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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

55 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 10th, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

It is of interest to us to know whether you are going to be in Cincinnati during the meeting of the conference of Reform Rabbis. If you are going to be there, would it be possible for you to speak at a Zionist meeting arranged for either Thursday, April 3rd, or Monday April 7th?

We understand that nothing particular has been arranged by the conference on these dates and therefore, a Zionist meeting could easily be provided. We have hopes that Dr. Wise and Dr. Heller of New Orleans will also be at this meeting to deliver addresses.

If you can possibly do so, will you please inform us by wire whether you can be counted on to be in Cincinnati on the dates mentioned, for this purpose?

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky
SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION.

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Telegraphed, March 14th, 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
55 - 5th Avenue, New York City.

Shall be pleased to participate in Cincinnati Mass Meeting,
in April. (Signed) A. H. Silver

March 10th,,1919.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
Secretary, American Zionist Organization,
55-Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky,

I take the liberty of writing to you regarding the local situation in the Zionist circles.

You came here, I understand, with the hope of strengthening the organization and of assisting, as far as possible, the men who have been in charge of the local organization for the last few months. They find that the results of your visit have not tallied with your hopes. I am told that Mr. Wohl, the Secretary, has handed in his resignation, and that the local organization faces complete demoralization.

I have followed the work of Mr. Wohl for the last two or three months, and I find that he has accomplished more and has planned better than any other executive of the local Zionist Organization. You have refused him financial support, without which it is impossible for him to continue his work. The present local Restoration Campaign thereby comes to a sudden halt. There is no one here to continue the work and I believe that you have sacrificed twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

I suggest to you, Mr. Lipsky, that you urge upon Mr. Wohl to remain in office and continue the work, and that you send him immediate financial help to tide over ~~the period~~ ^{the period} until the local district is self-sustaining. ~~sustaining.~~

The interest of the Zionist work here in Cleveland compels me to write this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

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55 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 13, 1919.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East Fifty-Fifth Street and Central,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Replying to yours of the 10th:

I hope that you do not think that the action taken with regard to the Cleveland Zionist District was hastily conceived and executed. It was clear to us for several months that the Organization in Cleveland was going at a rate far beyond the means at its disposal. According to our Constitution, we have no right to subsidize the District organizations. We have authority to establish Bureaus in conjunction with Districts only in such cities where these Bureaus are in a position, with local assistance, to do Zionist propaganda and Organization work in neighboring cities. From the quality of the Zionist leadership in Cleveland, it was clear to us that we could not hope for this extra service outside of Cleveland - that the District workers would have enough to do to take care of the Zionist interests in Cleveland alone. Under these circumstances it was absolutely necessary that the District of Cleveland keep within its expected income. This it has not been doing. The Cleveland District has already absorbed every cent of the membership dues to which it is entitled. It has also absorbed \$375 which we have advanced on behalf of the Palestine Restoration Fund. It has also expended \$500 which we have advanced as a loan, and, in addition thereto, there is a deficit of \$1000 which remains to be paid. Under these circumstances, it seems to us very clear that the District could not maintain a paid secretary and a paid assistant secretary and stenographer and carry on a large number of enterprises that involve expenditure of money.

I therefore suggested to the District Committee that Mr. Wohl remain as secretary without compensation; that the assistant secretary be asked to resign, and that the actual clerical work of the District be carried on by a competent clerk and stenographer, with the assurance given to me by a number of the members of the District Committee that each one of them

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Rabbi A. H. Silver

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would individually give personal service to some particular Zionist activity. I understand that Mr. Wohl can very easily secure a position as a Hebrew teacher. He is unmarried and he is a devoted Zionist. Therefore, if Mr. Wohl will act as a volunteer secretary; Mr. Kaplan will act in certain Zionist matters with which he is familiar; Mr. Gara will act in either membership or Palestine Restoration Fund; Mr. A. Simon will take care of either membership or Restoration Fund and Mr. Cohen to interest himself in the clerical management of the office - ~~un~~ Zionist affairs in Cleveland can be very well provided for.

Mr. Wohl agreed at a meeting of the District Committee to remain as the volunteer secretary. Mrs. Biskind, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Gara, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Kolinsky, and Mrs. Garber have agreed to give their personal attention to Zionist affairs. I think it much more advisable to operate under these conditions than to make arrangements here for subventioning the Cleveland Office to an extent which is far beyond our means. It certainly is to our advantage to wait and see how this new arrangement will develop.

I need not tell you that I appreciate very much the interest you take in Zionist work in Cleveland, and hope that you will be able to look over the situation now and again and tell us how things are getting along.

Very cordially yours,

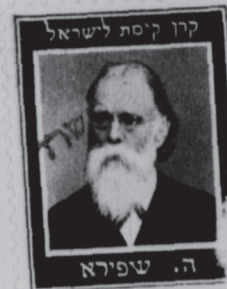
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55 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 18th, 1919.

Mr. Abraham Kolinsky,
713 Society For Savings Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kolinsky:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram informing us of the fact that the Palestine Resolution was adopted by the Ohio State. The Organization is under great obligations to you for the energetic and prompt attention you have given to this important matter.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held last Sunday, after considerable discussion, it was agreed that our next convention should be held in the middle west, preferably Chicago, sometime during the month of September. This action was taken in view of the fact that you have written to us saying that you thought the Cleveland Zionists were not prepared for the holding of a convention this year. I am very sorry that we had to take this action. There were also a number of important reasons why we felt the convention should be held in Chicago.

I hope you will see to it that the campaign for new members starts on schedule time. If you need any advertisements in the Cleveland Jewish ~~World~~ please let us know, or if there is anything else that we can do to help you, please inform us. It is very important that this campaign be carried on, for otherwise you may not be able to secure the payment of the second dollar of the membership dues.

In the hope of the New Zion,

Very cordially yours,

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SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION.