first half of the year 1955, as compared to the same period in 1954. Israel now holds the fifth place in Canada among importing countries."

Two officers of Israel's Defense Army were cited for bravery by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Moshe Dayan: 1) Captain Kalman Magen, "for extraordinary leadership and devotion in carry-

ing out his mission," in the Nitzana battle. After receiving wounds in the thigh, Captain Magen remained in command of his unit for three hours. 2) Major Aharon Davidi, "for unusual bravery and leadership in time of battle." During the battle on Lake Tiberias, Major Davidi exposed himself to danger in order to re-organize and assume command of a unit whose officer had been killed.

An inter-departmental committee for industrial planning has been formed with the participation of the Directors of the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, the Treasury, Communications, and representatives of the Reparations Commission. The committee will be assisted by appropriate sub-committees composed of experts and government officials. The main task of the committee will be to plan industrial development in general and fix a scale of priorities in new investments, besides encouraging the establishment of new enterprises in development areas.

The year 1955 was a record year in Israel tourism. Tourists visiting Israel numbered 48,227, an increase of 25 percent over the previous year.

An Israeli inventor, Yitzhak Levi, has registered his invention of an improved type of carburetor that can be fitted to any standard make of car. Mr. Levi, who is an engineer, has already begun the manufacturing of these carburetors. Large scale production would save Israel a considerable expenditure of foreign currency every year, and may lead to exports and foreign currency exchange, as the new carburetor can be sold at competitive prices.

During the first eight months of the fiscal year 1955-56, the Commission for Purchase of Reparations Goods placed orders for equipment of various kinds at a value of double that of the previous year (1954-55). So far contracts have been signed for the amount of 50 million marks. The lion's share of German reparations goods imported since June 1953 was allocated for development purposes. Fifty-three percent of all the expense went for purchasing of steel and raw materials for the chemical industries. At present the Reparations Commission intends to bring to Israel further essential equipment for the extension of existing enterprises and the establishment of new ones.

Kfar Silver

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tion, a citrus grove and a vineyard. Six of the ten buildings that had existed on the site of Kfar Silver prior to its acquisition have already been refurbished and will be used for the staff and administrative offices. Nearing completion are a large central dining hall and kitchen, dormitory buildings, study rooms and other student facilities.

Even from this bare outline of the present and future accommodations, one can see that Kfar Silver will become one of the ZOA's significant projects and one of Israel's most important and effective agricultural institutions. We believe that Kfar Silver will grow in enrollment, in importance, and from it will go forth to all parts of Israel trained young men and women who will not only know how to turn the arid land into productive and verdant farmland, but will be possessed of the necessary zeal and devotion to achieve this task, in the face of all obstacles.

On this happy occasion, I am delighted to add my tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the architect of Israel's victory at the United Nations and the leader of the World Zionist Movement. I hope and pray that on Dr. Silver's 80th birthday the tension and crises that today grip Israel will be gone, that Kfar Silver will be a flourishing settlement and agricultural institute, that the land of Israel will be cultivated and irrigated, and that the great era of eternal peace and prosperity for all mankind will at last dawn on us.

To the General Zionist Party in Israel, to the American Zionist Fund of the ZOA—Yishar Ko-chachem—for this splendid achievement.

A Statement:

No Time for Disunity

Members of a negotiating committee of a group calling themselves the "Independent Liberal Zionist Group" have circulated a statement to the press announcing the proposed establishment after the World Zionist Congress of an independent Zionist organization. Members of the committee also announced that they have filed a separate list of delegates to the 24th Zionist Congress.

In reply to this announcement, Dr. Harris J. Levine, chairman of the National ZOA Administrative Council, issued the following statement in behalf of the ZOA:

"We deeply regret that Zionists of long standing should see fit at this critical moment, a time of grave emergency, to announce their intention of setting up another splinter group, when unity and Zionist discipline are most desperately needed, and to make this announcement because of their disappointment over the number of delegates to be allotted them to the Zionist Congress.

"Many months ago the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America reopened discussions with the 'Ezra Shapiro Group' with a view to their return to active participation in the affairs of the Organization. We proposed, among other things, the setting up of an official Committee on Program and Policy, on which this group would be liberally represented and which would be empowered to study all important questions at issue, in an effort to reach an acceptable agreement and submit its ultimate recommendations to the governing bodies of the Organization and its national convention. Shortly after these conversations began, the date of the World Zionist Congress, set for July, 1956, was advanced to April—and by mutual agreement the discussions were centered on the question of representation to the Congress—and the consideration of longer-term problems, postponed.

"The sole question under discussion, therefore, has been the allocation of places on the ZOA list of delegates to the Congress; and it is on this question that the negotiations broke down. Despite the very small size of this group, whose meetings were never attended by more than a dozen people, we were prepared to offer them a liberal representation so that their point of view might be expressed at the Congress. Places were offered and are still being offered to Messrs. Shapiro,

Lipsky, Judge Levinthal and a number of others who share their general viewpoint, although for several years they have kept away from the work of the Organization and the deliberations of its governing bodies. But we cannot accede to their exaggerated demands in fairness to many active leaders and the justified claims of ZOA Regions throughout the country for representation. In particular, we were forced to reject their condition sine qua non that places be accorded to several who are already assured the status of delegates at the Congress by virtue of their office as members of the General Council of the World Zionist Organization (Actions Committee). It has been the accepted practice, not only in the ZOA, but in other groups and organizations, not to name members of the Actions Committee, in fairness to other active and deserving representatives who could not otherwise be seated as delegates."

In their statement the members of the negotiating committee of the so-called "Independent Liberal Group" declared: "our efforts to bring about the reunification of the ZOA on the basis of a more liberal platform, and a just share of representation to the Zionist Congress for the liberal minority group, have terminated without results. For months we have been conducting negotiations with the leaders of the ZOA, pointing out that the gravity of the situation both in Israel and the United States makes it imperative to reunite all elements in the ZOA, particularly by bringing back countless leading Zionists throughout the country who either left or were forced out of the ZOA. We have stressed that the identification of the ZOA with one of the rightist political parties in Israel, the 'General Zionist Party' and a contemplated merger with another, the Herut Party, render it difficult, if not impossible, for liberal Zionists to remain in the ranks of what was once and is no more the over-all and liberal Zionist Organization in the United States."

In his reply Dr. Levine stated that: "The selection of delegates is the prerogative of the National Administrative Council, the supreme governing body of the Organization between conventions, which met on Sunday, March 4th.

"The basic issue and root-cause of the trouble is not 'liberalism' or 'progressivism' or 'identification' or 'non-identifi-

cation" but the stubborn refusal of a small dissident minority to accept the principle of majority rule. The policies of a great democratic movement cannot be dictated to the majority by holding over its head the constant threat of a split in the formation of splinter groups."

Wanted: Clarification

"American Friends of Israel"

At a meeting of the National Administrative Council a discussion took place about the appearance of various groups and organizations, all intending to aid the cause of Israel. Prominently mentioned in this connection is the group under the name of "American Friends of Israel"—and the question was raised whether its organization and proposed activities have been approved by the Government of Israel or by the Jewish Agency, in view of the possibility of overlapping and duplication or competition with established agencies, and the resulting confusion which may arise in various communities.

Following the discussion it was resolved that the Jewish Agency, the American Zionist Council and the Zionist Committee for Public Affairs be urged to take such action as will clarify the situation and avoid such confusion and conflict which may be harmful to the Movement and to the cause of Israel.

The formation and aims of the new group were sharply criticized in an editorial which appeared in the March 12th issue of *The Day-Jewish Journal* of New York under the heading "Zionism Must Be Strengthened Not Undermined." Noting that the group has been set up by Henry Montor, the editorial states that this "is hardly an assurance that the new group has set for itself a constructive purpose.

"Mr. Montor has for a long time harbored the idea of creating such an organization. . . . Mr. Montor felt that by organizing the non-Zionist elements as 'Friends of Israel' large masses of Jews who would not identify themselves with Israel through Zionist bodies would be reached. It was, however, clear that such an organization would harm Zionism, the backbone of all efforts in behalf of Israel.

"In any event, Montor could not

break through the wall of opposition toward such an organization at a time when he was active in raising funds for Israel. He could not obtain support for the group, either in American Zionist circles or in the State of Israel.

"Now, however, when Montor has withdrawn from fund-raising for Israel, it seems that he feels more free. Incidentally, it also appears that through his new organization he wishes to challenge Zionism, whether because of ideological conviction or because of desire to settle old 'accounts' with the Zionist forces in this country.

"The question arises whether Montor has not missed the bus with the formation of his new group. Firstly, it comes at a moment when Zionism has grown stronger instead of weaker, when even such a critic of World Zionism as David Ben Gurion now acknowledges the vital need of world Zionism for Israel. Furthermore, the purpose for which the 'Friends of Israel' is being formed—to win the support of non-Zionist elements—has already long been achieved. Such organizations as the American Jewish Committee, Bnai Brith, the Jewish War Veterans and many others have adopted other ways and means of identifying themselves with Israel, directly or indirectly, and do not need a new organization for this purpose. There is also hardly any ground to assume that these non-Zionist and pro-Israel organizations would be more desirous of cooperating with 'Friends of Israel' than with the Zionist organizations.

"It is, therefore, to be assumed—and the suspicion is not unfounded—that the new group has as its sole purpose the harming of the Zionist organizations of all shades. Such a challenge would be unforgivable as well as impermissible. Zionism must and shall be strengthened instead of undermined."

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U.S. Cannot Shirk Arms Responsibility Kremlin Blueprint: Share of Mideast

by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

by Judd L. Teller

Our world finds itself at this time in a prolonged historic struggle which will last for decades and which will find no quick or early solution. It might take generations before a formula is finally evolved which will enable both sections of our sharply divided world to live in comparative peace on the same globe. The formula will undoubtedly be based on the principle of live and let live, on compromise and mutual adjustments, for it will be realized sooner or later that the choice before the nations of the world is one of co-existence or no

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Form New Religious Anti-Israel Front

by Robert Crowley

The so-called American Friends of the Middle East (AFME)—but in reality the enemies of Israel, have set up a new front given the long, high-sounding name of the Continuing Committee on Muslim-Christian Cooperation (CCMCC). It purportedly was to bring about closer understanding between Christians and Muslims on a high spiritual level and was to exclude politics. The Christian leaders are mostly Protestant clergy. There are no Catholics, but included are several lesser sects such as Waldensians and Copts. Their opposite numbers include both Sunni and Shia Muslims from Africa and Asia, with a notable majority of Arabs.

Since organized in 1954, CCMCC has held two conferences in Arab countries, and organized several propaganda tours of Muslim and Christian leaders. Several Protestant clergy have been touring about the Arab countries bolstering up Arab morale. A propaganda team including an authentic Sheikh from Mecca and Damascus and a Muslim scholar coupled with two American Protestant clergy has just completed a tour of the United States. Parading a Sheikh in turban and full regalia, even though he speaks not a word of English, is good news picture copy and looks exotic on TV. Their avowed program for better under-

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Premier David Ben Gurion converses with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the head table in the dining hall of Kfar Silver during the dedication ceremonies of the Agricultural Training Institute named for Dr. Silver. In the background can be seen the Druze Sheikh who presented Dr. Silver with an abayah and cane.

standing on the spiritual level opened many doors of churches and schools which otherwise would have been closed to anti-Israel propagandists.

Let's take a look at just what CCMCC is, what they purport to do, and what they are actually accomplishing. AFME has turned out over

Seasoned observers of international affairs are agreed that Soviet policy, for the time being at least, inclines to substitute Dale Carnegie for Genghis Khan and salesmanship and economic penetration for violent

upheaval and war. While Stalin's self-righteous one-time aides-at-the-guillotine execrate his "excesses," they very significantly extol his ex-communication of Trotsky who had become the symbol of unrestrained violent world revolution. Communist partisan forces throughout Asia have either slowed down to reflex motion or completely suspended

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Israel Determined To Defend Integrity

by Isaac Remba

TEL AVIV.—Israel celebrates its eighth anniversary amidst conditions of tension unequalled in any other country. From the day of its declared independence, which was ushered in with bombs from Arab enemy planes, to the present day, Israel has had no real peace or tranquility at the hands of its adversaries, who avow openly and shamelessly their intention to destroy Israel and "to thrust its Jewish citizens into the sea." Israel casualties killed and wounded in 1955 alone amounted to 258. The total number of casualties as a result of Arab attacks over the last five years was 884 killed and wounded.

True, Israel repaid in kind, and the Israeli army taught the enemy that Jewish blood cannot be shed recklessly. But that is no great consolation, because Israel does not want to shed the blood of others any more than it wants its own lives taken.

On the threshold of its ninth year, the mood of the Israeli people is that of absolute determination to resist any encroachment of its territory by the enemy. The terroristic attacks and murders committed by the Egyptian Fedayeen have more firmly united the Israeli people than in any other period of its existence in their utter resolve to battle the aggressor and defend with the help of every man, woman and child, the security and territorial

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U.S. Cannot Shirk Arms Responsibility

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existence, if that can be called a choice at all. Intellectually this fact is being grasped even now by the leaders of the Great Powers. They have been unable, however, or unwilling as yet, to draw practical corollaries from the new axiom which the A-bomb and the H-bomb have posited.

Blow Hot and Cold

The international conferences of the past year, both the Summit Conference and that of the Foreign Ministers at Geneva, have indicated that the leaders both of the East and of the West are not yet ready to adopt a clear and consequential line toward the issues which are dividing them. They are still in the state of improvisation and undulation. They blow hot and cold at the same time, talk peace and threaten war, take three steps forward and two steps backward. In the West there is a growing concern about the inadequacy of the strategy of containment and exclusive reliance on military pacts which they have been pursuing, and in the East there is taking place a considerable, one might say a startling, revision both in dogma and in method. Even as this stock-taking is taking place and piecemeal adjustments and closer contacts are being explored, the power struggle goes on, if anything, with increasing intensity. Each power bloc is seeking at all costs to penetrate the heretofore pre-empted areas of the other and to win over the neutral and uncommitted countries by means of economic and military aid or by other allurements. The competitive tempo has been accelerated at the very time that the ultimate goals of the two power groups have become increasingly more vague and antiquated. Thus there is going on today everywhere a hectic diplomatic maneuvering, much storm and propaganda, thunder and lightning, but as yet no healing and fructifying rain. No wonder then that the international position of a small state like Israel is be-fogged by the larger obfuscation which obscures the international relations of the Great Powers.

New Political Formula

A real searching of hearts is going on at the moment among the leaders of American political thought and in the ranks of government relative to American foreign policy, not only as regards the Middle East, but other parts of the world as well. No one in our country seems to be impressed with the complete success of our foreign policies in many parts of the world, and the recent events here in the Middle East have pointed up dramatically the measure of our lack of success; and even while this revision is proceeding there is as yet no clear direction and therefore there is considerable fumbling. You ought to bear this in mind. A great nation is seeking its way to a new political formula in an important part of the world, and the process is going on today; and it will take some time before this great nation fixes upon, if it does fix upon, a new and definite policy; and when the President of that country requests a measure of patience and mutual confidence I think there is much thought that might be given to that request.

In all fairness it should be said that the attitude of the heads of the American Government toward Israel is not, nor has it ever been, unfriendly. I believe that it has at times been misguided. It appears that it has been a case of worthwhile intentions, but unacceptable performance. I am not inclined to accept a declaration that "America has deceived us." The framers of American foreign policy want to hold the Arab world in the Western orbit and at the same time want to do nothing that will hurt or endanger Israel. In their desire, however, to make secure America's vast oil interests in Arab lands

and to build up a Middle East front against the Soviet Union, they have made some disastrous concessions to the Arab states and have lost several opportunities to achieve a package peace settlement in the Near East.

And even though the more realistic among our foreign policy makers are coming to realize that they whom they have been cultivating and pampering are not dependable allies at all, but rather sharp, selfish and unprincipled bargainers who are not interested at all in joining an anti-Soviet bloc or in defending the basic interests of the West, they have nevertheless not yet faced up to these facts frankly and fully. Nor have they adopted as yet a new policy which will be more consistent with the fundamental interests of America. Sooner or later, I believe, they will have to face these unpalatable facts. They are clinging to the belief that they can do better in the Middle East than the British, that they are less suspect by the Arabs as an imperial power, that the Arabs will therefore come to trust them and work better with them. This fatuous belief seems to be the motive behind the recent report which has appeared in the public press—that the United States favors arms for Israel but would like to see their Western allies make these arms available. They would like to see the United States free, as they believe, for a major role as a peacemaker in this part of the world. I call this a fatuous belief, a policy which in my humble judgment lacks candor and moral integrity, and therefore I do not believe it represents the final word of the American Government on this question of arms to Israel.

Both Ends Against the Middle

No member of the Western group can afford to isolate itself on an issue so vital and transfer upon the shoulders of the other members the responsibility for doing what certainly the leaders of the Government of the United States have come to realize has to be done in order to avoid a great disaster in this part of the world. Sooner or later these framers of our foreign policy will learn, and they are learning the hard way, what the British and French have learned and what the Soviet Union, I am sure, will learn in due time as it moves deeper into the Arab world. The Soviet Union too will find that the Arab states are for them the same broken reeds that they have proved to be for the Western world. Under the slogan of positive neutrality, the Arabs will continue to play both ends against the middle, for they have no commitments or loyalty to anyone or to any basic system of political thought. But as long as the eager suitor will continue to compete for



Dr. Silver affixes mezuzah at entrance to dining hall at Kfar Silver.

the reluctant hand of this inconstant lady the international position of Israel will be fraught with uncertainty and peril.

(Dr. Silver dwelt here on the statement contained in the memoirs of former President Truman that the State Department harbored Near East specialists who were unfriendly to the idea of the Jewish State and inclined toward anti-Semitism.)

Our State Department at the present time still harbors almost the same "specialists" on the Near East, and many of them are still unfriendly to the idea of a Jewish State, even if the Jews own a Jewish State. There are still some anti-Semites among them and they are still trying, to use Mr. Truman's words, "to put it over." The basic situation has not changed much, but the diplomatic position of Israel has become far more involved and our efforts to overcome these attitudes far more difficult. Because of Russia's political alignment with the Arabs our work today is, indeed, much more difficult and requires a much greater mobilization and concentration of forces. I say more involved and more difficult, but far from hopeless.

I am firmly of the belief that the State of Israel, which is soon to celebrate its eighth anniversary, will, in spite of the present increased tension and enmity, continue to grow and prosper. I know that you are firm in your resolve to defend yourselves and your country. I know that you are steadily building for strength and security while at the same time seeking the ways of peace. You are learning that which is very difficult for a new country to learn, but which must be learned—to exercise maximum restraint in the face of constant provocation, to keep on building under the most severe threats and dangers. You will not underestimate your strength and become fearful. You will not overestimate it and become reck-

less. You will understand that while you are a sovereign nation, you—like all sovereign nations today, great or small—must depend upon the friendship and goodwill of other nations. No nation lives or can afford to live alone today.

There is deep reason for your concern, but nowhere did I find panic. I found a spirit of determination to carry on regardless. I had the rare privilege of talking to some of the army people and some of the youth from the various military branches of Israel. I found among them a pride and determination, a fearlessness that speaks well for the ultimate security of the country.

As far as the Jews of America are concerned, it is clear that the call today must be for maximum mobilization, to see to it that in the midst of the readjustment of American foreign policy which is now going on, the just and basic interests of Israel are not sacrificed. I believe that the Jews of America are fully alert to the situation. They accept without reservation the oft-repeated declaration of our President and of the Secretary of State that the preservation of the State of Israel is a basic tenet of American foreign policy and that Israel will not be left alone and defenseless in the face of armed aggression. We are working with that as our starting point, our justification and our objective.

We are doing our utmost to convince our Government that now is the time to show that Israel will not be left defenseless, that now is the time to enable it to acquire weapons which will increase its security and will at the same time act as a deterrent to aggression. We are warning our Government time and time again of the danger of repeating the disastrous embargo on arms which destroyed the Spanish Republic and ushered in the Second World War. Unfortunately, it was part of the policy of the free world, including the United States of America, which strangled the Spanish Republic and which made that country the proving ground of Nazism and Fascism and prepared the way for World War II. We are urging upon our Government the wisdom of a mutual security pact with Israel and with all neighboring Arab states who truly want peace. As yet we have registered very little success. We know it is not easy. The forces arrayed against us are not inconsiderable, but we are far from being discouraged. We experienced such moments in the past when we were fighting for the establishment of the state.

Time for Action

There is no occasion at the moment for excessive optimism, certainly not for pessimism. It is an occasion for greater and ever-greater action—political action on the part of an organized and alerted Jewish community. Efforts have been made to silence the proponents of Israel's cause on the American scene under the spurious plea of a bi-partisan foreign policy. There are those who would like to take the issue of Israel and of the Middle East out of the political arena and this, of course, would enable the manipulators who do their work behind the scenes—often conspiratorily—in the circles of government to have their way. American Jews, I assure you, will decline to sacrifice their rights as free citizens. They will continue to make their voices heard on this great issue which confronts us at the moment and which is of vital importance not alone to Israel but to America.

I am confident that American Jewry will stand by your side and—if I may express a conviction of mine, not a certainty but a belief—I believe that the justice, the reasonableness of this cause of providing Israel with adequate defensive arms against clear threats to destroy it will ultimately triumph in the United States of America, and that weapons will be forthcoming, and I am working on that conviction.

This article is based on excerpts of Dr. Silver's address at the Kfar Silver dinner tendered him at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv on the eve of his return to the U.S.

Silver Assails State Department's Lack of Morality

In his first public address following his return from Israel, Dr. Silver, speaking in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 8, sharply assailed the American embargo of arms to Israel and strongly criticized the U.S. program of referring Israeli pleas for defensive arms to other nations. He says it was highly improbable that other nations would do what the world's leader for freedom failed to do.

"I feel this does not represent leadership or morality. This is not America speaking—it is the oil interests," he said.

Underscoring that America had shipped arms to Iraq, Saudi Arabia and other Arabian countries, Rabbi Silver said: "The United States does not fear an arms race there, but to Israel is thrown the spurious argument of an arms race. Why was it trotted out only in the case of Israel and never before?"

Dr. Silver stressed that Israel was not asking American intervention or soldiers, but only seeking to purchase weapons against an imminent danger that threatened her survival.

No one is impressed with the "chivalry, morality or candor" of the State Department's new attitude, he said, his voice heavy with bitterness.

He attacked the contention that the Middle East was properly the concern of the United Nations by asserting that a strong Soviet bloc, plus Russia's veto, would be enough to slow up UN action in case of sudden war until tiny Israel was a shambles.

Kfar Silver Formally Dedicated

TEL AVIV—The formal dedication of Kfar Silver, near Ashkelon on the border of the Negev, with the personal participation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, for whom the agricultural training Institute was named, was truly an occasion of great festivity for Israel. The event was the climax in the two-week crowded program of activities that attended Dr. Silver's visit to Israel.

Early on the morning of the day of the dedication—March 29—Kfar Silver, established jointly by the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionists of Israel, was fully bedecked with flags and bunting, all set for the arrival of Dr. Silver and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, accompanied by U. S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson; Dr. Peretz Bernstein, chairman of the General Zionist Party; Kadish Looz, Israeli Minister of Agriculture; I. Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset; H. Levanon, Mayor of Tel Aviv; Joseph Serlin; Berl Locker; Moshe Kol; Joseph Saphir, General Zionist leader; Dr. Thomas McGrail, U. S. Cultural Attache and many other leading dignitaries.

Thousands of enthusiastic guests, including many tourists from America and other countries, braved the heavy rain on that day and crowded into the huge auditorium, spilling over into the fields to witness the dedication ceremonies.

Addresses by Premier Ben Gurion, Ambassador Lawson

Dozens of buses and hundreds of private cars blocked the highway leading to Kfar Silver for miles. Officially opened by Chaim Danieli, chairman of the Kfar Silver Board of Directors, the dedication's first guest speaker was Premier David Ben Gurion, who paid tribute to Dr. Silver as "the greatest American Zionist leader since Henrietta Szold." Mr. Ben Gurion, praising Dr. Silver as a "brave leader" who had contributed heavily to the State of Israel, and also hailing other leaders whom American Jewry had given to the Israeli community, voiced the hope that the new Institute would lead to further pioneering activity which Israel needs so much.

"The General Zionist Party has opened a new chapter in its history by establishing an agricultural school in the South and not near the large cities," Mr. Ben Gurion said. He hoped that the Party would move still farther South and that Israeli youth and new immigrant youth would spread over the South and the Negev.

In an address of greeting, Edward B. Lawson, U. S. Ambassador to Israel, called Kfar Silver a fitting tribute to Dr. Silver. Mr. Lawson referred to the cordial message of good will from President Eisenhower which Dr. Silver presented to President Ben Zvi and said that Rabbi Silver had "forged another of the many ties which he personally established between our nations." (Text of the U. S. Ambassador's speech on this page.)

Another principal speaker at the dedication was Dr. Peretz Bernstein, who stressed the significance of the program of Kfar Silver, which is located on an area of 1870 dunams of land provided by the JNF, and includes housing for 300 students. Its construction has been made possible through funds contributed through the American Zionist Fund (AZF).

Replying to the glowing tributes paid him, Dr. Silver emphasized that the expansion and development of Israel's agricultural economy are among its most vital and indispensable needs. He congratulated the men and women of the General Zionists and of the ZOA for having brought the new agricultural school into existence. "By so doing, they have made a significant contribution to the future of Israel." He voiced confidence that the Jews of America will stand by the Jews of Israel in the days to come as they have heretofore.

"Israel finds itself at the moment in



Dr. Silver cutting the tape and declaring Kfar Silver to be officially opened. In the photo are Mr. Danieli, chairman of the Board and Mr. Kotzer, manager of the school, as well as a number of the children.

a grave political crisis but I know how the Jews of America rise to the challenge of a great hour and with what generosity of spirit and substance they respond," he declared, adding that there is no occasion for pessimism. Dr. Silver spoke in Hebrew. (Excerpts of his address on facing page.)

Silver Brings Eisenhower Message To Ben Zvi

Soon after his arrival in Israel, Dr. Silver met with President Itzhak Ben Zvi and presented to him a letter from President Eisenhower which read:

"Through my friend, Dr. Abba Hillel

Silver, who is about to visit Israel, I should like to take the opportunity to convey to you my warm personal greetings on the occasion of the celebration of Passover, your historic festival of freedom, and on the eve of the eighth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

"I have followed with admiration the progress and development of your country. The American people wish your young state peace and prosperity. Permit me to assure you that the American Government is earnestly and in the friendliest spirit exploring every avenue to bring about a satisfactory and peaceful solution of the

Greetings by U.S. Ambassador Lawson

I take great personal pride in having been invited to participate in the exercises honoring one of America's outstanding citizens—one whose energetic and consistent defense of freedom and the rights of man wherever they may have been threatened, and whose leadership in so many enterprises designed to improve the material and spiritual status of his fellow man have made of his life a glowing commentary on that ancient ethical precept: Above all Nations is Humanity.

It is particularly appropriate that we pay him tribute on this occasion and in the land of Israel for the leadership in that great cause of which his vigorous espousal through the years convinces us he must prefer above his chief joy: The upbuilding of the Jewish National Home. And surely no more fitting means of conveying that tribute could have been found than in the establishment of the Kfar Silver Agricultural School.

Those far-seeing Zionists of an earlier generation clearly realized that, as Dr. Arthur Ruppin himself expressed it: "The first need of the Jewish community, if it is to consolidate its position on a firm foundation, is an agricultural population." But he had regretfully to conclude in the course of a masterly survey of the possibilities of building up such a population that the number of agricultural centers and enterprises in Palestine in a condition fit to absorb and train newcomers was a very small one.

