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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

BEVERLYHILLS HOTEL

SPOKE TO MCDONALD WHO PROMISED CABLE DAVIS HAVE
CABLES ISRAEL RE ACCOMMODATIONS NOSHE SHAPIRO IN ATLANTIC
CITY NEXT WEEK BUT WILLING COME IN MONDAY TO MEET YOU I FEAR
ZOA LUNCHEON WILL TAKE UP YOUR PRECIOUS TIME THAT DAY TO NO
PARTICULAR PURPOSE PLEASE ADVISE REGARDS

NEUMANN

ZOA

1146A

August 25, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
300 Central Park West
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you for the clippings which you have sent me. I am enclosing here the clipping of a letter which a Mr. Samuel Fishman sent to the Haboker along with his letter explaining it.

The report in the JTA of the Ben Gurion - Blaustein exchange of pronouncements is most interesting. This Ben Gurion can certainly whistle many tunes simultaneously, with all the sweet tunes reserved for the non-Zionists and all the strident and truculent ones for the Zionists.

Has anyone spoken to Mr. Weinberg about heading off the fund for our Congress activities? That should be done at once. Mr. Rosenbaum telephoned me yesterday and said that our friends in France were pressing for some funds to be used in their campaign and also to send a representative to North Africa. Perhaps some money can be advanced to them.

I believe that you should plan to visit Latin America. The money will somehow be found, but it takes some time to make preparations at both ends. I think, too, that a letter should be sent to the General Zionists in the various Latin American countries from which delegates are likely to be sent to the Congress or will be entitled to send delegates, to keep in touch with us before they make any decisions.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
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Via Air Mail

Ed. Hefter

EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
MURRAY HILL 7-6237

August 25, 1950

Dear Abba,

Regarding ZOA and Congress matters, the present is one of those critical moments requiring immediate action - tactful but firm.

I just had a long talk with Margoshes who tells me that he is trying to persuade Browdy to agree to the right kind of composition for the Committee on Congress Affairs and hopes he will succeed. On the other hand, Browdy wants to postpone appointing a committee until his return from Israel. That will not be until the middle of September and such postponement will therefore mean that a whole month would go by without even preliminary work being done. Moreover it is of vital importance that the National Executive Committee meet as soon after Browdy's return as possible because our list of delegates must be handed in by the end of September. If the NEC does not meet, the list will not be passed by any competent body and in that situation no one can guarantee what kind of list will emerge. It is therefore essential that the Congress Committee start working and planning at once.

Furthermore there is urgent need for a few thousand dollars to be placed at the disposal of the committee, if appointed, so that it can take care of at least the most pressing matters - and there are such! We cannot, for instance, extend the immediate help required by the French Zionists or plan to send me or anyone else to Argentina and Mexico, or to take further immediate steps without having a few thousand dollars to begin with; and we cannot wait until we have raised that purse. Because of the fact that there will be no elections in this country, the ZOA has been spared the necessity of spending tens of thousands of dollars. Therefore even in its present financial circumstances the ZOA can well afford to advance to the committee, say ten thousand dollars, or at the very least, an initial sum of five thousand dollars. This would enable it to get started and encourage its members to make a systematic effort to raise larger purse.

I quite understand that it is inconvenient for Browdy to take such action now, on the eve of his departure for Israel, where he would like to appear as a friend of - everybody. But the risk of any further postponement of action is too great. As it is, if the Congress should be held as scheduled, in December, we have very little time indeed. But even if it is postponed, the election of delegates in the various countries will be held in the coming weeks and there is therefore not a day to be lost.

Under the circumstances, Margoshes suggests, and I support the suggestion, that you telephone Browdy and get him to do the following:

- ① a. Appoint a committee prior to his departure.
- b. Instruct Barbarash to take orders from the "Congress committee" regarding editorial policy and material to be published on matters related to the coming Congress (including inter-party questions), ~~from the Congress Committee~~. The next issue, due to appear in September, should reflect this new spirit.
- ④ c. Browdy should announce to the Inner Committee on Monday evening that he will appoint a Congress Committee and get approval for an allowance of at least five thousand dollars for the committee, (if he needs the approval of the Inner Committee for this purpose).
- ② d. He must fix the date of the meeting of the National Executive Committee now, by agreement with you and Mortimer ~~may~~ and cause the notices to go out.
- ③

In my judgment his cooperation in implementing this program is the test of the sincerity of his protestations to you. If he leaves without doing these things, we will know that he is giving us "the slip". That would be small comfort. We ought to be able to make him come through now and a telephone call from you, would probably settle matters. I cannot urge these considerations too strongly.

Apart from that there are certain other matters:

⑤ 1. Confederation of General Zionists. Israel Goldstein will attend the meeting of the Inner Committee, Monday night to urge the return of the ZOA to full participation, and a financial appropriation toward the administrative budget of the Confederation. Since I cannot attend this meeting, I have advised Browdy and Margoshes that no action should be taken by the Inner Committee other than to refer the question of our relations with the Confederation to a sub-committee - preferably to the Congress Committee, where it really belongs. I pointed out that the present financial stringency in the ZOA is sufficient ground for making no appropriation to the Confederation at the moment; but that even if we had the money, there are many questions which have to be asked and answered before we give the money. If you speak with Browdy, as I hope you will, before the Inner Committee meeting, I hope you will support this view.

2. September 3 Conference on UJA. I understand that the ZOA Delegation, if it goes, is to consist of Bill Sylk of

Philadelphia, Albert Schiff and perhaps Weinberg, though it is doubtful whether he will be able to go. I have suggested to Browdy that there are certain things which he or the ZOA Delegation should say:

- Martin*
- a. Reject and repudiate Montor's renewed assertions that the Zionists and ZOA members are not supporting the Funds.
 - b. Point out that the 40% representation given to the Welfare Funds in the UPA had not helped matters and that the representatives of the Welfare Funds actually have taken almost no interest in UPA meetings. All that was accomplished was to diminish the prestige of the Zionist Organizations.
 - c. If more intensive effort on the part of organized Zionists on behalf of the UJA is wanted, then the relations between the ZOA and the fund-raising institutions should be reviewed and plans be agreed upon which, if carried out, would ensure more enthusiastic collaboration than in the past. The ZOA must therefore reserve for itself the right to raise this point and discuss it in New York with the appropriate bodies (the plenary session of the Agency Executive has been announced to take place in New York in October).

To Margoshes I suggested that Browdy should not leave New York without having in his pocket a prepared statement for the Israel press upon his arrival there. Margoshes agreed, said that he would prepare such a statement and that it would be based upon the statement of principles adopted at our last Convention, plus the resolution referring to yourself. Let us hope that Browdy will actually make such a statement there.

I will be home tomorrow and part of the time on Sunday, if it should be necessary to reach me and will be, of course, available on Monday.

I hope you have found everything okay in Cleveland.

As ever,

Yours,

Emanuel

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

P.S. Upon further reflection it seems to me most risky to let Browdy go to Israel without having someone at his side to advise him, to make the right kind of contacts and above all, counteract the unceasing, intensive propaganda and manipulation to which he would be exposed. There will be a terrific concentration upon him, on the part of Government, Agency, Progressives, etc.. Without at least one such man, he will most certainly be influenced and taken captive.

Margoshes would go, provided Browdy took him along as a member of the Delegation. Failing that, Manson should go, though Browdy would probably reject that suggestion, out-of-hand. Perhaps Torczyner should be made a member of the Delegation. As a last resort I would have Ilutovich, who is now on a visit to Israel, requested by Browdy to serve as secretary to himself and the Delegation and to make contacts for him, handle the press, etc. Even that would be better than nothing, for I could give instructions to Ilutovich from here to see to it that Browdy is seen and influenced by as many of our friends as possible. He could also influence him, although maybe slightly, in the kind of statements that he would make. If this is not taken care of, it will be Monosson, et al, who will tote him around, badgering and cajoling him into doing and saying what they wish. *WE may in that case get some unpleasant "surprises"...*

This is one of those small but vital things that have to be watched. It will certainly be best if Margoshes were to go. Perhaps you ought to discuss this with Browdy also. It is going to be a big telephone bill anyway. -"ג' דעו פאר ער"

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Friday, Sept 1, '50

Dear Abba,

In the usual last minute rush I couldn't phone you again yesterday as I intended. — The flight has been good & even pleasant. To offset Montor, Feinberg et al. there are some nice people in the party like Boris Kargolin, Ralph W. Schuler, etc. On the whole I can't grasp the principle underlying the selection & composition of the group. ^{Bob Nathan}

I will keep in touch with you, of course. At the meeting in Jerusalem I intend to speak up & get some things off my chest.

Please consult me on possible dates for the meeting of the N. E. C. as I understood

mayster finally got that letter
signed by Browdy & mailed to you.
~~Not~~ ~~not~~ mit mazel!

I'm enclosing an editorial
from Haaretz which Gustav Schocken
sent me after I sent him your ^{convention} speech
and other material. It's very good. Please return
it to my office.
The other day, in connection with
the forthcoming consultations in Jerusalem
there was a strong editorial in Haboker —
a "piffin". Unfortunately, I haven't got
it here.

