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PALESTINE RESTORATION FUND

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55 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 8, 1920.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silber,
c/o Temple Emanuel,
Central Avenue and 55th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silber:

I am enclosing copy of a letter received by me today
from Mr. Louis Goldring, chairman of the Buffalo Zionist District.

If you are going to be in Buffalo on Sunday evening,
January 11, it might be advisable for you to talk this matter over with
Rabbi Kopald and his committee to see whether something could not be
done to create harmony and good feeling between the Zionist element and
the reform Jewish element. I think that both the Jewish Relief and
the Palestine Restoration Fund would be served if something were done in
Buffalo to modify Rabbi Kopald's alleged antagonism to Orthodox Jews.

In the hope of the New Zion, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky
SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION.

LL/kr

January
7th,
1920.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
55th & 5th Aves.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

The Buffalo District is preparing for the Restoration Fund Drive, but has met a serious situation, which I wish to explain.

The Rabbi of the Reform element in Buffalo is Louis J. Kopald, who has made a special effort to be anti-Zionistic. He is the leader of his community and whatever he does or says his congregation follows him.

The result, in my opinion, is that there is an organized effort to counteract any Zionist propaganda.

It seems advisable, inasmuch as Rabbi Silver is coming here for the opening of the Jewish War Relief Campaign Sunday evening, January 11th, that he be acquainted with the situation, as there is grave danger of the Zionist movement being seriously hurt by the attitude taken by Rabbi Louis Kopald and his committee on the Jewish War Relief Campaign.

Rabbi Wein and a committee of the Buffalo Zionist District asked for opportunity to discuss the advisability of having a joint drive for the Jewish War Relief and the Zionist Restoration Fund. Such a conference was absolutely refused.

This, together with the fact that Rabbi Kopald has made some slurring remarks from the pulpit regarding Orthodox Jews, has caused an undercurrent of feeling in the Jewish community regarding Rabbi Kopald and the members of his congregation, which include the prominent members of the Jewish War Relief Campaign Committee.

It appears that this Jewish War Relief Campaign may be a partial failure in Buffalo, and already Rabbi Kopald has made the statement, and there is grave danger of his spreading the impression that the Zionists will be responsible for such a failure, if any occurs.

The spreading of such an impression you will realize, will seriously hurt the Zionist cause in Buffalo. We have failed to make any announcement of the coming Zionist Restoration Fund Drive, or to give any publicity whatsoever to the cause of this, fearing that the failure of the Jewish War Relief Campaign will be attributed to the Zionists.

I, as well as the committee and Executive Board, will do all in our power to counteract any such impression by working in the Jewish War Relief Campaign. We are working and intend to devote a great deal of our time and effort toward making the War Relief Campaign a success, but the undercurrent of feeling by the Orthodox elements in the city against Rabbi Louis J. Kopald on account of his slurring statements regarding Orthodox Jews, as well as his stand against the Zionist movement, which has resulted in many of our people refusing to work with him on this War Relief Campaign.

You can readily see that for the opening of the Restoration Fund Campaign in Buffalo we will require not only the strongest man available, but, in my opinion, the strongest man of the Reform element available to counteract the influence of Rabbi Kopald.

Rabbi Silver probably would be about the best man for the opening of the Restoration Fund Campaign. Perhaps at the opening of the Jewish War Relief Campaign the coming Sunday, Rabbi Silver may have an opportunity in coming to Buffalo and speaking - either at the dinner or prior to the dinner with some of the members of the Jewish War Relief Campaign to counteract any impression that the Zionists are opposing in any way the success of the Jewish War Relief Drive.

At least I feel that Rabbi Silver ought to be acquainted with the situation, and if you think it advisable, I am enclosing herewith a copy of this letter to you, which you can send on to him special delivery, in order to reach him before he leaves Cleveland for the Buffalo meeting on Sunday evening.

If you have any suggestions to make with reference to the above, I will greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Samuel G. Green

March 25th, 1920

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
55 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky,

I understand you are considering Cleveland for your next Convention. Personally, I feel that it would not be advisable to hold the Convention here.

In May we shall have the Constitution Grand Lodge, Independent Order B'nai B'rith meet here. This I understand, judging from the vast preparations that are taking place here, will be a very large Convention and will practically exhaust the City's enthusiasm for Conventions.

In the second place, I do not feel that we have a sufficiently strong organization to handle this convention successfully. We found during the Palestine Restoration drive that we have a few earnest, enthusiastic workers that can be counted on, and no more.

I would not feel, from my knowledge of the situation here, justified in recommending that the convention be held ~~here~~. *in Cleveland*

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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RABBI A H SILVER

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DOCTOR ISRAEL RAPPAPORT BUDAPEST ARRIVED THIS WEEK

PLEASE INFORM US WHEN DOCTOR RAPPAPORT COULD VISIT CLEVELAND
FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS AMONG HUNGARIAN JEWS

ADVISE US WHETHER D GARA COULD BE OF USE

LOUIS LIPSKY

Think it would be advisable for Dr. Rappaport to visit
Cleveland. Would suggest that he get in touch with

Mr. Rucker and Dr. Goldman.

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