All this, of course, was nearly four decades ago. In the intervening years, that combination of practical resourcefulness and idealistic zeal that marked men like Arthur Ruppin together with the devoted, purposeful efforts of his successors, including in their vanguard him whom we honor today, have courageously met and substantially fulfilled that first need of the Jewish community.

Of all the practical sciences, it was agriculture that played and continues to play a most vital part in the progressive realization of the Zionist ideal. It is this historic connection, as well as the perennially important position of agriculture in the economy of the State of Israel,

that makes it particularly appropriate to honor him by conferring upon this kind of school the name of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Here we have, outside the hearts of all whose lives Rabbi Silver has touched, the perfect tribute. It is the most eloquent kind of wordless testimony to one man's lifetime of service, whose own significant labors in the cause of Zionism will be perpetuated through generations trained in this school to serve Israel's basic and enduring physical need—students who must, like Moses of old, seek to bring water out of the rocks and to transform the wilderness into a garden.

I am confident that every young person who completes the training here will receive both a Jewish ethical background and a high quality of technical training. I am confident too that he will also be imbued with something of that spirit of dedication that distinguished him whose name this School bears.

It is, perhaps, appropriate, in view of the contribution made to the establishment of this institution by the Zionist Organization of America, that there be offered for the consideration of every boy and girl trained within its walls that observation made long ago by another great American—Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"He who digs a well, constructs a stone fountain, plants a grove of trees by the roadside, plants an orchard, builds a durable house, reclaims a swamp, or so much as puts a stone seat by the wayside, makes the land so far lovelier and desirable, makes a fortune which he cannot carry away with him, but which is useful to his country long afterwards."

As a bearer of the message of cordial good will from the President of the United States to the President of Israel, Rabbi Silver has forged another of the many ties that he has personally established between our nations. May this School, that is in a very real sense his School, constitute another bond, one that, as the institution grows and develops in physical resources and professional influence, will wax ever stronger and more durable in the years that lie before us.

problems which confront Israel and its neighbors. We shall all need patience, mutual confidence and goodwill to help us along the way."

Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, tendered a luncheon to Dr. Silver in tribute to his leadership as chairman of the Bond campaign. Mr. Sharett hailed Dr. Silver as "the great Jewish leader of our generation" and presented him with an album of photographs and drawings depicting the achievements made possible through Israel Bonds for the economic strengthening of the country.

Two days prior to his departure, Dr. Silver spoke at a Kfar Silver dinner held in his honor at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv where he assured the citizens of Israel "that the attitude of the leaders of the U. S. Government toward Israel has never been unfriendly, although it has at times been unwise and misguided." However, at the same time, he sharply assailed the Near East experts in the State Department who he charged were unfriendly to the idea of a Jewish State.

"There is no occasion at the moment," Rabbi Silver concluded, "for excessive optimism, certainly not for pessimism. American Jews, I assure you, will continue to make their voices heard on this great moral issue, which is of vital importance not alone to Israel but to America. They will stand by your side!" (Excerpts of Dr. Silver's address on Page 1.)

Among those present at this dinner were also Dr. P. Rosen, Israel Minister of Justice and leader of the Progressive Party, and Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religious Affairs and Hapoel Hamizrachi leader.

Joseph Serlin was toastmaster of the dinner. Principal addresses of greetings were delivered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency; Moshe Shapiro; Chief Rabbi Nissim; Edward Gelber, former president of the Zionist Organization of Canada; Joseph Saphir and Dr. Peretz Bernstein.

Strong Zionist Movement Needed

At a press conference in the ZOA House on the eve of his departure, Dr. Silver said that his leaving before the Zionist Congress should not be interpreted as expressing a negative attitude toward the Congress. He said that he was returning now because he has many commitments and important meetings planned in the next few weeks in the United States because the months of April and May are important in campaigns for Israel Bonds and UJA. He indicated that his active identification with the World Zionist movement will not depend on whether he attends the Congress or not. At the same time, Dr. Silver stressed that everything should be done to strengthen the situation of Israel politically as well as economically and culturally.

Dr. Silver voiced the belief that Israel needs a strong Zionist movement and will need it for many years to come and stressed that it is vital for Israel to have an alert, mobilized and strong Zionist membership which will see to it that the interests of Israel are not sacrificed.

Upon his return to the United States last week, Dr. Silver said:

"In Israel, I found a determination to face up to the problems which are confronting that young country in a calm, deliberate and fearless manner. Fortunately, there is no panic there, but there is naturally a deep concern about the large flow of communist and Western arms to the neighboring Arab states.

"I am convinced that the American people will continue to stand by Israel, which is a democratic island in the Middle East. I am sure that it will continue to aid the courageous people of Israel, morally as well as materially. The Jews of America will not fail to evaluate the urgency of the hour, and will support the new State in all ways, not the least important of which is economic. Through increased purchases of State of Israel Bonds they can strengthen the economy of Israel, and thus greatly increase the means of its defense and its security."

Dr. Silver Speaks at Dedication:

It would be a pleasure for me to attend the inauguration of any new school of training and education in the land of Israel; for each such agency is an additional source of strength, both economic and cultural, to the new State and a welcome promise for the future.

How much greater must be my satisfaction in being present at the dedication of an agricultural school in Israel which bears my name. I am not beyond enjoying this personal compliment and I am grateful to the General Zionists of Israel and to the Zionist Organization of America for having established Kfar Silver and for having associated my name with this enterprise.

I have for more than forty years been identified with the profession of Rabbi and teacher which brought me in constant contact with young people of all ages. As I look back over the ways of my life I find that they have always been thronged with young people and children whom I sought to teach and to guide and by whom I was frequently, and quite unconsciously, taught and guided. You can readily understand my double measure of satisfaction today that my name will now be connected with an institution in Israel which will be devoted to young people—to their education and training and their preparation for fine manhood and womanhood in the service of their country and people . . .

To this day, though the State of Israel has now been established, the expansion

and development of its agricultural economy remains one of its most vital and indispensable needs. Of course much else besides agriculture is required for a sound national economy. But where there is lacking an adequate base in agriculture, a country's economy can never be said to be either truly sound or stable. And so I congratulate the men and the women of the General Zionists and of the Zionist Organization of America, whose foresight and judgment have now brought this new Agricultural School into existence. By so doing they have made a significant contribution to the future of Israel. I pray that the school will grow from year to year and prosper. I congratulate also those who will administer this school, its officers and its faculty. Most especially do I congratulate the students who are now here and those who will in the days to come be privileged to come here to study. I hope that young people in numbers will also come from the United States. Some I hope will be inspired by the love of the land, which they will acquire here, to remain in Israel permanently. Others will carry back with them the music and the inspiration of the land to the American Jewish community, and thus will serve as emissaries of good will and understanding.

I pray that the instruction which will be given here will always be the instruction of truth and the example of love; and that which will be learned here will be learned in eagerness and selflessness and in a spirit of dedication.

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Visiting Kfar Silver

REPUBLIC of CHILDREN

by Edith Brodsky

—ASHKELON

SLENDER young Dalbergia trees and bright purple bougainvillea have begun to take root in the red soil of Kfar Silver here. Eighty-five youngsters, the majority of them rescued early this year from the pestholes of North Africa, regard the tender leaves and blossoms with justifiable pride: they helped set out the shrubs and saplings. In the process of planting, they have also put down new roots of their own. Kfar Silver, they say, is "home."

I rode down to Kfar Silver, the agricultural institute established last October in the name of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver by the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionists of Israel, on a brilliantly sunny day early in July with Ezekiel Steinbach, the school's able secretary. Chezi, as he calls himself, is now 24. During the War of Independence he served as an officer in Army Intelligence. He knows, from hard experience, each gully and rise in the land. As we proceed South, closer, ever closer to the Gaza Strip, through country in which Samson battled the Philistines, Chezi identifies site after site where tiny bands of heroic settlers held out against the Arab legions. New *moshavim* dot the quiet countryside; empty shells of Arab houses and deserted Arab villages crumble in the hot sun.

K FAR SILVER sits above the road to the left, going South, overlooking the town of Ashkelon and the blue Mediterranean beyond it. But long before we approach the clusters of buildings, Chezi points, "Look, now begins Kfar Silver." I see a *pardess* (orange grove) and gentle hills showing many dark green patches. The 1,870-dunam farm, I discover later, has been planted to cotton, sugar beets, ground nuts, potatoes, sorghum, wheat and garden vegetables. There is a vineyard, too, occupying some 83 dunams.

Kfar Silver was formally dedicated only last March 29; the buildings, unprotected from the sun, have the bare look of brand-new houses. Aryeh Kotzer, the resident educational director, is undisturbed by the present barrenness. "The trees," he says, "will grow tall and give shade. The grass, the flowers, the crops, all will grow with time. This is good land."

The deeply tanned children, nodding "Shalom" to the visitor from America, are living testimony to the goodness of the earth and sun. They are growing, Mr. Kotzer reports, "wunderbahr." They are, moreover, "froelach kinder." Twenty-one boys and one shy brown-eyed girl named Esther, who come from all parts of Israel, are here for the first year of their secondary (high school) education. Fifty-three youngsters, more than half of them boys, ranging in age from about 12 to 16, are in what is considered primary school. These are the Youth Aliyah children from Casablanca, Tunis, Morocco and Algiers, 80 per cent of them orphans, who arrived at Kfar Silver on January 26. Some of them have had some schooling, others none. After one month here, they were chattering in *Ivrit*; the task now underway is to teach them in Hebrew.

K FAR SILVER offers more than formal book-learning, however; it is an agricultural school which aims at teaching these children the secrets of nature and the know-how of modern farming techniques and equipment. The high school students have 31 hours of classroom work per week, plus 24 hours of agricultural science and practical work in the fields, vineyards and barns. The younger children spend 24 hours in class and another 20 in learning how to plant, how to use the tractor and other essentials of modern farm life. The staff at Kfar Silver consists of 13 teachers, some of them part-time, and 13 others, including agricultural instructors and maintenance people. A doctor visits twice a week; a nurse is in residence at the school.

As he shows me through the unpretentious dormitories, Mr. Kotzer describes the curriculum for the high school: Tanach, Hebrew literature, history, chemistry, physics, biology, agricultural science, botany, algebra, geometry, geography, English. The primary school curriculum is built on a base of Hebrew, Torah, geography, history, math, agriculture. The day begins at 5:30, when the children arise, make their beds and clean their rooms. (As Mr. Kotzer talks, I peep into the cabinets where the children keep their clothes; they are meticulously neat. Every room is in perfect order; to brighten the walls, the children have pasted up cut-outs of flowers.)

At 7 A.M., after breakfast, one group of children goes out to the fields for practical work; a second group goes to the two-room school. From 12:30 to 2 P.M., the youngsters have lunch, rest and recreation. At 2 P.M., they reverse the morning program. In the evening, they learn dancing, gymnastics, singing. There is even a fledgling orchestra here, made up of mandolins, guitars and flutes.

T HE American visitor sits through part of two classes in the high-ceilinged, airy schoolhouse. Some of the Youth Aliyah youngsters are learning how to add and subtract simple fractions. The 12 boys and 8 girls seated at double-desks wave their hands eagerly for the privilege of going to the blackboard while the teacher calls off figures in Hebrew. The children grin with pleasure as they perform; occasionally, as one stumbles at the still-strange Hebrew syllables, the visitor hears whispered promptings in French. In the second room, the high school class is reading English from a primer. Here, too, the alert boys and the lone Esther, vie for the privilege of demonstrating their knowledge. The lesson is a story about baseball. How odd to hear about the "Ceenceenatti" and "Yonkee" teams here!

We go to the window-walled, high-roofed dining room, built to accommodate 300 people, and we inspect the spotless Kosher kitchen. Here the children learn how to cook and to care for equipment. Boys and girls enveloped in white aprons set out the cutlery and dishes in the eating room; on every table is a water bottle containing a small cluster of bougainvillea. Mr. Kotzer is mystified; "I don't know where they get the flowers. Ours aren't ready for cutting." The children exchange knowing smiles but do not divulge their secret.

As we eat a hot lunch (hamburger, eggplant and potatoes grown here), Mr. Kotzer reports on progress: there are paths now of cement blocks between the buildings where only a few months ago there was only dirt road. The school has several cows and is building a barn for an anticipated 40, as well as a coop for a hoped-for 3,000 chickens. In the Fall, enrollment will be up to 150, with a second high school class and a new group of 60 to 70 Youth Aliyah children.

L UNCH over, the youngsters begin to clean up. I remark at their efficiency. Mr. Kotzer points out that the children do everything for themselves: the cleaning, the tending, the chores. "This," he observes, "is a republic of children."

The cost of keeping each child here is I£110 per month. The parents of some of the high school students are able to afford some of the costs. Youth Aliyah pays a share; Kfar Silver the remainder. When the boys and Esther finish high school here and then complete their military service, they will be ready to go on to an agricultural college, if they choose, or to teach farm methods or to become colonists. Mr. Kotzer does not hide his view: he would like them to become colonists.

We go out into the bright sunlight. Ringing the school, to the East and North, are new *moshavim*. Dug into the earth near the school buildings is a bomb shelter of cement, painted black. Police dogs stand guard at points around the grounds. There are *shomrim*, watchmen, peering sharp-eyed toward the South.

I turn to Mr. Kotzer with the inevitable question. I do not have to voice it; he knows what it is. "The children are not afraid," he says. "We have our work to do and we must do it. This is our land; we must settle it. It must be like this."

The trip North is quiet. Chezi remarks, "What are you thinking?" I cannot begin to tell him. Instead, I ask, "If you had the money, what would you do with it first?" Chezi draws a deep breath; where shall he begin? "We would build," he replies, "two dormitories, very urgently, for the new children, and another school house with two additional classrooms. We need six houses for teachers. We need laboratories for chemistry and physics. We need..."

But I am no longer taking notes. Chezi is only confirming, at my request, what I have just seen for myself. The green fields, the *pardess*, the Gaza Strip, are all behind us. The children, busy with building their republic at Kfar Silver, are at their afternoon chores. They have their work and they must do it. And, as Mr. Kotzer says, they are not afraid.