I'll be at the King David Hotel
probably till Wednesday, after which
I can be addressed at the Gat Rivon
in Tel Aviv.

my love to Virginia,

as ever yours

Emmanuel

EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

September 20, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Margoshes was in to see me yesterday and we had a preliminary talk about the work of the committee. We also discussed briefly the UPA chairmanship. Margoshes said that in addition to Sonneborn he had heard two other names mentioned - Monosson and Israel Goldstein. We both agreed that in the circumstances Sonneborn was the most likely candidate and that it would probably be next to impossible for us to secure the election of one of our own people, especially since there was no candidate we could put forward, sufficiently outstanding to successfully challenge Sonneborn's claim. The ZOA is today a minority in the UPA and the ZOA administration itself will probably not support our candidate if we put him forward. In the circumstances it seems to me that the utmost we may be able to accomplish is to get one of our people elected as chairman of the Board of Directors, with Sonneborn as the national chairman. The chairmanship of the Board I would like to secure for Abe Goodman. Even that may be very difficult to accomplish and certainly impossible, if Browdy should be against it. It may be that Sonneborn himself and his UJA friends may approve of Goodman, who is in their own class as a "big giver" and community leader, and in that case it would of course be a simple matter.

What is your thinking on the whole subject? If you agree with me, then perhaps the next step would be for you to take it up with Browdy. I could discuss the UPA situation informally with Sonneborn and make soundings.

Yesterday's funeral was rather impressive. Israel Goldstein delivered the eulogy and did it very well. I met Sharett and Eban there and the latter told me he would like to have a talk with me. We may have that talk during the coming week-end.

I am enclosing copy of a letter I received from Elias Sourasky, probably the most important Zionist contributor and money raiser in Mexico City, who had gone to Israel with a view to investing a lot of money and establishing a Mortgage Bank there. The letter speaks for itself.

Do let me know as soon as possible, when you are planning your committee meeting.

I am trying to take care of the two matters you referred to me.

To you, Virginia and the boys, my best wishes for

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As ever,

Yours,

Samuel



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ELIAS SOURASKY

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MEXICO, D.F.

Mexico, September 11, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann,

On the occasion of the coming year I want to send to you and your family my best wishes, in the name of Mrs. Sourasky and myself, for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

When I came back from Israel I called you up and they told me that you were on vacation. I am sorry that I missed you at that time, because I wanted to give my impressions about my visit to Israel.

I can only tell you in a few words that Israel is not for all the Jews. The way it seems to me, Israel was formed only for one group.

I hope it will not take long before the Government will see the mistakes that they are making, and changes will come, whereby the freedom of Israel will be for all the people of Israel, when the Government will rule on a democratic basis and there will be equal rights for all of us.

I hope that this letter will find you in good health and strength, to be able to fulfill our ideals to make Israel a strong and prosperous country.

With Zionist Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Elias Sourasky

New York, November 6, 1950

Dear Abba,

I am afraid it has become clear that we will be unable to continue with a "Browdy" administration after the next Convention. I had a long talk with him at lunch last week, in the course of which he said; "I want to continue neutral as long as possible."

It is not hard to understand his position. He is willing to go along with us to a limited extent, i.e. up to the point where it involves a real fight with the "powers that be" in the Agency and in the Government of Israel. As it is, he is getting and believes he will continue to get all that he wants from them. He is well received and flattered. He attends all meetings of the Agency Executive (though he does not usually report to his constituents about these meetings). He expects to be elected a member of the Executive at the next Congress. He figures prominently at the conferences, is photographed with prominent people. What more does he want and what can he expect to gain by figuring as an "oppositionist"? What happens or may happen to the ZOA ~~as~~ or the Movement, is, I am sure, a very secondary consideration in his mind. He is perfectly happy with Goldmann, Rose Halperin, et al and has no intention of seriously jeopardizing his position with them. The rumor is that he has even promised Goldmann and Lipsky either one-third or ten places on the ZOA Delegation.

As we approach the Congress our position is likely to become somewhat ridiculous and even dangerous with the President of the ZOA playing his own game. We may have most disagreeable and humiliating experiences.

I am afraid the only safe course to follow is to have an early Convention - the earlier, the better - and well in advance of the Congress - and elect a new President. We will then have a strong consolidated group, firm and united; and not run the risks we would run with Browdy. Imagine a critical moment at the Congress or on its eve, with the President of the ZOA making a statement or a step betraying our position. No matter how the list of our delegates will be made up, there are bound to be some who will want to go along with him if he is the President and is to continue in that office. It is really an intolerable thought that we should have to worry about what our own President is likely to do or say and there is no need to be in that position. He will have served four months of the unexpired term of Dan Frisch and another year of his own. That should be enough!

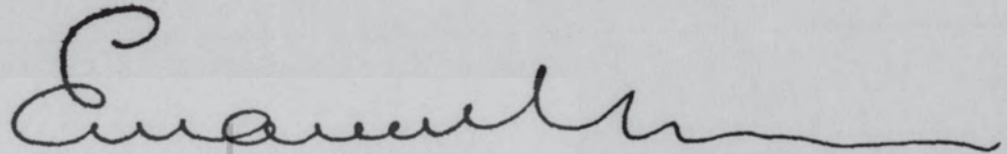
If that is so, then we will have to begin to prepare well in advance and before he begins to solicit and secure commitments from our people regarding his re-election. That his re-election is on his mind is clear and he told me so. Now one might think that because he wants to be re-elected he would follow your leadership, knowing that our group commands the majority in the ZOA. But here we come up against his particular mentality. I think that for all his protestations about being a plain businessman who does not understand politics, he regards himself in his own heart, as a very clever politician and believes he can manage to "eat his cake and have it" - to retain our support while playing along with the others. If he were wise and not merely shrewd he would realize the impossibility of doing so. If he were wise, it would be much easier to deal with him. But because he is too shrewd and not wise enough, it is most difficult to work with him. By constant vigilance and a running "tug-of-war", by a combina-

tion of cajolement and pressure, we can manage to get certain things done, but it is a heartbreaking business for all of us here and would probably not work out at critical moments in the future, as it has not worked in certain critical situations until now. I am not even sure that he does not attend the meetings of our Committee in order to know what we are up to and report about it to Goldmann. He got the presidency last time, purely by default and he will get it again that way, unless we act betimes. I feel above all, that the man who will be in office as President of the ZOA at the time of the Congress, should be one who will speak our language and work fully and honestly with us. It is ridiculous to have anything else.

I have written to our friends in England. Have also written to Weinberg to try and secure the names and addresses of all General Zionist delegates elected on the Continent.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



EN:BW



Emanuel Neumann

EMANUEL NEUMANN
749 WEST END AVENUE X 521-5th Ave.
NEW YORK

November 24, 1950

Dear Abba,

I have just had a talk with Margoshes about the "Lipsky Crisis". His position is as follows:

If we had a strong candidate to succeed Lipsky, one who could be elected with a comfortable majority; if we could take over the Council and if we could be assured of an adequate budget from the Agency and non-interference - then it would be worthwhile to go ahead. Since these conditions do not exist, it would be better to substitute for the Council a loose, consultative and coordinating committee which means to let the Council die. That would at least have the advantage of leaving the ZOA that much freer with respect to public relations work and political action.

I think there is considerable force to this line of reasoning. In any case it does not seem to me worthwhile to become greatly exercised over the plight of the Council, and involved in the present internal bickerings. Perhaps the thing to do is to employ the present crisis to point out to our people and to the public, how badly the Agency has handled the whole affair, reducing a great institutions to lifeless pulp. Of course the risk is that Nachum Goldmann will use the disappearance of the Council as justification for extending the powers and functions of the Agency by taking over the American Christian Palestine Committee, etc.. The money will continue to be spent but by the Agency directly, rather than by the Council.

Jacques reports that he discussed, at my suggestion, with the leaders of the Zionist Organization of Canada, the idea of a meeting between them and the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs, under your chairmanship, and that they have gladly assented. Since you are due here on Sunday, December 3, perhaps such a meeting can take place on that day or the following day, Monday, in New York. I am scheduled to be in Miami for the annual conference of the Southeastern Region, but the meeting with the Canadians should not be deferred for that reason. It should be held as soon after the election victory as possible. The meeting should be devoted chiefly to exploring possibilities for a firm alliance between the ZOA and ZOC in the field of world Zionist affairs. If they are in substantial agreement with us, they may be invited to have a representative attend meetings of your committee regularly and report back to his constituents. *What do you think?*

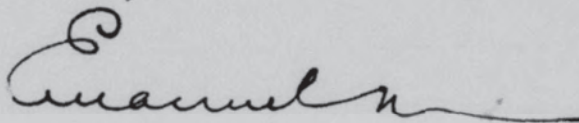
I have learned from Mr. Falk that the ZOA has already given the Confederation of General Zionists, a check for \$10,000.00 as a down payment on the sum of \$20,000.00 which had been promised to them by Browdy. The practical justification for this, is the sum of \$150,000.00 which the ZOA is getting from the Confederation (in addition to the \$350,000.00) for its projects in Israel - a slice of it to be paid here in "dollars". According to Falk, the \$20,000.00 to the Confederation is included in the draft budget of the ZOA which includes also the sum of

\$5,000.00 for your committee. When I expressed surprise at the smallness of the appropriation for the committee, he said he understood this is all that was asked for. I thereupon requested him to let me have a copy of the draft budget, which has not yet been actually voted upon by the National Executive Committee or even by the Finance Committee or Inner Committee. I find it hard to accept the position that while Goldstein-Goldmann and Company are getting \$20,000.00 from the ZOA, to strengthen their position among General Zionists, a much smaller amount is placed at our disposal and we are forced to go out "shnorrng". There is no good reason why we should not receive from the ZOA at least as much as the ZOA gives the Confederation.

Elias Epstein has written a good article on the outcome of the elections in Israel, which is being widely used in various languages. He has also translated the Haaretz editorial of November 16, at my request and we are trying to make good use of that too.

As ever,

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:EW



XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 521-5th Ave.

December 7, 1950

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th Street
New York City

Dear Israel:

With further reference to the Mexican situation which I discussed with you on the telephone last week, I have now received a copy of the letter sent to you by the Zionist Organization of Mexico, dated November 29 with enclosures.