Edith Brodsky, a frequent contributor to Anglo-Jewish publications, recently visited Israel.



Three aspects of life at Kfar Silver. Left, the classroom, where the lesson happens to be geography. Center, the dining room, where 300 healthy young appetites can be accommodated at a single sitting. Right, recreation room, a place for play and study.

Record Enrollment as Kfar Silver Classes Resume

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CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW SYNAGOGUE

Top Officials Attend

Student Body Reaches 180

The cornerstone of a new Synagogue contributed in the memory of a Connecticut Zionist Leader and his wife was laid last month.

Schools bells chime this month as a record student enrollment at Kfar Silver report to classrooms for the start of a new semester.

Kfar Silver, Israel's most modern high school which combines academic and agricultural studies for 170 students who reside on campus, was established and is maintained by the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionists in Israel. It bears the name of the noted U.S. Zionist leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Top officials of the Ministry of Religion including its Director-General Rabbi S.Z. Kahana participated in the ceremony dedicating the site of the Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue, established by the Connecticut Region of the Zionist Organization of America to memorialize the late Mr. and Mrs. Polis, a Jewish community leaders of Stamford, Conn.

Representing the Connecticut Region of Z.O.A. was Circuit Court Judge Lester H. Aaronson of New Haven. Judge Aaronson was accompanied by Mrs. Aaronson. It was during the administration of Judge Aaronson as President of the Connecticut Region that funds for the Synagogue and Community Center were raised.

In his address, Judge Aaronson paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Polis. "In erecting this building at Kfar Silver, a structure dedicated to religious worship, it is our wish to encompass the true spirit on meaningfulness which symbolized the work and life of Elias Polis," Judge Aaronson declared.

Judge Aaronson also lauded the endeavours on behalf of Israel now being made by the Connecticut Zionist Region under its current President, Mr. Theodore Shotten of Hartford.

Kfar Silver officials, expressing appreciation to the Connecticut Region for the new structure.

News from Kfar Silver

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KFAR SILVER FUTURE SYNAGOGUE DEDICATED

Judge Aaronson, right, places a stone from Mount Zion at cornerstone ceremony. With him is Rabbi S. Kahana, Director-General of the Ministry of Religion. New synagogue will honor Elias and Rebecca Polis.



Expansion Keynotes 5720, Year Reflects New Growth

Kfar Silver prepared to ring down the curtain on 5720 with a list of impressive gains in the preceeding twelve months.

In the sphere of physical expansion, Kfar Silver formally dedicated the new Kaufman Administration Building and laid the cornerstones for two other key structures, a new staff residence contributed by the Zionist Organization of Chicago and the Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue made possible by the Connecticut Region of the Zionist Organization of America

(Details elsewhere on this page).

To inspect Kfar Silver's expanded facilities came leaders of America and its Jewry during 5720. High among these were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, in whose honor the institute near Ashkelon was founded and is maintained by the Zionist Organization of America in cooperation with the General Zionists in Israel. Another honored

This year's enrollment — the highest ever — is 180 students, it was announced here. Sixty new students are among the 180. The newcomers were accepted from twice that number of applicants and only after careful study of their scholastic records.

The student body comprises young men and women in their teens who have come to Israel from nine countries of origin in addition to native-born Israelis.

Plans, meanwhile, proceeded for a ceremony marking the first graduating class at Kfar Silver. The ceremony had been set for mid-July but due to circumstances being Kfar Silver's control — results of the final examinations were not forthcoming from education authorities as scheduled — the date has now been re-set for mid-September.

Tourists are cordially invited to the graduation ceremony which will feature addresses by leading Israeli personalities. Details on the exact date and transportation may be obtained by checking with the Z.O.A. House Tourist Service.

guest was Gov. David Lawrence of Pennsylvania who expressed an eagerness to aid in the further development of Kfar Silver.

Attesting to the growing recognition of Kfar Silver as a leading center of its nature, the Israel Ministry of Agriculture chose Kfar Silver as the site for a series of important seminars for farmers in the Negev area. At Kfar Silver, the farmers were briefed on latest methods of sowing and harvesting various crops.

Visit Israel School Named for Rabbi Silver

By NORMAN SHAW
Press Associate Writer

ASHKELON, Israel—Here it was that Samson pulled down the columns of the temple and killed himself in the ruins. The archeologists are now digging among the ruins, next to a city park and a beautiful Mediterranean bathing beach.

On a Sabbath (Saturday) the parking lots are crowded and the beach unable to hold another person. Thousands of children come from both the old, or Arab, city and the new, fast-growing modern Ashkelon.

Even more beautiful than the park and beach is an agricultural school on the edge of Ashkelon, the Kfar

Silver, named in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland. He was a pioneer in the Zionist cause and an internationally known leader before establishment of Israel was accepted as the answer to the needs of persecuted Jews the world over.

Thus the three names you hear most around Ashkelon are Samson, Delilah and Rabbi Silver.

200 Students

Kfar Silver is an agricultural high school, with 200 students, more boys than girls. They are ages 14 to 18, each staying four years. They come to learn to be good farmers, and they learn with half days in the classroom

and half in the barns or fields.

Central part of the 350 acres is green campus, beautifully planted with flowers and grass. Cactus and roses mix beautifully in the shrub borders. Buildings are extremely modern, mostly stone, with staff homes on one side and student dormitories on the other.

We arrived on the first day of the month's summer vacation, though half the students are gone at a time—the others remaining to tend the animals and fields. Mrs. Rachel Bilaus, wife of the general director, showed us around.

Like every person in authority we have met in Israel, she was friendly, enthusiastic and informed.

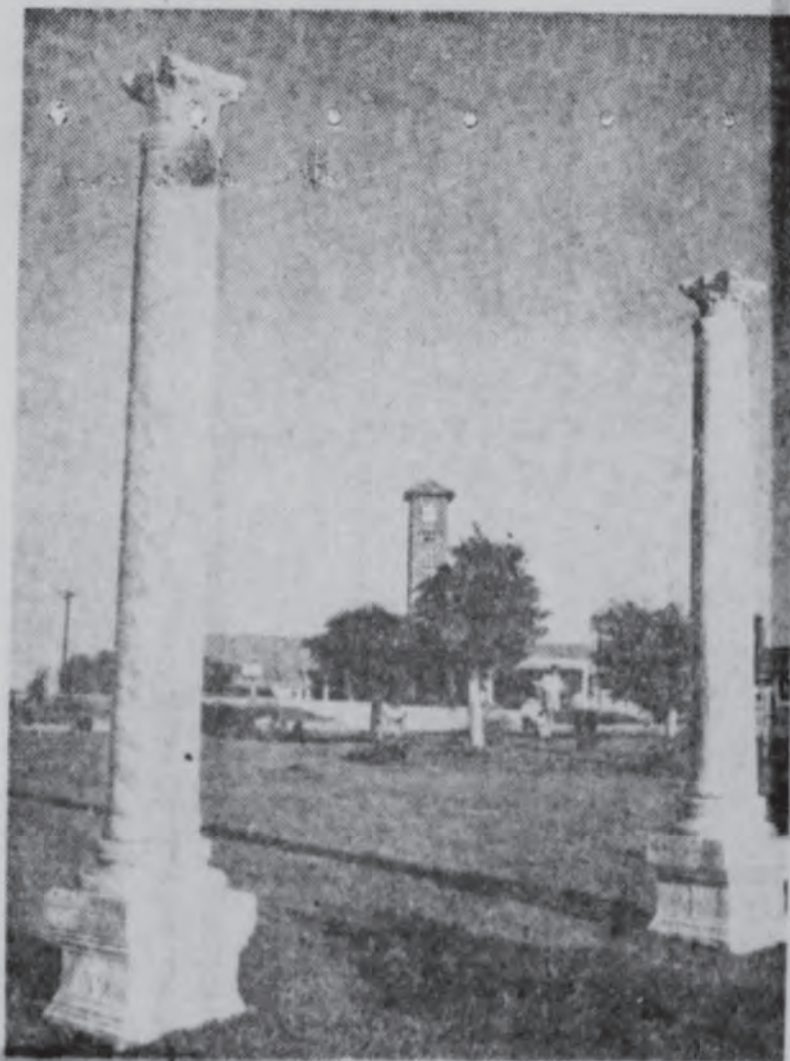
Newest School

Kfar Silver is six years old,

newest of 32 agricultural high schools in this country. It is the most attractive of several we have seen. The Zionist Organization of America built and finances the school, though it operates under the direction of the Ministries of Agriculture and Education in cooperation with the Jewish Agency (contributed funds, partly through United Jewish Appeal).

The students study and work at every kind of farming: animals, fruit, grain, industrial crops, irrigation, disease control. To cover so many interests, much of it must be done in small quantities.

Agriculture is still largely in the experimental stage in Israel. They are attempting to revive an ancient productivity of the soil, using modern methods of irrigation, fertilization and conservation.



IN THE DISTANCE, the town of Ashkelon where Samson pulled down the columns of the temple.



SHNEUR ZALMAN SHAZAR
President of Israel

Shazar Installed As 3d President

JERUSALEM — Shneur Zalman Shazar, veteran Zionist leader, scholar and pioneer of Hebrew journalism, was inaugurated third President of the State of Israel on May 22 in the Knesset, in succession to the late Itzhak Ben-Zvi.

The oath of office was administered by the Speaker, Kadish Luz, in the presence of leaders in every area of national life. In an address to the Knesset, President Shazar appealed for national unity at home and for closer bonds between Israel and Diaspora Jewry. He called for "a meeting of hearts" and expressed the deep yearning of Israel's people for "the peace and understanding so vital for the world."

Among the foreign leaders who sent messages were the Presidents of the United States, Soviet Russia, France and other countries.

After the inauguration ceremony, the President and his wife rode through the streets of Jerusalem where they were hailed by cheering thousands.

World Conference of General Zionists To Open July 20

A three-day World Conference for the unification of the General Zionist movement will open in Tel Aviv on July 20.

The ZOA will be entitled to 36 delegates, as representation will be based on the number of General Zionist delegates from each country at the last Zionist Congress.

The World Conference will follow shortly the ZOA national convention to be held in Israel July 11-17.

Ben-Gurion Resigns 'For Personal Reasons'

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion took all Israel by surprise on June 16 with his announcement that he was resigning from his post. He followed up this announcement by submitting his resignation formally to President Shazar.

The resignation came as a surprise even to the members of the Cabinet, when at the end of its regular meeting he stated that "for personal reasons" he was giving up the post and resigning also from the Knesset.

"The reasons for my resignation are my own and I am keeping them to myself," he replied to questions, emphasizing that his decision was irrevocable.

Mr. Ben-Gurion expressed regret that his resignation calls automatically for the fall of the entire Cabinet and voiced the hope that his colleagues will set up a new government under the present coalition within a week. In submitting his resignation to President Shazar, he reportedly intimated that he would consider Levi Eshkol, the present Finance Minister, a worthy successor.

Later Mr. Ben-Gurion was persuaded by Party members to remain a member of the Knesset. President Shazar started talks on June 18 with delegations of political parties in Israel for the formation of a new Cabinet.

CABINET COMPLETED

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A June 20 dispatch reports that Finance Minister and Premier-Designate Levi Eshkol has virtually completed the formation of a cabinet which is expected to be presented to the Knesset on June 24. It was indicated that Abba Eban would be named Deputy Prime Minister and that Zalman Aranne, a Mapai leader, would take his place as Education Minister.

Observers said that apparently the Mapai veterans had managed to retain their influence on the government, with the party's "Young Turks" having almost no say in the situation.

Rabbi Felix Levy, ZOA Veteran, Dead

Dr. Felix A. Levy, American Reform Rabbi and long prominent in Zionism, died June 20 in New York, at the age of 78.

He served as a Rabbi in Chicago for many years until his retirement in 1955. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Zionist Organization of America, and served in many leading capacities in Zionist work both in Chicago and nationally. During the decade of struggle for the Jewish State, he led in the work of the Committee on Unity for Palestine.

American Zionists Mourn Louis Lipsky



THE HERZL MEDALLION of the ZOA was presented to Louis Lipsky at the Metropolitan Zionist Dinner last November. Above, from left, are Mr. Lipsky; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, making the presentation, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZOA president.

NEW YORK—The deep sense of loss of American Zionists at the death, on May 27, of Louis Lipsky, pioneer of American Zionism, was voiced in a public statement by Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZOA president.

He termed Mr. Lipsky "one of the foremost theoreticians, whose thinking and writing charted for many years the course of U.S. Zionism and made a revolutionary impact on the entire World Zionist movement."

Mr. Lipsky served as president of the ZOA for ten years, 1921 to 1930, the longest term of any president of the Organization.

Only last November, on the occasion of his 86th birthday, Mr. Lipsky was presented with the Herzl Gold Medallion at the Annual ZOA Dinner in New York. The presentation was made by Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

In his statement, Dr. Nussbaum noted that Lipsky's leadership was marked by the passage in 1922 of a joint resolution by the U.S. Congress favoring the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine as pledged by the Balfour Declaration in 1917.

"A native American," stated Dr. Nussbaum, "Louis Lipsky felt and carried the *welschmerz* of the Jewish people and in his early youth began to take an active part in the work of the ZOA and the World Zionist Organization. He was an extraordinarily gifted writer and speaker, and led for many years in the work and administration of the organization as well.

"His achievements for Zionism and the welfare of the Jewish people over the past seven decades will be written in golden letters across the pages of Jewish history. The Zionist Organization of America, its leadership and membership, stand with bowed heads over the bier of a truly great American and great Jew, a Prince in Israel."

Dr. Nussbaum announced that a special memorial service for Mr. Lipsky will be held at the forthcoming 66th Annual Convention in Israel.

NOTABLES IN TRIBUTE

More than 1,500 Jewish leaders from all over the country and abroad attended the funeral rites

for Louis Lipsky at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Manhattan.

The Government of Israel was officially represented by Ambassador Avraham Harman, Michael Comay, Ambassador to the United Nations, and Katriel Katz, Consul-General in New York.

The eulogy was delivered by Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who termed Mr. Lipsky "a celebrated lifelong champion of one of the greatest causes of our time, whose high culture, integrity, and political courage were inestimable assets for the movement which he headed and inspired."

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein and Joachim Prinz conducted the services. A "personal farewell" was spoken by Meyer Weisgal, of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.

Among the many messages of condolence was one from Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, who stated that the passing of such "an outstanding and devoted leader of Zionism constitutes a profoundly grievous and tragic loss."

Leaders Mourn Death of Pope

American Jewry joined the Catholic world in mourning the death of Pope John XXIII, who died June 3 at the age of 81.

Major American Jewish organizations issued statements expressing profound sorrow and emphasizing that Pope John was one of the greatest friends of the Jews and of all humanity who had ever sat in the Vatican.

Dr. Max Nussbaum, ZOA president, eulogized the Pope "as one of the enlightened souls of our age," and lauded his strong stand against all "racial discrimination" and "any form of religious intolerance."

In his tribute, the ZOA leader singled out for warm praise the recent encyclical "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth), issued by Pope John which contained the Pontiff's stand on three issues which are of concern to Jews. In addition to his declaration opposing all forms of racial discrimination, Pope John favored freedom of migration and freedom for all men to worship God according to their own conscience.

Dr. Nussbaum also voiced the view that the recent first session of the Ecumenical Council held in Rome was launched by the Pontiff as a beginning of a new cycle of Christian-Jewish relationship by condemning vigorously all manifestations of anti-Semitism. "We pray that under the new pope there will be a continuation of the dialogue begun by Pope John with the Jewish community," said Dr. Nussbaum.

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Gala Convention Program Set At Kfar Silver



The Central School Building at Kfar Silver



The Goodman Hall at Kfar Silver

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To Miss Leiken
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July 16, Ashkelon

Ceremonies for ZOA Projects at Kfar Silver



DEDICATION of Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue, Bima, and Aron Kodesh.



DEDICATION of Elihu D. Stone Dormitory.



DEDICATION of Morris and Sarah Lichter Home Economics Building.



DEDICATION of Samuel Oberman Medical Clinic.



MANHATTAN REGION members who dedicated the Dr. Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building.

On Tuesday afternoon a cavalcade of buses brought the delegates and their guests to the beautiful grounds of Kfar Silver, ZOA's agricultural training institute near Ashkelon.

There they formed into separate groups to attend the dedications and ground-breaking ceremonies for new projects of their respective Regions and Districts.

The ceremonies, each addressed by a ZOA officer, were for the following projects, listed with their sponsoring groups:

- Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue — Connecticut Region; Bima in the synagogue in memory of Rina and Eli Weinsal—Young Zionists; Aron Kodesh in the synagogue, in memory of Maxwell Abell—Chicago Region.

- Elihu D. Stone Dormitory—New England Region.

- Morris and Sarah Lichter Home Economic Building—New England Region.

- Samuel Oberman Medical Clinic—District No. 11 and Bronx Region.

- Mortimer May Dormitory—Southwest Region.

- Dr. Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building—Manhattan Region.

- Ground-breaking for school building—Seaboard Region.

- Ground-breaking for I. Zesmer Athletic Field — I. Zesmer District, Dallas, Texas.

A tour of the campus followed the impressive ceremonies, concluding with an open-air supper.



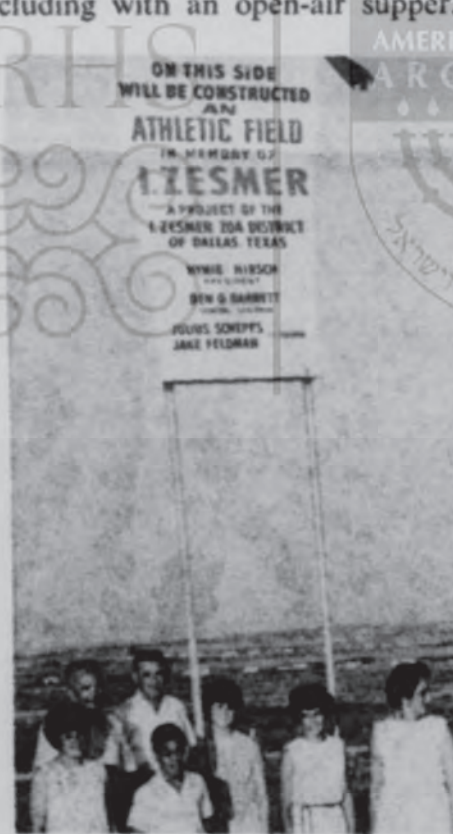
DEDICATION of Mortimer May Dormitory.



GROUND-BREAKING for school building project of the Seaboard Region.



SOUTHWEST REGION members at ground-breaking for I. Zesmer Athletic Field.



ZESMER FAMILY members at site of athletic field project.

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Eighth Session, July 16, Ashkelon

Kfar Silver's Brilliant Progress Reviewed

An outdoor plenary session, under lights, took place Tuesday evening at Kfar Silver under the chairmanship of Mortimer May, former ZOA president.

Presentation of colors and the National Anthems, led by the Kfar Silver Student Choir and Orchestra, opened a memorable program highlighted by the addresses of Deputy Prime Minister Abba S. Eban, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, in whose honor ZOA's agricultural training institute was named, and Moshe Kol, chairman of the Education Committee of the Knesset and member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

In welcoming the gathering, Mr. May said: "It is not often that it is given to so many of us to participate directly in such a noble enterprise, for what could be more valuable to Israel than a high

school teaching our young people scientific agriculture? When we get back, I am sure we will bring to our Regions and our Districts knowledge and understanding of the splendid work we are carrying out at Kfar Silver. This is on the way to becoming one of the really great institutions in Israel."

The delegates were greeted by Aryeh Tager, mayor of Ashkelon, and Chaim Danieli, chairman of the Kfar Silver Board, who told of the work and prospects of the institute and said: "This is the proud day we have waited for, to show you our achievements—your achievements."

Goodman on Aims

Abraham Goodman, chairman for ZOA activities in Israel, told the delegates: "Embodied in this institution are all the things rep-



AT KFAR SILVER, the festive Eighth Session was opened outdoors by Chaim Danieli, chairman of the Kfar Silver Board (standing). Seated, from left to right, are Moshe Kol, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mortimer May, who presided, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban, Abraham Goodman, Leon Ilutovich and Aaron Bilas.

resented in our Zionist program—Kibbutz Galuyot, Aliya, youth training, and practical help to the economy of Israel. There is a

great deal more to be done, and I hope that when we get back to America, we will all rally around the projects in Israel and the program that has been outlined at this Convention."

Eban's Address

In his address, Mr. Eban said: "Fifteen years ago American Zionism had a central political role in the life of the Jewish people. This role found international expression in the United Nations. It is true that the State of Israel now has sovereign responsibility for determining and formulating its policies. This responsibility cannot be shared. I do not, however, conclude that American Zionism has lost its public relations role. The Zionist Movement should not be in too great a hurry to abandon its program of public action. Israel's position in the family of nations is in large measure determined by currents of opinion. Her cause is perpetually at issue in the arena of conscience. There is, therefore, a deep public relations value in the organization of opinion under the banner which went before us in the wilderness and rallied our forces for the decisive assault. Zionism may now have a new system of priorities in the center of which stands the conservation of Jewish identity through education and pioneer immigration. But these tasks must be accompanied in addition to and not instead of the public relations vocation which American Zionism continues to exercise through the support of Israel's rights in the contest of world opinion."

"It is intolerable that the word Zionism which should evoke nothing but sanctity and reverence in the heart of Israeli youth should have become, however facetiously, an epithet of derision."

International Relations

The Deputy Premier went on to a discussion of Israel's international relations.

"The central fact," he said, "is that time is not in itself an assurance of final victory. Demographic trends are adverse. The development of military technology increases our vulnerability. Our neighbors are assured of numerical superiority, while we have no such permanent assurance of technical and educational supremacy. The economic burden of maintaining a balance of deterrent strength grows constantly heavier. In these conditions we need more friends, and we must make more demands on existing friendships. There are governments which have an unused reserve of capacity to deter aggression and promote peace in our region. Those reserves will surely need to be thrown into the balance of regional peace."

"In this era of triumph for new small nations, Zionism may be re-

garded as a pioneer in the modern age of national emancipation which took a new momentum after the Second World War. Nations have much in common. But it is what each nation holds separately and distinctively to itself that may represent its main gift to the universal treasure-house. We need the courage to be lonely if we are to avoid being ground into a cosmopolitan, homogenized pulp in which all color disappears and all variety fades."

In conclusion the Deputy Prime Minister paid a warm tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. "History is formed by the intersection of men with ideas. I shall always remember the dignity of bearing and the elevation of discourse which marked Dr. Silver's appearance on behalf of the Jewish people in the United Nations. When I took over the microphone from him in May 1948 I could still hear and admire his majestic echoes."

Moshe Kol's Address

"Americans have a great achievement to their credit in having established Kfar Silver," said Mr. Kol. "A number of important aspirations are being realized in Kfar Silver. It is helping in bridging the educational, cultural and social gap between immigrant children from Mediterranean and North African communities and those coming from more developed countries."

"The encounter of children from different types of settlements in Israel is also worthy of special note," Mr. Kol pointed out. It is vital to have Israeli youth from different backgrounds meet each other and also those from other lands, the speaker emphasized. Also, he said, "we want the youth of America to come here, not only to study, but to live and come into close contact with our country."

The Zionists of America, Mr. Kol concluded, should recognize in Kfar Silver "one of the most important means whereby their children can identify themselves with the State of Israel, and through their children they will perhaps come here themselves. If only a few hundred American Jews and Zionists are prepared to do this, then Kfar Silver will have performed a great mission in the realization of Zionist aims."

The meeting closed with an appeal by Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum for enlarged financial support of Kfar Silver by ZOA leaders and members, and the address of Dr. Silver in which he spoke movingly of the growth of the institution named for him and his hopes for its future.

A popular guest at the session was Joseph Mousseri, a graduate of Kfar Silver, whose current scholarship at the University of Illinois was made possible by the Zionist Organization of Chicago.

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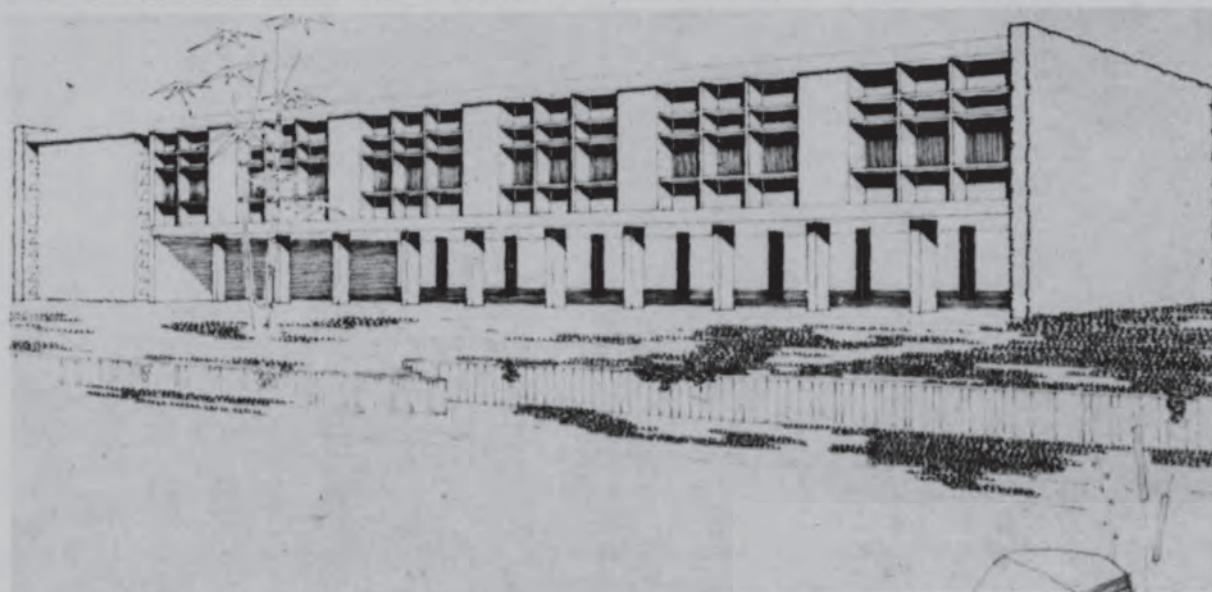
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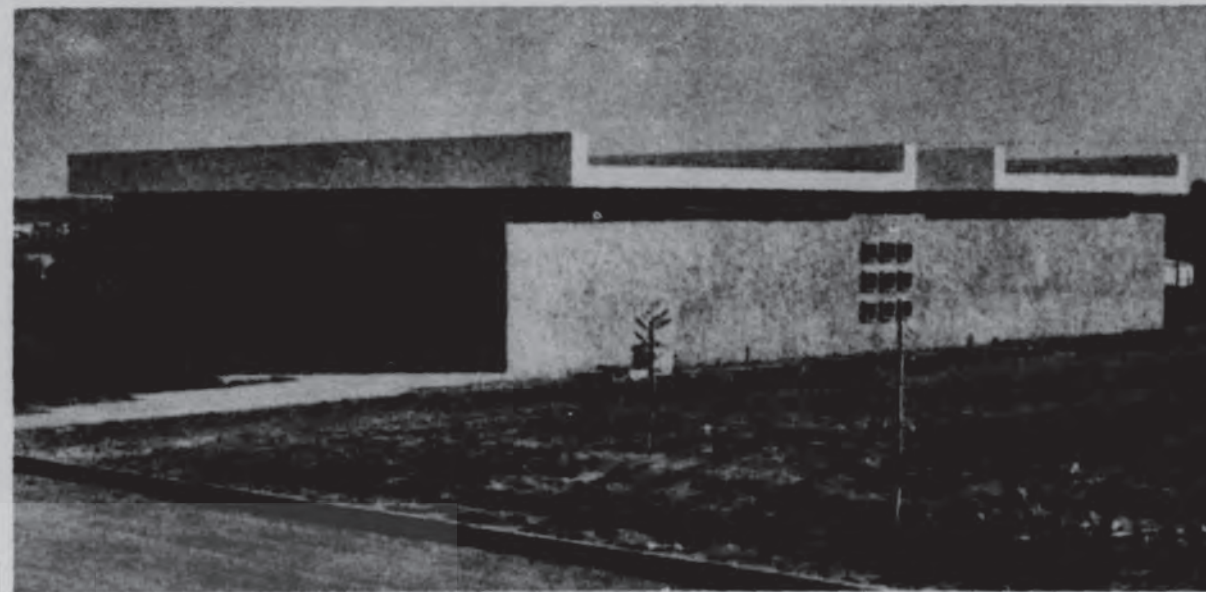
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STEINBACH SCHOOL BUILDING: Architect's sketch of the structure now going up in Kfar Silver as a project of the Baltimore ZOA District.