I think you will agree with me that this material clears up the situation satisfactorily. The following facts emerge quite clearly:

1. The projected campaign of the Zionist Organization of Mexico in no way duplicates the KKK. It is not intended for the support of any projects in Israel.
2. It is intended primarily, if not exclusively, to provide funds for the legitimate needs of the Zionist Organization of Mexico, including educational and cultural activities, propaganda, etc.. It is therefore analogous to the American Zionist Fund collected annually by the Zionist Organization of America.
3. Earlier this year the Jewish Agency, through Baruch Zukerman, gave its official sanction to a fund raised by the Poale-Zion in Mexico for Party purposes in Mexico and other countries, including Israel. In these circumstances, it would be both unfair, unjust and futile to attempt to prohibit the General Zionists of Mexico to raise a fund for their own legitimate needs.

From the point of view of the Agency, it would be making a great mistake in attempting to oppose this effort on the part of an organization which is the back-bone of the United Israel Campaign and whose goodwill is so essential to its success in 1951.

From the point of view of the Confederation it would be an even more serious error to interfere. The Z.O. of Mexico has been, as I understand, cooperating loyally and in a friendly manner with the Confederation. It has secured the inclusion of the KKK in the United Campaign. It has published pamphlets by Moshe Kol and yourself. It has been trying to strengthen the position of General Zionism in every possible way.

Now the suspicion is growing in their minds that the reason their present campaign is being challenged by the Agency and the Confederation is that they have displayed an ideological trend toward Hatzionim Clalin rather than toward the Progressives. Even if that should be the case, it is not yet a crime, even in the Confederation as now constituted.

Permit me to add an expression of my opinion that in the light of the letter you have received from them, it would be a great mistake on your part personally to interfere with their effort or discourage it. That would produce nothing but ill-will and resentment toward you personally, as well as toward the administration of the Confederation as a whole. You have always insisted in your capacity as President you are maintaining a neutral position. It will be most difficult to reconcile that with any further attempt to suppress this campaign. On the contrary it seems to me that as head of the Confederation you ought to welcome and encourage every such initiative on the part of a local Zionist Organization, revealing such a deep interest in the fate of General Zionism and such a determination to strengthen it.

It is equally clear that the Confederation has no jurisdiction whatever in a matter of this kind. It can no more object to their raising a Mexican Zionist Fund than it can object to the ZOA's action in raising an American Zionist Fund. The Organizations connected with the Confederation never surrendered their independence and sovereign rights - certainly not the right to finance their own activities. The Confederation would never attempt to interfere with the policies of the ZOA or Hadassah in this respect or with those of smaller organizations like the English Zionist Federation or the Zionist Organization of Canada and cannot arrogate to itself greater rights as against smaller or weaker organizations. In the one instance where action on the local scene was of supreme interest and consequence to the World Confederation as a whole - the case of Israel - the Confederation, instead of using all of its power and authority to prevent an action most harmful to the Cause of General Zionism everywhere, actually encouraged the split and then rewarded the dissidents both financially and politically.

In the case of Mexico it would, in my opinion, be unwise and dangerous for the Confederation to oppose a legitimate activity on the part of the local Zionist Organization. It would only ~~injure~~ *embitter* and alienate them. Even if, as you seem to think, they may use a part of their Fund to develop their contacts with other organizations and groups of General Zionists in other countries, or send them their newspaper or other material, they would be entirely within their rights in doing so, as is the ZOA when it subsidizes the Zionist Information Service or maintains contact by other means, with other Zionist organizations.

Actually, I believe this long argument on my part is unnecessary, for the correspondence must have clarified the situation for you, as it has, for me. You will, I hope, agree with me, that after the explanation contained in the correspondence, the Confederation has no ground for objecting to the Campaign, but should, on the contrary, encourage it.

Cordially yours,

EN:EW

Emanuel Neumann

December 11, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing herewith some items which I thought might be of interest to you. The article of Cole is quite revealing. The efforts of Israel Goldstein in connection with the fund of the Maxican Zionists is likewise a complete give-away. The gentleman is cunning and ruthless.

We are going to have a meeting of our Congress Committee next Monday and there are quite a number of important matters to come up. I trust that you will be there.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS ASSOCIATION, INC.



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CABLE ADDRESS: TOURCLUB NEWYORK

DECEMBER 8, 1950

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
TEMPLE
EAST 105TH STREET AND ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER,

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF THE CHARTER OF THE ISRAEL
TOURING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (ITCA), OUTLINING ITS
ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATING IT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL
TOURING CLUBS, JERUSALEM.

AS WE COMMENCE OUR ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY, WE ARE MOST
DESIROUS OF HAVING THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF ALL
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM TO ISRAEL.
CONSEQUENTLY, WE RESPECTFULLY EXTEND TO YOU THE INVITATION
TO BE ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE HONORARY COMMITTEE OF THE
ITCA, WHICH IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED.

WE HOPE FOR YOUR AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

MIRON J. SHESKIN

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*What is this?
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HOTEL OLIVER CROMWELL
12 WEST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 21, 1950

MR. MIRON J. SHESKIN
ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS ASSOCIATION
38 EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. SHESKIN,

THIS IS TO CONFIRM, ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS, OUR ARRANGEMENT, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS ASSOCIATION (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ITCA) IS TO FUNCTION IN THE UNITED STATES AS THE AFFILIATE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ISRAEL.

THE ITCA IS TO BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS, AS FORMULATED IN ITS STATUTE, AND THE PURPOSES DEFINED THEREIN.

THE AIMS INCLUDE:

1. ORGANIZING TOURIST EXCURSIONS, SIGHTSEEING CRUISES AND SPORT EVENTS IN ISRAEL.
2. PROMOTING ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC BODIES AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN ORDER TO CREATE FACILITIES FOR ITS TOURISTS.
3. OBTAINING SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATION, ETC., OF REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ITCA.
4. PUBLISHING PAMPHLETS, MAPS, GUIDE BOOKS, ETC., AIMING TO DEVELOP THE ISRAEL TOURING INDUSTRY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ITCA IS A NON-PROFIT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING AND FACILITATING TRAVEL TO ISRAEL BY COMMON EFFORT AND IN THE INTEREST OF ITS MEMBERS.

THE ITCA IS TO BE CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ELECTED AT A GENERAL MEETING.

THE ITCA IS NOT TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SELLING TICKETS, EXCEPT TO ORGANIZE EXCURSIONS, SIGHTSEEING CRUISES, ETC., FOR ITS OWN MEMBERS, WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE AIMS, AS STATED IN THE STATUTE.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ITCA WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE TOURING CLUBS IN ISRAEL, WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GIVEN TO FOREIGN MEMBERS, EXCEPT VOTING RIGHTS, UNLESS THE MEMBERS SETTLE IN ISRAEL OR REMAIN THERE FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ITCA WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE USE OF THE CLUB FACILITIES OF THE CLUBS IN ISRAEL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ITCA HAVE THE OPTION OF JOINING THE ISRAEL AUTOMOBILE CLUB ON SPECIAL TERMS ACCORDED TO MEMBERS OF THE TOURING CLUBS IN ISRAEL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ITCA WILL BE ENTITLED TO USE THE PIN OF THE ASSOCIATION, SENT FROM ISRAEL, AND IF THEY JOIN THE ISRAEL AUTOMOBILE CLUBS, ALSO THE SPECIAL PLAQUE FOR THEIR AUTOMOBILE.

THE ITCA WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE ON ITS LETTERHEADS AND LITERATURE THAT IT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS. IT WILL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO HAVE A MEMBER, OR MEMBERS, ON THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS; AND THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL BE ENTITLED TO SIT AT THE MEETINGS OF THIS BOARD WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR PLAN OF FORMING SAVING GROUPS FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE ITCA TO ENABLE THEM TO VISIT ISRAEL IN ROTATION, OR ACCORDING TO A SYSTEM WHICH IS SUITABLE TO CONDITIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY.

THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES A CHARTER TO OPERATE IN THE UNITED STATES AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS, SUBJECT TO ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS. WE WELCOME THE INITIATIVE YOU HAVE TAKEN AND WE SHALL BE GLAD TO RENDER YOU EVERY ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING THE AIMS OF THE ISRAEL TOURING CLUBS ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA BY EVERY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL.

ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE ITCA THAT MAY BE OPENED IN THE UNITED STATES IS AUTOMATICALLY SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN THIS LETTER.

ANY CHANGES IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MUTUAL APPROVAL.

I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER AND YOUR AGREEMENT WITH ITS CONTENTS.

WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

MEIR GROSSMAN, CHAIRMAN
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December 20, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

A brief report on the meeting of the Confederation
Executive, Monday night:

As I had predicted, Goldmann and Rose Halprin opposed and fought bitterly against adopting any kind of resolution, however it might be phrased, expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the municipal elections. Of course they were equally opposed to any resolution on unity.

In my preliminary remarks I had also raised the issue about the re-allocation of KKK funds; they were opposed to that too. There was a very long and frank discussion. All of our people (including Dave Moskowitz) spoke up quite well. A brief but excellent statement was also made by Elias Epstein who was present.

Everybody recognized that the Confederation was possibly on the verge of breaking up. Goldmann was frank enough to say that if it were not for the overriding interest of the Movement at this moment, the adoption by the ZOA of its recent declaration would have been followed by a split in the ZOA.

Goldstein behaved very well. He kept pressing for a resolution or the appointment of a committee which would try to draft a resolution on the outcome of the elections, which could be accepted by both sides. He finally got into quite a wrangle with Mrs. Halprin over this question. The secretary, Karpman has just told me that Goldstein feels quite disgusted with Rose Halprin's attitude and behavior.