SAMUEL OBERMAN MEDICAL CLINIC at Kfar Silver, established jointly by District No. 11 and the Bronx Region of the ZOA.

New Buildings Going Up at Kfar Silver

Steinbach Building In Construction

A classroom building for \$100,000 is going up in Kfar Silver as a project of the ZOA Baltimore District. It will be dedicated in memory of Bessie and Harvey B. Steinbach of Baltimore, Maryland. This new, modern school building will stand parallel to the Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building. Its completion will provide urgently needed classroom facilities to the growing Kfar Silver student body.

A large delegation of the District and the Seaboard ZOA Region is expected to go to Israel for the official dedication ceremonies. The structure is scheduled for completion within the year.

Rosenbaum Room To be Dedicated

A beautiful room will be dedicated in Kfar Silver during the Passover holidays in honor of Henry Rosenbaum of Plainfield, New Jersey, and in memory of his wife, Fay Rosenbaum. Members of Mr. Rosenbaum's family and many of his friends will participate in the dedication ceremonies. Mr. Rosenbaum's daughter, Mrs. I. Raab, lives in Savyon, Israel.

The room, which serves as the office of the principal of Kfar Silver, is located in the Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building.

Mr. Rosenbaum is a veteran ZOA member and an outstanding community leader of New Jersey. He is an NEC member.

More Seats Donated For Synagogue

The following additional contributions for seats in the newly built Elias and Rebecca Polis Synagogue at Kfar Silver, in Israel, have been received:

On 85th Birthday of Israel Kaplan, donated by Lillian Last, Fannie Krugman, Halem and Zuckerman Families;

In Memory of Lt. Morton S. Reiter, presented by Allen J. Reiter, Annapolis, Maryland;

In Memory of Ephraim & Feige Feigelstein, by Mary and Maxwell Temkin, Jersey City, N.J.;

In Memory of Moshe & Sophie Tiomkin, by Mary and Maxwell Temkin, Jersey City, N.J.

A contribution of a Synagogue Seat may be made for \$60. Each seat bears a metal plaque engraved with the name and city of the donor. Solicitation of gifts of seats continues.

Dormitory Project Of S. W. Region

An intensive fund-raising drive is now under way throughout the ZOA Southwest Region for a dormitory to be established in Kfar Silver in honor of Dr. Marcus Levinson of Houston, Texas, an administrative vice-president of the ZOA and a prominent Zionist and communal leader in the Southwest.

The Region has embarked upon this project in response to a growing demand for dormitory space in Kfar Silver to accommodate many hundreds of new students.

Philadelphians Adopt 'Lab' Project

The Philadelphia Zionist Organization has adopted as its project in Kfar Silver the Physics and Biology laboratory which is located in the Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building.

The laboratory is fully furnished and equipped and is one of the finest among schools in Israel.

Solicitation of gifts for the project is under way, and the Philadelphia Zionist Organization has remitted the first funds for this purpose.

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Kfar Silver Fifth Graduation Ceremony

An audience of 900 graduates, students, parents and friends stood in dignified silence for two minutes at the commencement of the Fifth Graduation Ceremony at Kfar Silver on June 24th, in memory of the late, great, Zionist leader, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, whose black-rimmed, flower-garlanded portrait hung above the dais on which stood Faculty members, representatives of the Government, Municipality and Jewish Agency and members of the Board of Directors of the Institute. A recording of Preceptor Jossi Offir's eulogy to the late leader, read against a background of the Memorial Prayer, *El Malei Rahamim*, intoned by a cantor, was presented.

Held on the lawn outside the Harry F. Wechsler Central School Building, the proceedings were opened by Mr. A. Bilhaus, Director of the Institute who warmly welcomed the distinguished visitors and guests. He was followed by Mr. Chaim Danieli, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kfar Silver who proposed sending a cable to the Z.O.A. in America and extending warmest thanks and appreciation for the assistance given in maintaining the Institute. Mr. Danieli then dwelt on the future programme of Kfar Silver, preferring, he said, to look into the future and prepare for it, than dwell upon past achievements and be satisfied with them. There was much to be accomplished including the transformation of the Institute from an agricultural training college to an agricultural, vocational and general schooling institute which would serve the Lachish area and the Northern Negev. The Board also

planned to set up a Seminary for immigrant teachers by next year. The assembled gathering applauded when Mr. Danieli presented a scholarship to 1962 graduate, Michael Kanterowitz, donated by Young Judea, the youth department of the Z.O.A. Mr. Kanterowitz, will use the scholarship for Bible and Religion studies at the Tel Aviv University. The grant is for four years at the

"The country needs you; more specifically the south needs you." He pointed out the advantages the graduates had had in studying at Kfar Silver of which he said, "this institute is outstanding by any standards; its beauty, its scholastic proficiency, its facilities, its up-to-date laboratories, its dormitories, its sports ground, all are of the highest quality.

Mr. Arie Meyer, Jewish Agency

tion and training of their alma mater and would develop into leaders of the new generation in Israel.

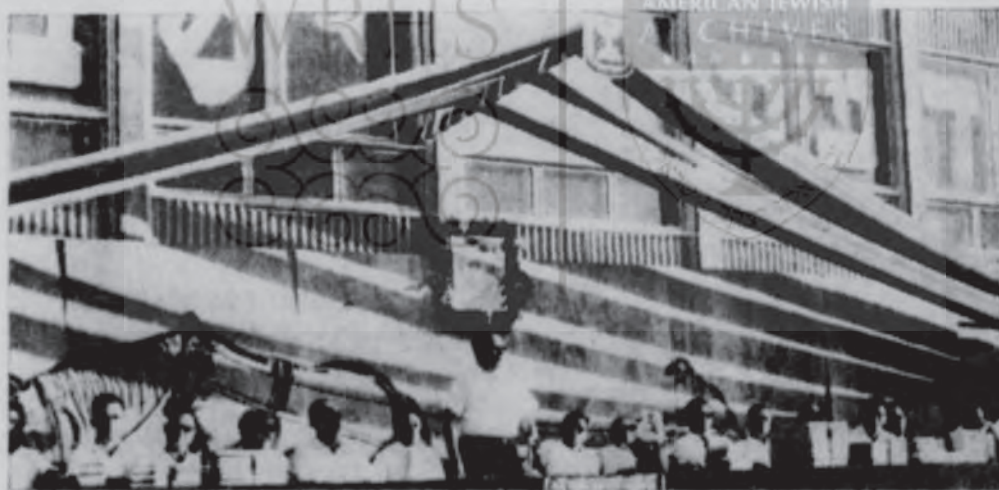
Mr. Zadok Doron brought greetings from Ashkelon's Mayor and stated that many of the town's children attended Kfar Silver both as Day and resident students. He stressed the importance of the Institute to Ashkelon with particular reference to the good influence the school had on the inhabitants of the town, most of whom were new immigrants.

Twenty-five students graduated this year from Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Institute. Dressed in their traditional lemon with green and crimson embroidered uniforms, they stepped on to the dais to receive prizes and certificates awarded by the Institute, the Government, the Ashkelon Municipality and the Liberal Party. Each graduate was also given a copy of A. Winograd's "The Life of Abba Hillel Silver", presented by the Faculty.

The valedictory address was given by Kalman Schwartzstein, of Jerusalem, on behalf of all the 1964 graduates.

After the ceremony, guests and visitors were invited to partake of refreshments and later entertainment was provided by the Kfar Silver Dramatic Circle and the Kfar Silver Dance Group.

In the evening, past graduates, graduates and students got together in a lengthy session of dancing and community singing which lasted until the early hours of the morning.



The dais at Fifth Graduation Ceremony of Kfar Silver Students. (from l. to r.) Dov Navi, Chief Agricultural Instructor; Zeev Gluck, teacher; Zvi Gergman, Secretary General; Arie Meir, Jewish Agency Director of Lachish Area; Louis Sitkoff, member of the Board of Directors; Mr. A. Bilhaus, Director of Kfar Silver; Chaim Danieli (standing) chairman of the Board of Directors; A. Regev, Director of the Department of Agriculture at Education Ministry; Baruch Gordon, member of the Board; Dr. Zeev Katz, representing the Liberal Party; Zadok Doron, director of Ashkelon's Department of Education, representing the Mayor of Ashkelon; Y. Offir, preceptor of the Graduation Class; S. Bahat, teacher, I. Levenberg, Principal of the School; Uri Yoel and Z. Ishai, teachers.

conclusion of which Mr. Kanterowitz will join the faculty of Kfar Silver.

Mr. A. Regev, representing the Ministry of Education and Culture, congratulated the graduates and expressed the hope that they would join the agricultural settlements after concluding their army training upon which they would now embark, and said:

Director for the Lachish Area, promised the Agency's full support in the work of the Institute and pointed out that the agricultural settlements around Kfar Silver badly needed such an Institute.

Dr. Zeev Katz, on behalf of the Liberal Party, expressed the hope that the graduates of Kfar Silver would not forget the tui-



At entrance to Kfar Silver, oldtime Zionist Henry Rosenbaum, Chairman of U.J.A. in Plainfield N.J. (see Prominent Personalities)

VISITORS' FORUM ASK YOUR QUESTION!

Every Wednesday evening Z.O.A. House holds an Ask Your Question session for visitors and tourists, organised in conjunction with the Government Tourist Corporation.

Mrs. Rina Spears, of the Z.O.A. House Tourist Department gathers round her a panel of three or more people able to answer a wide range of questions. She claims that only once was her panel stumped for a reply.

The evenings commence with a short travelogue on the Galilee, the Negev, Jerusalem or other Israeli beauty spot and then the guests are asked to put their questions to the panel.

These fall into certain categories such as immigration and immigrant problems, religion, Is-

raeli public relations here and abroad, women's rights and, lately, questions on water problems and Israel's economic policy.

An interesting feature is audience participation which is not limited to the asking of questions but often extends to replying, also. Woe betide the questioner whose query seems to be a trifle too prickly or whose remarks appear to imply unwarranted criticism of Israel or its institutions. There are always a few well informed members of the audience ready and willing to jump to the country's defence or assist the panel in coming up with the right answer.

"Ask your Question" has become a popular programme among visitors, many of whom come prepared with a barrage of questions in search of replies.

Prominent Personalities at Kfar Silver

The Kfar Silver Faculty and Student Body have a deep-rooted sense of hospitality and visitors are highly impressed by the warmth and cordiality of their welcome. Many are the prominent personalities that pass through its imposing portals. Some have been before, others come for the first time, all have a desire to return. It was Mrs. Samuel Gazman, of Mattapau, Mass., who, with her husband visited the Institute recently, and said, "Back in the States one cannot imagine how lovely it is. It must be seen to be believed."

Some others who came, and were conquered are: Mr. Henry Rosenbaum of Plainfield, N.J., oldtime (since 1906) member of Z.O.A., now Chairman of the U.J.A. for his hometown who donated a room in the Administration Wing of the Harry F. Wechsler Central School

Building. Mr. Rosenbaum came to Kfar Silver to unveil the plaque dedicating the room to the memory of his late wife, Fay.

Mr. Israel Braverman spent a long time at Kfar Silver with his wife. It was he who initiated a Scholarship Fund for the Institute in the Baltimore District and donated a considerable sum for the construction of a new School Building to be named after the late Harvey B. Steinbach. This building project is one of the outstanding efforts of the Baltimore District and Mr. Braverman is reported to have said that his donation to it was conditional upon his impressions of Kfar Silver when he saw it. At the end of his visit he admitted that what he had seen "not only makes me want to give, but gives me a kick out of doing it!"



Mr. & Mrs. Hyman S. Bernstein of Washington D.C., at site of new school building in memory of Harvey B. Steinbach. Mr. Bernstein is President-elect of Z.O.A. Seaboard Region

VIP'S

Among the many important and interesting visitors to the House during May and June were:

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel May
Nashville, Tennessee.
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Nash
Miami Beach, Florida.
Mr. & Mrs. Israel Braverman
Baltimore, Maryland.
Mr. Ben Giller
Miami Beach, Florida.
Mrs. Mollie Silberman
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Bernstein
Washington, D.C.
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Honig
Bronx, N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Meyer
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mund
Hollywood, California.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Winer
Baltimore, Maryland.
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Egorin
Baltimore, Maryland.
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Escann
Baltimore, Maryland.

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Ben Aharon however, declared that Mapai would not succeed in creating a split between the various factions in Mapam and that an invitation to negotiations must be extended directly to the party leadership and not to individuals.

Religious Groups Protest against Mapai-General Zionist Negotiations

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - Hapoel Hamizrachi and Mizrachi sent a protest letter to the Mapai Secretariat against the negotiations with the General Zionists, stating that the coalition is a four-party set-up, with Mapai, General Zionists, Religious and Progressives and is not limited to only the two largest parties. Mapai replied that this practice has also been followed in the past, as the simplest method and there is therefore no reason for fear that the smaller parties will be excluded from the new government coalition.

The religious parties have also made an effort to include the Agudat Israel and the Poale Agudat Israel in the coalition, proposing a postponement in the enactment of the National Women's Service Law. This proposal to again win over the Aguda was rejected and at its last meeting the Cabinet decided to authorize the Ministry of Labor to proceed with the implementation of the law.

50,000 Members in Israel General Zionist Party

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - "Since the municipal elections in Israel three years ago, the General Zionist Party has been growing constantly. It now has 50,000 members (as compared to 12,000 in 1949)," stated Joseph Tamir, the Party's General Secretary. Tamir added that "during the past year alone 8,000 new members joined the General Zionists. One-third of the members are new immigrants. There are now 116 party branches throughout the country".

Scholarships for "Kfar Silver" Students

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - 10 scholarships for students from Mexico who will enroll in the Agricultural School in "Kfar Silver" were contributed here by Elias Sourasky, Mexican Jewish banker and well-known General Zionist leader. Mr. Sourasky announced his decision after having visited "Kfar Silver", which is nearing its completion.

"Kfar Silver" is being built jointly by the General Zionist Party of Israel and the Zionist Organization of America.

Chanukah Celebrations in ZOA House in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - The Chanukah celebrations in the ZOA House here will continue for eight days. A special program has been worked out for each of the eight days of Chanukah, according to an announcement by Jacob Alkow, Program & Activities Chairman of the House.

A giant Menorah will be lit each evening on the roof of the House and the ceremonies of lighting the Menorah will be conducted by a cantor and choir.

Dr. Gil Sinaj, Chilean Zionist Leader, in New York

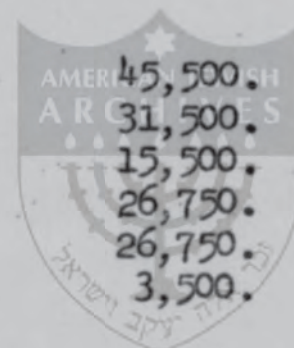
NEW YORK (ZINS) - Dr. Gil Sinaj, former president of the Zionist Federation and the General Zionist Organization in Chile and one of the outstanding Zionist leaders in South America, has arrived here on a visit, en route back from Europe and Israel.

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To Accommodate 320 Students

	<u>Each Building</u>	<u>Furniture for each building</u>	<u>Total per building</u>
<u>School Buildings</u>			
* 4 buildings (2 classrooms in each)	\$18,000.	\$1,500.	\$19,500.
* School Office building	18,000.	2,000.	20,000.
1 building for 4 laboratories:	33,500.	7,000.	40,500.
a) biology; b) chemistry; c) physics; d) soil research. (excluding laboratory equipment)			
* School area development (30 dunams): sidewalks, landscaping (irrigation; benches, fences, lawns, flowers, shrubbery, trees, etc.)			13,600.
<u>Synagogue, Dormitories, Sport Center, Etc.</u>			
* 6 new type dormitories			
Synagogue	45,500.	5,000.	50,500.
Play and Music rooms	31,500.	10,000.	41,500.
Gymnasium	15,500.	2,750.	18,250.
Swimming Pool with showers and dressing rooms	26,750.	6,750.	33,500.
Football field	26,750.		26,750.
	3,500.		3,500.
<u>Service Buildings</u>			
* Medical Clinic (excluding medical equipment)	28,000.	3,000.	31,000.
Isolation building	13,500.	1,500.	15,000.
* Laundry and clothing storage	30,000.	4,000.	34,000.
Farm administration building	20,000.	1,750.	21,750.
Guest House	13,500.	1,750.	15,250.
* Area development for synagogue, dormitories, service buildings, etc. (70 dunams): asphaltting of provisional roads, sidewalks, landscaping (water pipes, sprinklers, benches, lawns, flowers, shrubbery, trees, etc.)			62,000.



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<u>Staff Quarters</u>			
* 10 semi-detached houses (2 apartments in each)	\$10,750.	not needed	\$10,750.
Kindergarten for staff members' children	13,500.	3,500.	17,000.
* Development of staff quarters area (25 dunams): sidewalks, landscaping (lawns, flowers, shrubbery, trees, sprinklers, water pipes, etc.)			11,900.
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Fences (wire mesh topped by barbed wire) around the building area			13,500.
Main entrance gate			2,000.
Entrance road and road around the farm			29,750.
Completion of dining hall and auditorium (additional electric fixtures, marble for entrance wall, art plastering, finishing of basement)			10,000.
Additions to 2 existing dormitories (rails along porches, art plastering, additional electrical fixtures, etc.)			6,750.
Completion of existing water well			1,750.
Repair and renovation of old storage houses			1,750.



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Abundant Water Supply Discovered in "Kfar Silver"

Full 53

MIGDAL ASKELON (ZINS) - At a depth of 105 metres a large supply of water has been discovered on the land of "Kfar Silver", agricultural school named for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a few miles from here. The cable broke while digging and a test drawing was made resulting in the discovery that water had been tapped. The yield is 350 cubic metres per hour. It has far less chlorine content than the water of Tel Aviv.

"Kfar Silver" is now being built by the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionist Party in Israel. The agricultural school will accomodate 300 students.

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<u>Synagogue, Dormitories, Sport Center, Etc.</u>			
* 6 new type dormitories	48,500.	5,500.	54,000.
Synagogue	31,500.	10,000.	41,500.
Play and music rooms	15,500.	2,750.	18,250.
Gymnasium	26,750.	6,750.	33,500.
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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE - GENERAL SITE PLAN

LEGEND

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| 3. Dining Hall | 14. Storage for agricultural machinery |
| 4. Classroom buildings | 15. Carpentry workshop |
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| 6. Laboratories | 17. Shed |
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| 11. Laundry and storage for clothing | 22. Old reconditioned structures |
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This, in the words of his lifelong friend and colleague, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, is the man we honor here:

"...neither Israel nor Zionism can afford to be deprived of his galvanizing force. His place in Jewish history is already secure — but another chapter is still to be written.

"Whatever the future may have in store for him personally, there is a postscript to be added. The long and often fierce struggle waged under his leadership for the Zionist cause has yielded a by-product of inestimable value in itself — its permanent and tonic effect upon the Jewish community in this country. Silver had found American Jewry a slumbering giant: he roused the giant from his lethargy, made him conscious of his

strength. To that extent the Jewish scene has been transformed.

"He taught us to stand up like men, to fight on our feet in the tradition of American freedom, without the paralyzing inhibitions of fear and inferiority. We dared. We risked open conflict with powerful forces and with men in the highest authority. We gained our worth. If ever the time should come — and it may come soon — when we shall have to gird ourselves once more in defense of the Jewish position, we shall be more courageous, more confident and effective, and the better prepared, because of the lessons we have learned under Abba Hillel Silver."

It was under this kind of leadership that the Zionist Organization of America became the

most potent single force on the American Jewish scene, which made it the acknowledged leader in the historic effort to recreate in our time Jewish national identity and pride.

Is it not then fitting, that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at 60 was to be paid this tribute, to have his name perpetuated in the ancient soil of Israel, in the young lives and plants that will take root and flourish there?

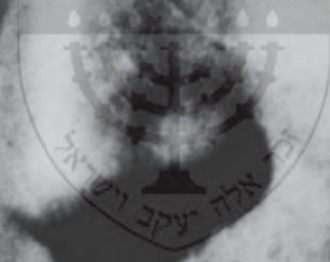
And, in honoring Dr. Silver, the members of the Zionist Organization of America are at the same time contributing personally and directly to the development of Israel, its agriculture and its citizenship, and in this way strengthening the bonds between the peoples of both countries.



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A decorative flourish consisting of two rows of stylized, symmetrical scrollwork or floral motifs.

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Now, in less than two years, Kfar Silver has been transformed from blueprints to reality. Official dedication ceremonies, attended by Dr. Silver and scores of Israeli and American notables, took place on March 29, 1956. The first group of seventy-five students have already passed through its doors, to learn and live Kfar Silver's creed, "good farmers and good citizens", soon to contribute to the growth of Israel in the finest traditions of liberal democracy, free from partisanship and from the rigid dogma of either right or left.

Its 1870 dunams (470 acres) sprawl just across the coastal highway from storied,

ancient Ashkelon, which the Israelites once wrested from the Phillistines. And it was here, during the War of Liberation that the invading Egyptians were routed by the Israelis and pushed beyond what is now the Gaza line, just a few kilometers south. Even with the trenches, sandbags, and wrecked war machines long since cleared away, Kfar Silver bears grim testimony to the carnage. Time and again live Egyptian artillery shells have been uncovered during ploughing. Today some of the pipelines of Kfar Silver's new irrigation system have been laid in the very trenches evacuated by the retreating Egyptians. It was here too, during the recent

border crisis, that Fedayeen marauders from the Gaza Strip were picked up by Israel security forces.

Today, two of the eight planned, pastel-tinted dormitory buildings are up, each consisting of two wings connected by an open patio to provide maximum air and light for its nine sleeping quarters for forty-five, and combined reading and recreation room.

The modern, functional dining hall, designed to harmonize with the other buildings, seats 300. A notable feature is its removable stage which converts the hall into an auditorium for lectures, entertainment, theatricals, dances and for Sabbath and holiday services

until the permanent synagogue is completed. Then there is the first of the projected classrooms, built in memory of Mrs. Rose Chizewer of Chicago.

And, during the recent meeting of the 24th World Zionist Congress, the cornerstone was laid for the new Emanuel Neumann Cultural House, a gift of Mr. Jack Verdi.

In addition, six small, reconditioned houses already on the site serve as quarters for the faculty and administrative personnel. The barns and other farm buildings, the water tower with its irrigation system, and an electrical network complete the present facilities.



ONE OF KFAR SILVER'S MODERN DORMITORY BUILDINGS, SHOWING ITS TWO WINGS CONNECTED BY A BREEZEWAY (LEFT) AND (ABOVE) STUDENTS DANCE THE HORA IN COURTYARD. RETURNING FROM THE FIELDS, YOUNGSTERS PASS TEMPORARY SIGN AT ENTRANCE (BELOW).

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AT SCHOOL

KNOW YOUR COUNTRY,
A LESSON IN ISRAEL'S GEOGRAPHY
FOR KFAR SILVER'S ATTENTIVE
YOUNGSTERS (RIGHT).



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INTENT FACES OF THESE
YOUTH ALIYAH ARRIVALS FROM NORTH AFRICA
AS THEY START THEIR FIRST CLASS
IN THEIR NEW COUNTRY (RIGHT).



Seventy-five students have enrolled for the first term (1955-56), with enrollment expected to reach 320, as subsequent classes enter each year for the 4-year course.

Of the first class, 20 are sabras, graduates of Israel's elementary schools, to help orient to their new surroundings the newly-arrived youngsters from North Africa drawn from the ranks of Youth Aliyah. For, having entered Kfar Silver just one short month after coming to Israel, they knew only too little of their strange new country, its languages and customs.

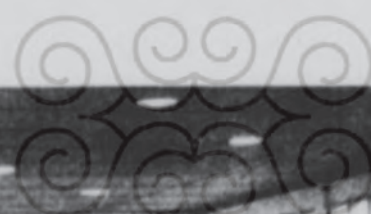
But this is the pattern, the very aim of the Kfar Silver program — to prepare such youngsters who daily are being snatched from the terrible vise of oppression, poverty and illiteracy for construc-

tive roles in the life of their new country as good citizens and good farmers. Through patient, intelligent guidance from the faculty, and through constant association with youngsters born and reared in Israel, they are quickly learning to fit themselves into a proud, new life.

The Institute is open to all boys and girls from 14 to 17, with the only qualifications being certain standards of intelligence and health, as well as promise. The four-year curriculum, at high school level, will cover full general studies as well as agriculture training. Four hours daily are spent in general studies, with an emphasis on agriculture, and two to three hours each day are spent in actual work on the model farm, where all the problems and conditions of Israel agriculture are remarkably simulated.

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BOWLS OF FRUIT AND FLOWER VASES ARE SET OUT TO GIVE MODERN DINING HALL A WARM, HOMELIKE ATMOSPHERE.



AT DINNER YOUTH ALIYAH ARRIVALS FROM NORTH AFRICA GET TOGETHER WITH YOUNG SABRAS WHO ARE THEIR SCHOOLMATES.

SPOTLESS, MODERN KITCHEN FACILITIES CAPABLE OF SERVING OVER 300 AT A SINGLE SITTING.



AT WORK



In addition to working in the traditional orange groves and vineyards of Israel, the young farmers are being thoroughly grounded in Israel's new "never before" crops such as cotton and flax. Already, some of the finest cotton in Israel is grown on Kfar Silver soil, and when they have finished their training, many will have the opportunity of contributing to a vital new field of agriculture which one day will provide their country with sufficient raw cotton to feed her hungry textile mills and clothing factories.

Since many of the graduates will return to their parents' farms, practical emphasis is placed on other typical Israel crops, such as almonds, olives, peaches as well as corn, potatoes, melons, and other truck gardening crops.

Some of Kfar Silver's first-year crops have already shown such a good return, that an additional 1000 dunams has already been ploughed for winter crops of wheat, rye and vegetables.

EAR LEFT: FIRST LESSON IN PLOUGHING.
WITH MODERN CATERPILLAR TRACTOR SUPPLIED BY THE ZOA.
NEAR LEFT: YOUNG FARMERS HARVEST THE
FIRST CROP OF TURNIPS FROM
KFAR SILVER'S VEGETABLE GARDENS.
RIGHT: SMILING YOUNGSTER TRIMS
HUGE CABBAGE IN PREPARATION FOR
SHIPMENT TO MARKET.

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OPPOSITE PAGE: OBLIVIOUS TO BARBED-WIRE WHICH PROTECTS KFAR SILVER FROM INFILTRATORS FROM THE NEARBY GAZA STRIP, STUDENTS DANCE DURING THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW EMANUEL NEUMANN CULTURAL HOUSE.
LEFT: "AND WE WERE SLAVES IN THE LAND OF EGYPT" STUDENTS ENACT DANCE OF THE EXODUS AT EMANUEL NEUMANN CULTURAL HOUSE CEREMONIES.
RIGHT: YOUNGSTERS PROUDLY SING THE KFAR SILVER ANTHEM, AS ISRAEL'S FLAG FLUTTERS IN THE BREEZE.