None of these matters ever came to a vote, though at one point Goldstein wanted to take a vote. I did not want a divided vote. It looked to me that we could have a bare majority but you could not be quite sure. Moreover I was afraid we might, in the end, get a "compromise" resolution which would be no good, so I said that though we had a majority, I did not want to have such a resolution adopted over the objections of a large minority. The only action which eventuated at the very end - and this was

after midnight - was to have the chair appoint a committee to examine the basic differences and difficulties within the Confederation with a view to the possibility of resolving ~~them~~ *them*. This, of course, means next to nothing. The word will now be going out through appropriate channels, that Goldmann-Rose Halprin are opposing any resolution by the Confederation calling for unity. We will try to make the most of it.

As you may have heard, the Shekel Board, which met yesterday, confirmed the previous decision that the deadline for handing in lists was February 15, and the final date for elections in this country, if any, would be March 1st.

A little side-line at Monday night's meeting was a brief discussion about a proposal to hold a meeting of the Actions Committee in Jerusalem in February. Goldstein and Hadassah seemed opposed to it as ~~inadvisable~~ *inadvisable* at this time, while Goldmann seemed to be favoring it. I have since heard that he plans to be in Israel ~~and to~~ *in February* participate in the Congress election campaign to help the Progressives.

More than ever, it is clear to me now that the most vital objective from our standpoint, is to ensure that we will command a majority within the bloc of General Zionist delegates to the Congress. If that happens, it is entirely possible that the Progressives will secede, leaving the control of the Confederation in our hands. That would not be so bad. It would give us control of the assets of the Confederation, including the KMK and put the Progressives in the wrong, in the eyes of "neutral" delegates, of whom there will be a fair number. On the other hand if we should find ourselves in the minority and should wish to secede, the same "neutrals" will not follow us but remain within the Confederation which will be taken over completely by the Progressives, and we will be in the position of "dissidents".


In view of these circumstances, every single General Zionist delegate is important and will be wooed by both sides. I am working hard to establish contact and relations with individual delegates in England and the European continent, as well as in Latin-America. The importance of the relative strength of the delegations of the Progressives and the General Zionist Party in Israel, is obvious.

As I see it now, our forces and the Progressives, may come to the Congress more or less evenly balanced, with the deciding power resting in a group of "neutrals", who may number ten or fifteen or twenty, out of a total of about one hundred twenty or so. These are all tentative figures, and for the present, more of a guess than a dependable calculation, but I think it is not far from the mark.

Since dictating the above, I had a long talk with Karpman of the Confederation office and got considerable inside information about the situation in various countries, as well as about Goldstein. It seems that he is so annoyed by the wholly negative attitude displayed by Rose Halprin and Goldmann at the meeting, that he let fall to Karpman that he intends to write something further - I suppose in connection with the elections and on the subject of unity. It seems that the elections in Israel have impressed him and he is probably preparing to veer his course somewhat in anticipation of the fact that we and the Israeli group may prove to be in the majority. In any case, I will try to get him to do certain things that are desirable from our standpoint. Certainly the more he talks and writes to General Zionists throughout the world about the victory in Israel and the need for unification - the better!

One of the things which Karpman told me was that without question, most of the Latin-American delegates elected, should be classified as "neutrals".

As ever,
Faithfully yours
Carmel

A circular stamp with the text "WRHS" and "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" around a central emblem.

December 26, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Someone sent me the enclosed article of Shragai. It is a good article and would, I believe, bear translation and publication for the New Palestine. It is such a complete vindication of the things we have said in the last few years. Unfortunately, it is now being said by others when so much damage has already been done.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

December 27, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you for your letter of December 20th reporting on the meeting of the Confederation on Monday night. I think it would have been wiser if the suggestion which was made at our Congress Committee meeting had been followed; namely, that no resolution expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the municipal elections should be introduced without sounding out the other side prior to the meeting and that such a resolution, if introduced, should be introduced by Dr. Goldstein as President of the Confederation.

I should like to caution you against Goldstein again, especially following the conversation with you this morning on the telephone. You say that "I will get him to do certain things that are desirable from our standpoint". You are deluding yourself. He will do only those things which are desirable from his standpoint. At the moment he is shaken by what took place in the municipal elections, and so, in keeping with his well-known tactics in the past, he will twist and veer and mark time. In the end he will betray you as he has done time and again in the past.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

P.S. Kol, who sent the S.O.S. to Goldstein to get the General Zionists to unite with the Progressive candidate in Jerusalem, was the one who, upon his recent return from America, delivered a vitriolic attack on the General Zionists of the United States and of Israel.

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December 27, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing a letter I have received from Dr. Rabinowicz, the author of the analytical volume on Weizmann's "Trial and Error" - and along with it, a copy of my reply. I suppose we could ship to him a number of pamphlets, official reports, etc., including also a copy of "Vision and Victory", but something more than that is needed and ought to be provided, namely, a memorandum of say eight or ten typewritten pages which would help Dr. Rabinowicz in preparing the new chapter.

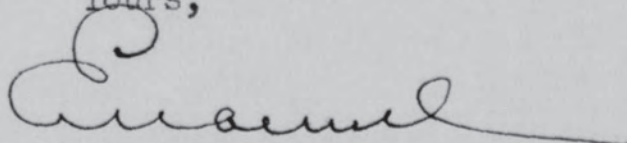
I am wondering whether Harold Manson can be persuaded to do both the preparation of the memorandum and the selection of the printed and mimeographed material to forward to London.

I think that if the suggestion or request came from you, he would do it even though it may mean extra overtime work. The alternative would be to commission someone else (like Ben-Horin) to do it, but that would involve an expense.

Have you any other suggestion as to how this can be handled?

As ever,

Yours,



EN:EW

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December 27, 1950

Dr. M. Rabinowicz
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London, N.W.3, England

Dear Dr. Rabinowicz:

I was very glad to have your letter of December 6th.

Sometime ago I received an autographed copy of your book and should have acknowledged its receipt with thanks, although, as a matter of fact, I did not have your address. I read your book with very great interest and was deeply impressed with the thoroughgoing, scholarly work which it evidently represents. An American edition is certainly called for, but I should like to point out, if I may, that in this country it is not sufficient to write and publish a worthwhile book. Its effect, and therefore its practical value, is likely to be minimal, unless a good deal of attention is devoted to what we call "promotion". That means the publication of many reviews, advertisements, newspaper publicity and other devices for bringing a book to the attention of the public. People in Europe and England are likely to underrate the importance - and in fact the absolute necessity of taking care of this aspect in the United States.

I am very glad that you contemplate adding a chapter on the events leading to the establishment of the State of Israel, especially as ^{they} took place on the American scene. However, I am afraid that I cannot help you very much. The work I have started has not advanced to the point where I could let you have material prepared by me. What I could do perhaps, is to arrange to have some official reports and published material sent on to you. That would meet your requirements only to a slight extent.

In Weizmann's autobiography there may be, and probably are some errors and inaccuracies with respect to this period, as there are in other parts of the book. But of course the gravest error consists in omission. Almost no note is taken of the immense labors put forward by American Zionists: the political offensive against anti-Zionist forces operating in the American Government; the winning of public opinion; influence and pressure exerted at strategic points, etc..

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But not only the contributions of American Zionists are virtually ignored - and certainly belittled: the same treatment is accorded to the part played by Israelis in winning the political battle.

I will try to send you such material as is available but I must repeat that you will find it quite inadequate.

Very sincerely yours,

EN:EW

Emanuel Neumann



January 3, 1951

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel;

Replying to your kind letter of December 27th, I am enclosing herewith some correspondence between myself and Mr. Ben-Horin on this very subject of Dr. Rabinowicz's volume on Weizmann's "Trial and Error". You will note from the correspondence that Ben-Horin was at the time of the writing of his letter, October 14, 1950, very much interested in doing the job himself. I have not had an opportunity of discussing the matter with him since. Perhaps you should get in touch with him yourself.

Manson is now busy getting up the Z.O.A. quarterly and I would not want to impose any additional responsibility on him.

By the way, how is your own book progressing - if at all?

At Friday's meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation for the bond issue, a planted move will undoubtedly be made to draft Morgenthau to head off the corporation. I do not suppose there is anything to be done to stop it, but surely our friends ought to abstain from voting and no leader of the Z.O.A. who is in official position should rise to propose the election of Morgenthau or Montor, or second it. I spoke to Margoshes this morning about contacting Browdy and he said that he would do it. I do not know who else of our friends will be there. If you know of any, it might be well to apprise them of the situation. I have sent no reply whatsoever to the letters inviting me to join the Board.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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January 4, 1951

Dear Abba:

I am returning the letter of Sheskin's of the Israel Touring Clubs Association. I inquired of Hammer, who tells me that the American Section of the Agency neither recognizes nor disapproves of it - despite the fact that there is a letter from Meier Grossman; and Hammer points out that Grossman signs his letter not as a Member of the Agency Executive but as Chairman of the Association of Israel Touring Clubs. Sheskin is, I believe, a Revisionist and a friend of Grossman's.

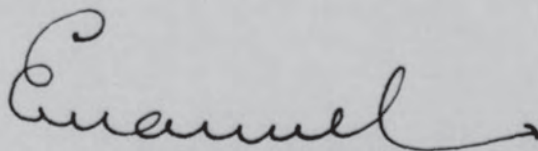
I also hear that the National Tourist Center of the Israeli Government in New York has issued something in the nature of a disavowal of this project. I don't know what else to say.