This, then, is Kfar Silver today. But, like all Israel, Kfar Silver is planting, and sowing, and working for tomorrow and, as in all Israel, much remains to be done, if tomorrow's rich harvest is to be reaped. Kfar Silver's four-year development plan has been so drawn that by 1959 it will reach its full complement of 320 students in two departments.

One will be the Agricultural High School for 140 graduates of Israel or foreign elementary schools. The other is to be a four-year school for youngsters from the ranks of Youth Aliyah, where the curriculum will be more suited to the lower educational standards of North Africa, from where most of the enrollment of 180 will be taken.

During the next school year of 1956-57, enrollment will rise considerably, and the next stage (1957-58) will see a total enrollment of 240, including 150 from Youth Aliyah and 90 from Israel, and the staff enlarged to 32. And by 1958-59, a staff of 38 will be needed for the ultimate enrollment of 320.

This development program must, of course, be supported with funds adequate

to enlarge the physical plant, provide for its maintenance, and cover the administrative and faculty budget.

The Jewish Agency's Agricultural Colonization Department has granted the Kfar Silver farm allocations towards the construction of such necessary farm buildings as a poultry run for 1,000, a cattle barn for 40, stables, granaries, tool and machinery sheds, and the General Zionist Organization in Israel and its women's affiliate have devoted considerable effort in its behalf.

Nevertheless, it is toward the ZOA, its individual members, its regions and districts, that Kfar Silver must turn, if it is to fulfill its mission.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Listed here are the principal additions necessary to the completion of Kfar Silver:

SIX ADDITIONAL DORMITORIES
CLASSROOM AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS
THE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY
MORE STAFF QUARTERS
CARPENTRY AND MECHANICAL WORKSHOPS
GRADING AND LANDSCAPING

SPORTS FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS
A SWIMMING POOL
ROADS, WALKS AND DRIVEWAYS

(A detailed list of current requirements accompanies this brochure).

Here at Kfar Silver is the opportunity for the ZOA member to identify himself personally with the development of the Jewish State he helped create. Here, too, is the way for the ZOA district or region to impress its name on the history of Israel. Through a collective effort among its membership and its community it can adopt as its very own project a distinct part of Kfar Silver, from a classroom at \$2600 to an entire building like the dining hall at \$50,000. Every contribution to Kfar Silver through the American Zionist Fund (AZF) of the ZOA will help provide Israel with young, healthy, well-trained citizens and farmers to man the frontier settlements and established farms upon which Israel and her teeming cities depend for food. Here is a truly constructive undertaking, worthy of Dr. Silver, the ZOA and Israel itself.

TOMORROW

KFAR SILVER has been established and is directed by the
Zionist Organization of America in cooperation with the General
Zionists Organization in Israel.

It is a project of the American Zionist Fund (AZF)
the fund-raising arm of the Zionist Organization of America



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Kinneret Project



*The Great Leader
of American Zionism
is being honored*

*by building
an Agricultural School
and Village
in the Negev*

*Training farmers for food
for Israel*



An American Zionist Fund Undertaking



The Idea

Israel needs farmers! Food is basic to life and Israel must import food from abroad.

The Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionist Party of Israel want to help create self-sufficiency and decided to build an agricultural training school and village.

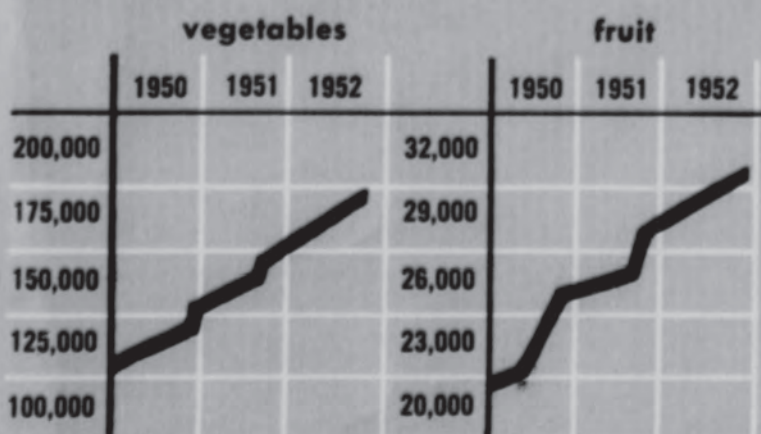
300 students, aged 14 to 17—new immigrants mingled with sabras—will receive three years training in good citizenship and expert farming.

Situated on the threshold of the Negev, where fertility rises once again from the desert, 1,600 dunams of land will produce food and teach mixed farming. Students will be taught to grow food, dairy and poultry farming, bee keeping, horticulture, and crop research. Agricultural training will be combined with a good school education.

This great agricultural training school which bears the name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will serve one more important purpose: American youth who may wish to

spend one to three months there to become acquainted with life in Israel will receive a great welcome and be made to feel at home.

The ZOA is proud to associate itself with this venture.



ISRAEL'S PRODUCE 1950-2 (in tons)



The Man

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at 60 deserves to be honored permanently in the land to which he has given so much of self.

A citadel of learning in Israel which would permanently bear his name will reflect the esteem and affection in which American Zionists hold this great Jew.

As Dr. Emanuel Neumann wrote of his lifelong friend and colleague:

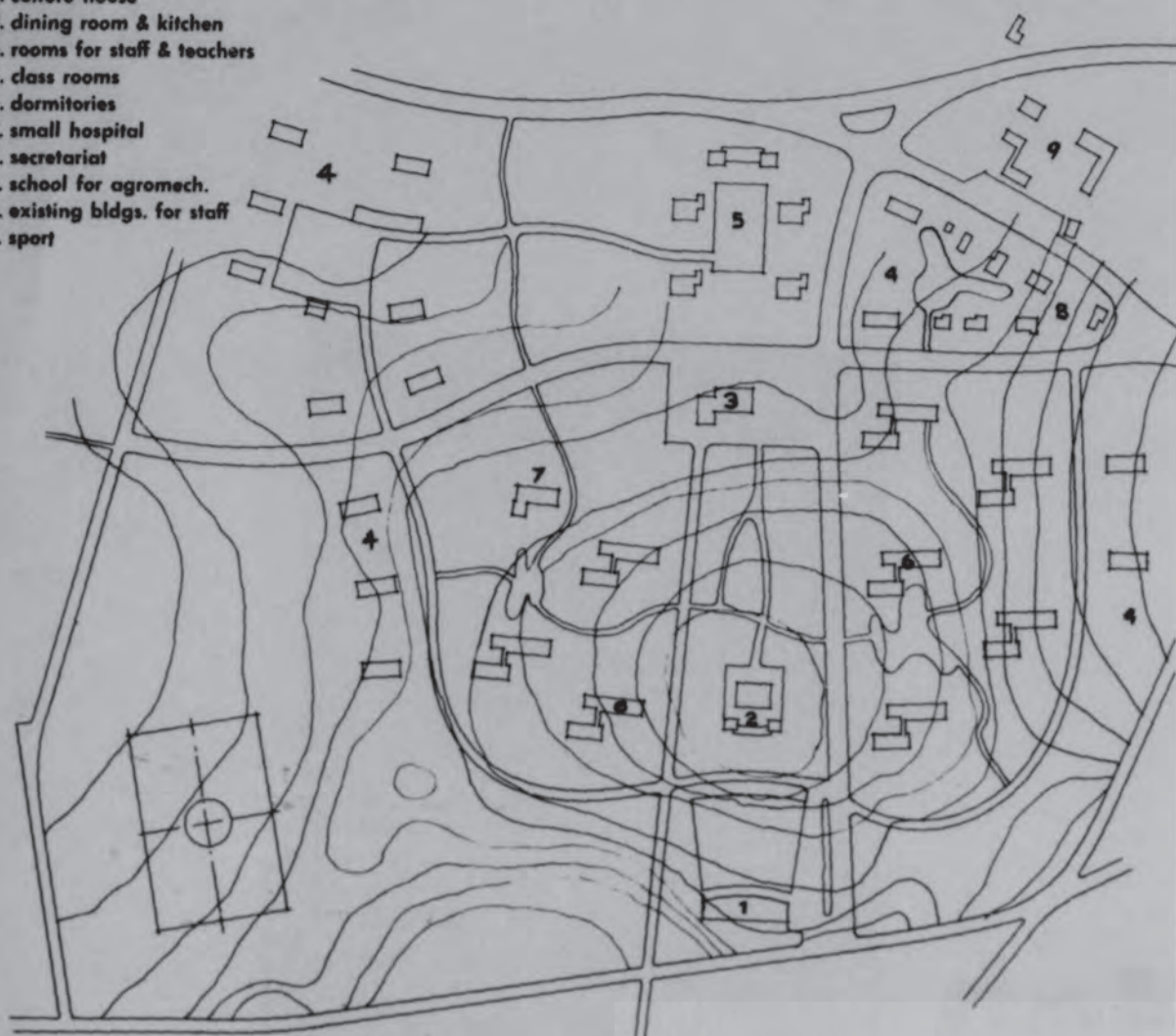
"...neither Israel nor Zionism can afford to be deprived of his galvanizing force. His place in Jewish history is already secure—but another chapter is still to be written.

"Whatever the future may have in store for him personally, there is a postscript to be added. The long and often fierce struggle waged under his leadership for the Zionist cause has yielded a by-product of inestimable value in itself—its permanent and tonic effect upon the Jewish community in this country. Silver had found American Jewry a slumbering giant: he roused the giant from his lethargy, made him conscious of his strength. To that extent the Jewish scene has been transformed. He taught us to stand up like men, to fight on our feet in the tradition of American freedom, without the paralyzing inhibitions of fear and inferiority. We dared. We risked open conflict with powerful forces and with men in the highest authority. We gained our worth. If ever the time should come—and it may come soon—when we shall have to gird ourselves once more in defense of the Jewish position, we shall be more courageous, more confident and effective, and the better prepared, because of the lessons we have learned under Abba Hillel Silver."



ISRAEL'S DAIRY PRODUCTION 1950-2

1. amphitheatre
2. culture house
3. dining room & kitchen
4. rooms for staff & teachers
5. class rooms
6. dormitories
7. small hospital
8. secretariat
9. school for agromech.
10. existing bldgs. for staff
11. sport



The Realization

Thanks to our friends in Israel, vigorous activity has already begun at Kfar Silver.

Two dormitories and the dining hall—which also serve as lecture and recreation hall—are completed. Part of the staff quarters and store sheds are ready. A well has been sunk and the land is being prepared for winter sowing.

The time has come for us to give necessary support to complete this living tribute to Dr. Silver.

Adjacent are the requirements for your selection.

Individual Districts and Regions will choose one or more of these items and upon completion of their specific project a permanent plaque will clearly identify the donor whose generosity made all this possible.

All contributions to the AZF are tax exempt. Israeli Bonds are acceptable as contributions. Please make checks payable to the ZOA.

THE FUTURE OF KFAR SILVER IS YOUR PEOPLE'S FUTURE IN ISRAEL

If you wish any further information, a letter or call to the American Zionist Fund Department, ZOA, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y., MUrray Hill 2-3205, will bring an immediate response. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Meyer Pesin
Chairman, Kfar Silver Project

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ESTIMATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SILVER AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

Accommodations for 300 students require the following expenditures:

A. PLANNING	
Planning, works supervisions, buildings.....	\$10,000.-
Topographical surveyings, irrigation plans.....	2,500.-
Agricultural programme planning.....	1,000.-
Soil tests and preparatory work.....	1,000.-
Survey, field lay-out, plantation scheme, marking	1,500.-
B. DORMITORIES, DINING HALL, STAFF QUARTERS, ETC.	
8 dormitories at \$22,000 each	\$176,000.-
Dining hall and kitchen for 300 students.....	40,000.-
Infirmary	7,500.-
8 classrooms (4 buildings) at \$9,000 each.....	36,000.-
Staff quarters (8 houses).....	58,000.-
Repair of existing buildings (offices and staff quarters)	20,000.-
C. FARM BUILDINGS	
Dairy	\$10,000.-
Chicken houses and breed coops.....	7,000.-
Tool store and barn.....	4,000.-
Machine shed	7,000.-
Fences and various	15,000.-
D. IRRIGATION INSTALLATION	
Boring	\$ 8,000.-
Vertical pump	7,000.-
Pump house	1,500.-
Power connection	3,500.-
Installation and test pumping.....	1,000.-
Water tower 100 m3 (3500 c/t).....	4,000.-
Pipes and fittings	30,738.-
Pipe laying and excavation	7,200.-
Concrete reservoir 1000 m3 (3500 c/t).....	13,000.-
2 Boosters incl. foundations, building, installation and power connection.....	7,000.-
Planning, drainage, filling in of wadis.....	18,000.-
E. PLANTATIONS	
100 dunams (25 acres) citrus grove.....	\$20,000.-
30 dunams (7½ acres) subtropical fruits.....	9,000.-
Deciduous fruit, olives, carobs, bananas.....	5,000.-
F. LIVESTOCK	
10 cows and calves	\$ 5,000.-
1000 chickens	2,000.-
2 draught animals.....	1,000.-
G. EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE	
Kitchen equipment	\$15,000.-
Hot water installation.....	12,000.-
Furniture for dormitories, dining room, classrooms	75,000.-
H. AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY	
Tractor, ploughs, etc.....	\$25,000.-
Truck	8,000.-
Tools	2,000.-
I. ADMINISTRATION	
Administration and various	\$10,000.-
Circulating capital	25,000.-
SUMMARY	
Planning	\$16,000.-
Dormitories, dining hall, staff quarters, etc.....	337,500.-
Farm buildings	43,000.-
Water supply	98,438.-
Plantations	34,000.-
Livestock	8,000.-
Equipment and furniture	102,000.-
Agricultural machinery and tools.....	35,000.-
Administration	35,000.-