Replying to your letter of December 27 you may be entirely right about Dr. Goldstein and probably are. So far as my action at the last meeting of the Confederation, I think you have misunderstood my report. I did not introduce any resolution. The meeting had been called to consider what action if any, should be taken by the Confederation Executive in the light of the municipal elections. I made a few opening remarks pointing out the significance of the event and expressing the opinion that it should be capitalized to the utmost for strengthening the position of General Zionism in the world. The discussion continued from that point. Dr. Goldstein expressed himself in favor of adopting a resolution or statement, for the appointment of a committee to prepare and submit such a statement. His suggestion was vigorously opposed, particularly by Rose Halprin.

I am enclosing a recent hand-written letter from Dr. Peretz Bernstein, which kindly return.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



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Dear Abba:

In a letter which I have from Mortimer May, he states that the date of January 16 is under consideration for a meeting of the National Executive Committee. Do you know anything about it? I still think it is rather important to have a meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the meeting of the Administrative Council which will finally pass upon the list of delegates and chiefly for the following reason:

Once the National Executive (where we are strong) approves the list and the procedure by which it is composed, it will be so much harder for the Opposition to upset matters at the meeting of the Council, where it will be a matter of approving or disapproving the action of the Executive Committee. I would therefore urge that you settle with Browdy the matter of both dates so that it will be possible for you to be present on both occasions. There is no doubt in my mind that strong efforts will be put forward by the Opposition and we should be prepared - and as strong as possible - on both occasions.

As for the list itself, it will be a somewhat complicated affair. We must be vitally interested not merely in thirty-six names but at least in sixty or seventy of them for the reason that many who are named, may, in the end, fail to attend the Congress and the alternates will take their places. Moreover the places will be filled not necessarily in the order in which the alternates appear on the list but from among those alternates who will be prepared to go and actually turn up at the Congress. Unless all this is taken fully into account, it can happen that while the list of delegates, i.e. the thirty-six may be excellent from our viewpoint, the final composition and complexion may be quite different. *Geographic distribution and regional claims must also be considered.*

Among seventy names there are bound to be a goodly number of "Progressives" and a much larger number of people, who, while not calling themselves Progressives, may go along with them or otherwise complicate the situation. There are people who regard themselves as "Frischites" or "Browdyites" and they may prove unreliable.

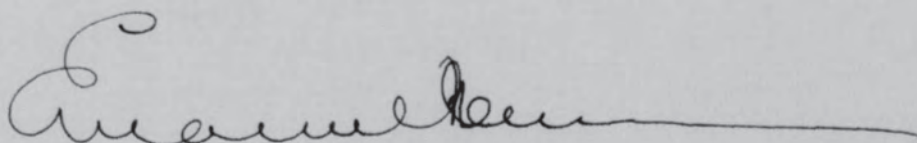
Frankly I am worried about the outcome of negotiations between you and Browdy and of all kinds of changes and variations which he may introduce down to the last minute. We have had some experience before in connection with the composition of the Inner Committee

and of the aborted Committee on Policy. In this case we cannot take chances.

I am also concerned about the effect on our constituents. It will get around that the list of ZOA delegates was decided on by two persons: yourself and Browdy. Since there are bound to be many omissions and consequent heart-burnings and grievances, considerable resentment may be developed and directed in considerable measure against you. To me it seems that it may be better to have a Nominating Committee composed of the heads of several of the largest regions - a committee consisting in its overwhelming majority of thoroughly reliable supporters who will be guided by our views, to assume as a group, full responsibility for the list they will recommend to the Executive Committee. This procedure will have the further enormous advantage that it will be impossible for Browdy (or for Goldmann, Monosson, Sonneborn et al, through Browdy) to attempt to juggle or modify the list, because any change, even the slightest, will have to be voted on by the Nominating Committee. Perhaps I am too suspicious and fearful but you know what is involved in the list of delegates and how great will be the pressure which will be exerted on Browdy. Indeed on reflection it would be a wonderful thing for him to be free of the direct responsibility for the naming of the delegates. That I am suspicious, I admit, but there is excellent reason for being suspicious.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

January 11, 1951

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
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My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing a letter of Sidney Marks about the request of the General Zionists in Israel for the use of our name in connection with the Congress elections. What is your final decision in the matter?

Do you plan to be in Washington for the J.N.F. Jubilee meeting? Virginia and I are going there for a few days and it might be nice for you to come on so that we can talk over a few matters. Harold Manson phoned me today about a meeting of the editorial board of the new Z.O.A. Quarterly. I suggested that the first meeting might well be held in Washington on the Monday following the J.N.F. meeting. In all probability Browdy and Margoshes will be there to discuss with me the Congress list. If so, it would be very desirable that we could consult about it.

I spoke to Browdy about the desirability of a nominating committee to present the list to the Executive. He was fully in agreement, and the composition of that committee, too, may be discussed by us in Washington.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Abba:

I have your letter of January 3 together with copies of correspondence between you and Ben-Horin regarding Rabinowicz's book. I will try to follow up with Ben-Horin, provided he is willing to do something. In the current issue of the New Palestine there is a review of Rabinowicz's book by Carl Alpert.

You will also have noted Lipsky's article attacking us for our stand on the General Zionist Party in Israel. It seems that by arrangement between him and Barbarash, no opportunity for replying to his article in the same issue was given. It will have to be done in the next. ¶ Yesterday I had lunch with Browdy, at his invitation. Our conversation ranged in various directions: bond drive, the UJA, etc.. Subjects not touched upon were: ZOA delegates to the Congress, the annual convention of the ZOA, the next term, etc.. Browdy told me he was appointing a small executive committee to handle the bond-drive for the ZOA. This Executive Committee will be headed by Albert Schiff and Browdy wanted to know whether I would serve on it. I told him I would have to think it over and would also wish to see just how the committee is composed. In addition to Schiff as chairman of the smaller committee, Browdy proposes to have a larger national committee with a national chairman. Among the names he mentioned for that position were William Sylk, Dewey Stone, Julius Livingstone (of Tulsa, Oklahoma). He said the ZOA has been assured a substantial budget for this work and will have to build up the necessary staff.

While he feels optimistic about the bond-drive, he is much less hopeful about the UJA Campaign for 1951. Montor, he said, has taken away practically all the people formerly active in the UJA Campaign Cabinet and does not mind damaging the UJA. It seems that a new UJA "Cabinet" has been designated or at least a list drawn up, without consultation with the UJA. The list was presumably prepared by Moe Leavitt. Browdy denies that he has expressed himself in favor of getting Weisgal into the picture. Browdy also said that at the Board Meeting of the Corporation, he did not say or do anything to support the election of Morgenthau, but he said it was all cut and dried in advance. In addition to Morgenthau as chairman, and Venetsky as chairman of the Executive Committee, they also made Sonneborn President of the Corporation. How cosy for Montor!

I have finally been advised by Jesse Schwartz that the Executive Board of the Zionist Organization of Canada, at its last meeting, decided to have a committee for liaison with the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs, and it is to be appointed by their two presidents. This is the

result of my visit there and follow-up correspondence. It seems that there was opposition to the proposal but it was carried just the same. As soon as their committee is appointed, we ought to plan for a joint meeting with them, either with our whole committee or with a few of us, and spend a few hours with them. Apart from discussing principles and policies, we should perhaps discuss also the question of assuring them representation on the Actions Committee and the Jewish Agency Executive, provided they work with us.

From the Israeli press I see that the date for the Congress elections there has now been fixed for March 15. I have not yet received word from the General Zionist Party about their plans for a conference to be addressed by you, though a letter may be on its way. On Monday morning I received an astonishing cable from Serlin asking me whether I could be there by the 18th of January. I replied that it was difficult and was awaiting further information from him, which I suppose will be coming.

I am enclosing certain letters, which please return when you have read them.

Finally to answer your question about my book: I take a jab at it every now and then when I find a little time and am not ~~either~~ too tired and feel in a good mood. These conditions are of infrequent occurrence.

I have read your "Letter to Mr. Truman". *What a pippin!* I am sure he will appreciate it deeply.

On January 28th, the annual meeting of the UPA ^{will} take place and officers elected. Dr. Harris Levine, President of the JNF, with whom I discussed the situation, told me that a Joint Committee of the two funds has not met because Browdy has not designated the K-H representatives in his capacity as President of the K-H, though Levine repeatedly requested him to do so. Browdy himself ought not to continue as President of the K-H and certainly the UPA situation requires attention, but no one seems to be doing anything about it.

I understand that the General Zionists in Israel have asked permission to use your name and mine on their Congress list and that you have indicated to Sidney Marks that you are agreeable. I am inclined to the same view and certainly want to give them every help we can. I am only wondering whether this may complicate matters and give a handle to opposing groups. In this connection I am thinking of the fact that we would like to create an alignment at the Congress to include Mapam, Mizrachi and the Revisionists. Query: Would the use of our names - your name in particular - in a hot election campaign in Israel, reduce the possibility of creating such an alignment under your leadership. The issues which will be ventilated in the Israeli elections are likely to be different from those confronting us at the Congress. Should we become or appear to be involved in the Israeli issues and would it make it harder for Mapam, for example, to support your leadership at the Congress? Would you want to give the matter further study?

As ever,

Yours,

Emanuel
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January 16, 1951

Dear Abba:

With further reference to the annual meeting of the UPA on the 28th of this month:

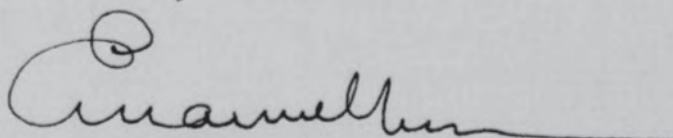
Even if Sonneborn must have the national chairmanship - in addition to being president of Montor's new bond-selling organization as well as one of the co-chairmen of the UJA and chairman of the Administrative Council of the ZOA, we ought at least to have one of our people made chairman of the UPA Board of Directors. The four important posts which Sonneborn holds, gives him and the "Progressives" that much power. Abe Goodman, would of course, be an ideal man to head the UPA Board. I am told that Browdy is now receptive but expects Goodman to call him up and as it were, make up to him. But as we know Abe, he is hardly likely to do any kow-towing. Perhaps when you meet Browdy, you can get him to agree to put Abe in that position. As it is, Abe feels that he is a kind of "forgotten man".

Incidentally, he has not yet agreed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Montor's corporation, but has just received a letter from Montor saying that it is assumed that he will serve. I don't know how to advise him and have given no advice.

It is rumored that Montor has agreed to provide the ZOA with a budget of \$500,000 to finance its bond sales campaign. It seems that he will be handing out millions.

As ever,

Yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

Abe is leaving for Florida for a couple of weeks.

January 19, 1951

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you for the letters which you wrote to me recently. I regret that you will not be able to be in Washington over the weekend where we could have discussed quite a number of things which need clarification.

I have decided not to go to Israel this spring. Because of the proximity of the elections for the Congress in March, a visit from both of us a few weeks before that date would be interpreted as a deliberate electioneering effort on our part and would, I am afraid, act as a boomerang. Political passions are running high there at the moment and the post-municipal election bitterness has not subsided. On the contrary, the curious shuffling and coalitions which were resorted to in the election of mayors in many of the municipalities have acerbated the situation, I am afraid.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

January 22, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Statler
Washington, D.C.

Dear Abba:

I have your letter of January 19. I too greatly regret that I could not be in Washington for the week-end and urgent personal matters required my coming back to New York from Pittsburgh.

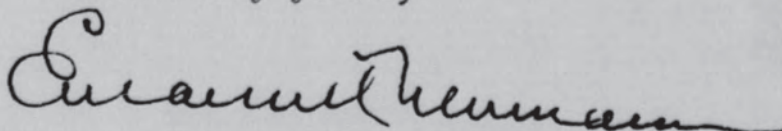
About your visiting Israel: I have not agreed as yet to go over and address the "Kinas" of the General Zionists. Though I have private business matters to attend to there, they can wait. If you see your way to going over soon, I will postpone my trip to some later time (though I think I could prepare the ground properly for your reception there if I went over prior to your visit).

Weighing all considerations, it does seem to me that the help they could get in the Congress elections from your visit would greatly exceed the disadvantage to which you refer. If therefore you are prepared to make that trip within the next few weeks, please advise me at once and I will definitely say "no" to the invitation I have had and will do all that I can from here to help ensure the success of your visit.

I hope the conference, as well as the post-conference conferences have gone off well. The JNF Conference has had an excellent press in New York.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



EN:FW

Emanuel Neumann

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January 25, 1951

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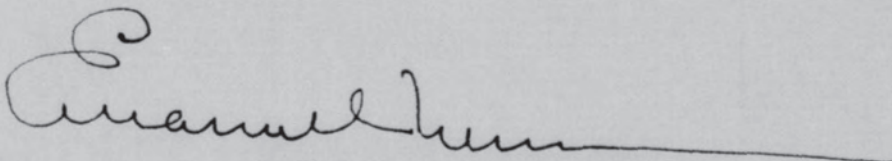
Dear Abba:

I am enclosing the latest copy of the Delegates' List. This is the way we received it from Margoshes. I am not sure whether you have a copy but thought perhaps you ought to have it in order to be able to check.

I am also enclosing copy of letter Sidney received from Canada.

As ever

Faithfully yours,


Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

DELEGATES LIST

k, /	1. A.H. Silver)	
	2. Benjamin Browdy)	PRESIDENT & PAST
	3. Emanuel Neumann)	
	4. Loui Lipsky)	PRESIDENTS
	5. Louis Levinthal)	
	6. Robert Szold)	
	7. Dr. Harris J. Levine)	Hon. Vice-President
	8. Samuel Margoshes		
	9. David Moskowitz		
	10. Louis Falk		
	11. Ezra Shapiro		
	12. Marcus Levinson		
	13. Henry Ellenbogen		
	14. William H. Sylk		
	15. Rudolf G. Sonneborn		
	16. Morton Robbins		
	17. Max Bressler		
	18. Jacques Torczyner		
	19. Abe Goodman		
	20. Luntz		
	21. Fred Monosson		
	22. Albert Schiff		
	23. I. Usher Kirschbloom		
	24. A. S. Kay		
	25. I.S. Turover		
	26. Morris M. Jacobs		
	27. Morris Weinberg		
	28. Sol Cohen		
	29. Dr. Jacob Steinberg		
	30. Mendel Fisher		
	31. Charles Wolf		
	32. Ben Gordon		
	33. Verdi		
	34. Joe Goldberg		
	35. Ben Amy		
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	37. Joseph Greenleaf		
	38. Winnick		
	39. Samuel Greenblatt		
	40. Ben Dof		
	41. Shoolem Ettinger		
	42. Dewey Stone		
	43. Rose Bender		
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C O P Y

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
2025 University Street
Montreal, Canada

January 23, 1951

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Org. of America
41 East 42nd St. NYCity

My dear Sidney:

Mr. S.E. Schwisberg, who is slightly indisposed at home, asked me to reply to your letter of January 17th with regard to the liaison committee of our Organization with the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs.

Mr. Schwisberg asked me to tell you that this committee will be appointed next week when the Co-Presidents have an opportunity to consult with each other on the subject.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Schwartz
National Executive Director

JS:rb

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Silver, Dr. Marks, Dr. Margoshes,
Mr. Torczyner and Mr. Manson

DATE: February 8, 1951

FROM: Leon Ilutovich

SUBJECT:

Dr. Neumann's Trip to Israel:

On his way to Israel, Dr. Neumann stopped for two days in Paris where he held conferences with the leaders of the General Zionist Organization in France and with the European Executive of the Confederation with the aim of bringing about a return of our people in Belgium and France to the Confederation's Executive in order not to leave the Confederation in the hands of the Progressives only.

On the basis of information received by me so far, Dr. Neumann's arrival in Israel attracted great attention in the press. His statements and photographs are shown in "Haboker" and in most of the other dailies. Dr. Neumann was greeted at the airport by a large delegation of the General Zionist Party, consisting of Heftman, Dr. Rimalt, Serlin, Levanon, Mirenborg, Mr. & Mrs. Singer and others. On the same plane Mrs. Rose Halpern and Mrs. Rosensohn of the Hadassah arrived and were greeted at Lydda by Kol, Herman and Vice Colonel Argov, representing Ben Gurion.

In reply to questions by newspapermen at the airport, Dr. Neumann pointed out the efforts of Dr. Silver for obtaining the grant-in-aid of 200 million dollars from the United States Government. Most Israeli newspapers headlined Dr. Neumann's statement "Silver acting for grant-in-aid for Israel". Dr. Neumann also praised Eban highly. He referred, of course, to the General Zionist election victory etc.

The day of his arrival, Dr. Neumann addressed together with Bernstein a huge General Zionist rally in Tel Aviv where he called on the Israeli General Zionists to mobilize for the Congress elections.

Last Saturday Dr. Neumann was received by Ben Gurion in the latter's private home in Tel Aviv. They conferred for over an hour.

A reception was held for Dr. Neumann in the home of Joseph Serlin.

Dr. Neumann is expected to leave Israel on the 15th. On his way back he will address General Zionist meetings in Paris and Antwerp.

Kindest regards.

LI:fm

cc: Dr. Neumann

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February 19, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since I am sure Dr. Neumann would like you to peruse this further correspondence and article from Mr. Litvin, I am taking the liberty of enclosing same. This material too, is strictly entre nous, and I would appreciate your returning it as soon as possible.

From a recent cable received, we are expecting Dr. Neumann to return on Thursday afternoon.

I trust you have fully recovered from the illness that prevented your being present at the recent Administrative Council meeting.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Blauche Viseman

Sec'y to Emanuel Neumann

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March 8, 1951

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I recall speaking to you some time before you left for Israel about checking up on two pieces of property which I had there - one in Migdal and the other near Aftuli.

My impression is that I also gave you the deeds to take along with you. I wonder whether you did anything in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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~~PRESIDENT - ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA~~
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March 12, 1951

Dear Abba:

Serlin and Major Zysman arrived yesterday and I have been quite busy with them already. They are having a press conference on Wednesday and there is to be a big reception for them on Thursday evening at the Waldorf Astoria and you have been announced as one of the speakers. A meeting of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs is set for Thursday afternoon in the sitting-room of your suite at the Plaza Hotel, since they were unable to get a separate meeting-room. I am looking forward to lunching with you at one o'clock.

The General Zionists in Israel seem to be in urgent need of help from here, in connection with the forthcoming elections. How to get it for them is the problem that we are racking our brains to solve.

Yesterday the ZOA had a conference on the Bond Drive. I was not there but I understand it was not so hot, although several good-sized subscriptions were announced. Montor was one of the principal speakers and he was profuse in emphasizing the importance of the ZOA...

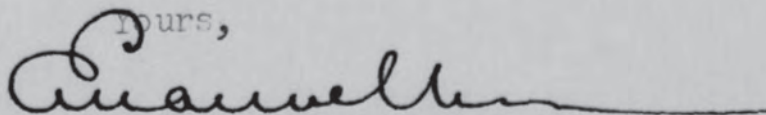
I have been thinking about your letter of March 2 with which was enclosed a clipping from the Jerusalem Post about the discussion in the Knesseth. After thinking it over it seems to me that it would not be wise to have such a letter come from me but preferably from someone else. I am discussing the matter with Margoshes. It would be best if such a letter were signed by Browdy as president of the ZOA, but I suppose it is too much to expect.

I understand you will be in New York on April 8 addressing the War Veterans and also attending a meeting of the ZOA Executive Committee in the afternoon. I am wondering whether we can squeeze in on the same day or on Saturday evening, a meeting of the Liaison Committee of Canada. I don't know whether Saturday evening or Sunday morning will be possible for them, but would like to try if it is satisfactory to you.

With kind regards,

As ever,

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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April 3, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

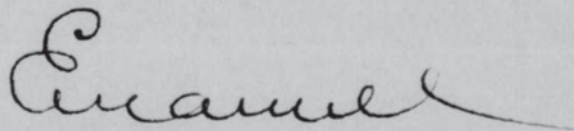
Dear Abba:

I have spoken to you on the telephone
about the documents you sent me relating to your property
in Migdal and Afuleh.

I have since turned them over to Serlin,
who kindly agreed to look into the matter for you.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

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April 9, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

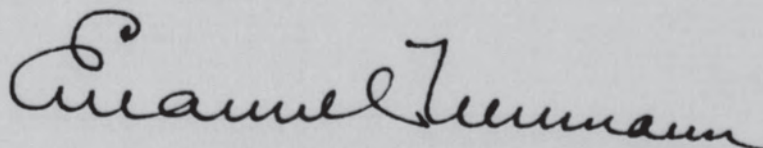
Following up our conversation today:
I have just received and looked over the March-April
issue of "Inside Israel", a bulletin circulated by the
Public Relations Department of the ZOA.

So far as I could see, none of the matters
in which you and I are particularly interested are in-
cluded. Thus there is no reference to the Ben-Gurion-Silver
incident. There is no reference to the activities of the
General Zionist Party or the arrival of the Serlin-Zysman
delegation or the reception to them which you addressed
or the developing split in the "Progressive Party" in
Israel. These and similar items seem to be taboo.

I am calling Barbarash's attention to this.
Perhaps you will deem it advisable to do the same with
Browdy.

As ever,

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

APRIL 10, 1951

DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NO ANNOUNCEMENT JTA OR PRESS MY DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL AND ZOA
RESOLUTION. SUGGEST THAT THAT BE DONE. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA



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April 10, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

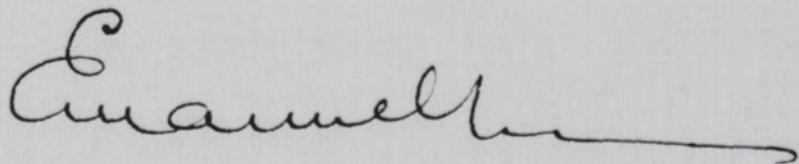
things: This is just a reminder about two or three

1. The matter of a courtesy note to Moshe Shapiro who has been staying at the Esplanade Hotel, West End Avenue and 74th Street, New York City.
2. My designation as acting-chairman of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs during your absence.
3. Mr. Luntz' effort for the GeneralZionist Fund in Cleveland. I think it is very important that this be a success, by which I mean the sum of about \$10,000.00. If necessary, a little dinner meeting can be arranged to be addressed by Serlin or Zysman.

the Review. I am unhappily pregnant with that article for

As ever,

Yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

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April 19, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

At today's meeting of the Inner Committee, it was decided to recommend holding the ZOA Convention in mid-June, and the meeting of the Administrative Council on May 13. I understand that Dr. Goldmann has caused the European Conference of the General Zionists to be postponed to the latter part of June so that he can attend the ZOA Convention and address it.

This sudden change of plans leaves us, of course, with little time in which to plan for the Convention. Since you have accepted Browdy's re-election as a foregone conclusion and have thus given him the "green-light", I and others who think as I do, find ourselves in a dilemma. We do not like the continuation of the present regime which is continuing to sap the moral strength of the ZOA and to reduce it to the hand-maiden of certain interests. Despite the brave start made in the Fall, the membership now stands at something like 15,000 below last year, at this time. Funds have ceased to come in and the ZOA is living partly on its reserves and partly on the promised subsidy from the Bond Organization. As was reported to us today, most of the districts do not meet and have become virtually defunct. Many, perhaps most of the important key positions are held by "Progressives": Monosson as treasurer; Sonneborn, chairman of the UPA and president of the Bond Organization; Lipsky as chairman of the Council. The Inner Committee is a poor affair and is largely a rubber-stamp; and of course, above all, the Organization and the Movement have no leadership and in the vacuum thus created, Goldmann and Montor flourish - on the back of the ZOA.

I have thought about the view you expressed to me that everything would depend upon the outcome of the Congress and that it is "either/or". On reflection I find it hard to accept that attitude. Even if the outcome of the Congress should not be satisfactory, it still remains important to have a decent, strong and friendly ZOA. I think it is important to you and it is certainly highly important to the General Zionists in Israel and to the Movement as a whole.

In the circumstances I do not see how I can go along with the present policies and set-up of the ZOA. I may

decide not to attend the Convention - perhaps to go to Insrael instead; or if I should decide to go to the Convention, I want to go with a program and with plans for strengthening the ZOA Administration. We have had plenty of difficulty with Mr. Browdy in his first year, when he was still counting upon our support for his re-election; ~~then~~ once he is re-elected, he will carry on in the second year to suit his purposes with very slight regard to our views. I for one do not intend to be a party to all this with open eyes. I will either play an active part in shaping ~~the~~ new administration or wash my hands of the whole business. One thing which I do not find it possible to do is to bear any part of the moral responsibility for continuing and perpetuating such a trend and such a regime. *unchanged*

I thought I would let you know how I view matters before you left so that you may not be taken entirely by surprise by what I may do or omit to do, in the coming weeks.

I understand from Moshe Shapiro that the proposed meeting between you and him is off; and from Browdy that the luncheon is on and I look forward to seeing you there.

Pesach, With best wishes to you and the family for a happy

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel

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Emanuel Neumann

MEMORANDUM

April 19, 1951

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

As you may recall, I conceived the idea of inducing the heads of a number of General Zionist Organizations in various parts of the world to issue a joint statement calling for the unification of the General Zionist Parties in Israel. The purpose, is of course, to consolidate as large a force as possible, rallying about this theme.

I have been in correspondence with the United General Zionist Party of South-Africa and am glad to say that they are prepared to join in this effort which will range them definitely and publicly on our side. I have no doubt that we can get Australia and New Zealand to join as well as Mexico, Brazil, Chile and a number of other South-American countries. (As a result of "secret" negotiations which I have been conducting, we have begun to make a dent in Argentina with the Zionist Federation which we had previously antagonized by supporting the dissident group. The official organ of the Federation, in the last issue, received here, contains an editorial friendly to the ZOA as well as an article calling for your election as President of the World Zionist Organization which we will, of course, publicize). We can also count upon the Belgian and French Organizations to join - and probably also Klee of Switzerland. The big job will be to swing the Canadians definitely into line. Through Schwisberg, I have succeeded in eliminating the proposed invitation to Mrs. Halprin to come to their next Executive Board meeting together with Nachum Goldmann. Instead, they have invited Goldmann and myself. If we can get eight to ten countries to join in this effort, including the Dominions, it will be a great moral propagandistic triumph and a severe blow to the Progressives.

I propose that on behalf of the ZOA, the statement should bear the signatures of the members of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs, including, of course, Browdy. Perhaps this matter can be settled before you leave.

E.N.

EN:BW

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETING

on Thursday, May 7, 1951

1. Chairmanship of Administrative Council
 - a. Analysis of various choices
2. ZINS
 - a. Budget
3. Inner Committee
 - a. Its status and powers
4. Finance Committee
5. National Executive Committee and Administrative Council
 - a. Its composition
6. Appointment of liaison between: Committee on World Zionist Affairs and official organs
7. ZOA contribution to General Zionists in Israel
8. Presidential candidates
 - a. future possibilities
9. Committee on ZOA activities in Israel
 - a. Appointment of new chairman
10. Officers
 - a. Suggestions re: Jacques T., Joe Greenleaf, Abe Goodman
11. Congress elections
 - a. Re: boycotting

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May 24, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Abba:

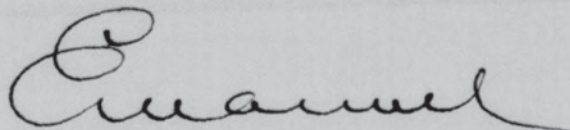
The resolution, as enclosed, was adopted at the meeting of the Inner Committee today, after considerable discussion. In the end, the only one negative vote was that of Monosson.

I am also enclosing a copy of a draft Statement on Unity, to which I hope to get the signature of our Canadian friends *on Sunday*.

With kind regards,

As ever,

Yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

RESOLUTION

In view of the exceptional importance attaching to the election of delegates from Israel to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, the Committee has noted the insistence by the Organization of General Zionists of Israel that the elections be held on the basis of a proper register of shekel holders qualified to vote and their declaration that they can participate in the elections in good conscience, only if all necessary safeguards are provided ^{consistent} ~~in accordance~~ with the rules and regulations of the World Zionist Organization to ensure that they are properly and legally conducted. We trust that these safeguards will be provided.

^{Inner of the Z.O.A.}
The Committee appreciates the reasons for this stand taken by the General Zionists in Israel, supports their demands and authorizes the sending to them an expression of encouragement and support in accordance with this resolution.

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May 28, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Yesterday we had our meeting of the Liaison Committee of the Z.O.C. in Montreal. We were represented rather inadequately by Robbins, Moskowitz, Sidney Marks and myself. The Canadians were there in force. A large majority of their committee seems to be definitely in sympathy with our general viewpoint, but two of them, Eddie Gelber and Mr. Becker, who is active in the Jewish Congress movement, are definitely under Goldmann's influence.

They are likely to agree to issue a call for unity though probably on their own rather than jointly with us and other organizations. Moreover it is to be approved by another meeting of the National Executive which will not take place before two weeks at the earliest. In the circumstances I think we should issue the call signed by the group of organizations we will have and let Canada issue its own call thereafter. We should not wait because the Congress elections are now scheduled to be held in Israel in Mid-June and such a statement as we propose to issue may influence the elections. I am now waiting to see what other countries in Europe, if any, Klee will be able to line up for this statement.

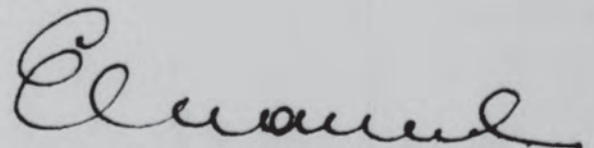
Have you given any further thought to the composition of the ZOA's new administration: the status of the Inner Committee, personnel, etc.?

For your information my article for the "Zionist Quarterly" is already in the hands of the printer. I am "myself surprised".

A recent issue of a paper published by the Zionist Organization of France, contains an article about Nachum Goldmann which is a "pippin". Have you seen it? If not, you should. We shall see whether it will make its appearance in other papers.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,


Emanuel Neumann

BN:BW

June 1, 1951

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I understand that a large group of American industrialists will visit Israel after the ZOA Convention under the leadership of our friend, Turover. I wonder whether proper contact has been established with the General Zionists in Israel to make sure that they take over the direction of this group of industrialists when they visit Israel. Our friends in Israel ought to be apprized of their coming, if they have not as yet, and proper arrangements should be made for them to take charge of the tour while it is in Israel.

A large group of American reform rabbis will likewise be in Israel this summer. I have already spoken to our friends in Israel about their coming, but they should be alerted again about it, and perhaps arrangements should be made with them before they leave this country.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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June 5, 1951

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing a list of topics which ought to be discussed with Browdy when we meet on Thursday afternoon. I want to refer to some of them in this letter, confidentially.

1. Chairmanship of Administrative Council. If we agree to let Redelheim have it, he will feel beholden to that extent and it may strengthen his allegiance. On the other hand, May would seem to have a prior claim. The crucial point however, is this: In the circumstances, if Redelheim is singled out for this post from amongst several aspirants (including May, Robbins, Torczyner) it will inevitably put him forward rather prominently as the likely candidate for the presidency next year. Objectively considered, therefore, it may be much better to have May in that position, with Redelheim getting perhaps the chairmanship of the Executive Committee - a sufficiently important post. That would leave the question of the presidential candidate for next year, quite open. If you say that you are, or feel committed to support May for the chairmanship of the Executive, Redelheim probably will content himself with the other chairmanship. On the other hand, it is conceivable that the "Progressives" may choose to oppose the election of May and make a fuss over it at the Convention on the ground that he is too definitely aligned and committed to our viewpoint. I don't know. *They may equally oppose Redelheim - though he says they won't.*

2. ZINS should be recognized as a regular activity of the ZOA and provided for, in its budget. There ought to be a clear understanding with Browdy on this. Perhaps the best way is to have an adequate appropriation made for the Committee on World Zionist Affairs to include the Information Service under its supervision. I am told by Ilutovich that the expenses of the ZINS now runs at the rate of \$20,000.00 per annum. We need therefore at least about \$25,000.00 for ZINS alone, besides other activities of your committee. The question is whether we should provide in the budget an appropriation of \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 which may raise considerable discussion; or whether we should have an understanding with Browdy on these matters. My own inclination is to provide in the budget \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 with the supplementary understanding with Browdy that if necessary this will be supplemented so as to have at least \$40,000.00 at our disposal if necessary.

3. Inner Committee. We ought to get an understanding with Browdy (a): that the Inner Committee should become a recognized, constitutional body elected at the Convention. (b): that its precise composition shall be agreed upon between us at the eve of the Convention. (c): that it is to have executive powers between meetings of the Executive Committee.

4. The Finance Committee has not functioned as it should. Commitments were made on the authority of one or two of the officers of the Organization and subsequently reported to the Finance Committee. Kaminsky at one point submitted his resignation. The Finance Committee needs a good and strong chairman, friendly to us. This matter should be discussed on Thursday, with the understanding that the chairman of the Finance Committee shall be agreed upon between us on the eve of the Convention.

5. We should also be consulted in Atlantic City, about the composition of the National Executive Committee and Administrative Council.

6. An understanding should be reached whereby a person shall be designated to provide regular liaison between the Committee on World Zionist Affairs and the official organs ("American Zionists" and Dos Yiddishe Folk) to ensure that the line of policy of our Committee will be adequately reflected.

7. The question of the amount of the sum or sums to be given by the Organization to the General Zionists in Israel should be clarified during our discussion. Browdy promised Serlin IL 15,000.- to IL 20,000.- payable in Tel-Aviv, of which I understand IL 5,000.- has been paid over.

8. Presidential candidates, An understanding should be reached with Browdy that he will not push or promote a particular candidate as his successor without prior consultation with us and with our group.

9. Committee on ZOA activities in Israel. On reflection I would suggest that Monosson be permitted to complete the building and its furnishing, but have nothing further to do with the use of the building and its activities. But the only way this can be assured, is by appointing a new chairman on ZOA activities in Israel with the definite understanding that he is to be in charge of all ZOA activities in Israel, as of now. Specifically, he should find a suitable person to go to Israel soon and there represent the ZOA in planning the activities to be carried on in the ZOA House and all other activities. I am inclined to head such a committee myself. At present I have no chairmanship and am not officially responsible for any Zionist institution or committee. If I am to be designated chairman of such a committee, it should be understood that necessary trips to Israel in connection with this work will be financed by the ZOA.

10. Officers. Jacques Torczyner should, if possible, be elected to the vice-presidency, which will be vacated by Redelheim's becoming chairman of the Executive (or Administrative Committee). Greenleaf should be retained as one of the vice-chairmen of the Administrative Council. Abe Goodman, who now lives in New York, should be drawn in as a member of the Inner Committee and perhaps some other capacities - possibly as chairman of the Finance Committee.

I am afraid I have given you a number of things to think about. But they are important. We are regarded generally, and more particularly by our own followers, as being ultimately responsible for the kind of administration that the ZOA has. If things go wrong or if they don't go our way in the Organization, we have ourselves to blame. I will try to speak to you on

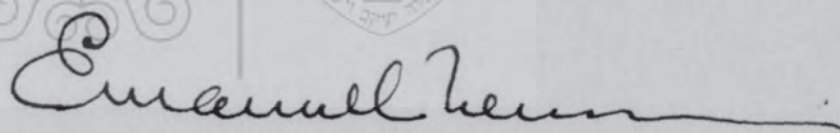
the telephone some time prior to our meeting on Thursday afternoon, by which time you will have formed, I hope, your own ideas on some of these questions.

One word more about the Congress elections in Israel to which I have given further thought. If the General Zionists there actually boycott the elections and do not appear at the Congress, our position will be very bad. I doubt whether we can get the ZOA to agree to boycott the Congress; and even if there is an official decision, it will not be binding upon the delegates of the ZOA who have already been named and most of whom will be most anxious to go. This is especially true of Browdy, who wants to be elected a member of the Agency Executive at the forthcoming Congress. If he decides to go - and he almost certainly will, he will carry with him quite a number of other delegates of our own group - which will then be split. Few General Zionists in other countries would follow our example. I am afraid this would lead us down a "blind alley". My conclusion is that our friends in Israel should be advised that in the end they will have to participate in the elections.

On the other hand, Meier Hartman who is here on a visit from Israel has expressed an opinion that the Congress will not actually take place this summer. He believes the elections for the Knesseth will be postponed beyond July 31 and that thereafter at least a month will be required to recover from its effects.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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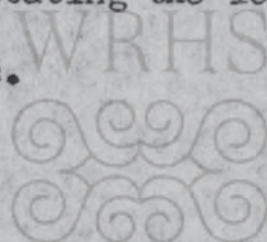


June 5, 1951

Memorandum

To: Dr. A.H. Silver
From: Dr. E. Neumann

Since dictating the letter, I received this confidential
memorandum from Jacques.



C O P Y

INTERNAL Z.O.A. PROBLEMS

1. The Inner Committee if it cannot be elected at the Convention, should have less members and more authority. Some "Progressives" who have done very little work, should be removed and some "neutrals" should be replaced with our friends.
2. The financial control should be returned to the Finance Committee and its chairman should really act as "chairman".
3. Order should be brought into the affairs of the ZOA Israel House and Monosson, if he cannot be removed altogether, should at least be neutralised.
4. There are now four candidates for the chairmanship of the Administrative Council: May, Redelheim, Torczyner and Robbins. Logically, if Redelheim is the heir apparent, he should become vice-chairman of the Inner Committee; but this position has been abolished by Browdy, who has not appointed a vice-chairman or an acting president, while he was away.

In an election, May could defeat Redelheim, but with difficulty - because Redelheim has always been a friend of Dr. Silver politically and has worked very hard in the organization. Torczyner can muster enough votes to stop Robbins.

WORLD ZIONIST PROBLEMS

1. A resolution calling for a direct alliance between the General Zionists in Israel and the ZOA, will face a tough battle - but it must be fought. The president's support for such a resolution must be obtained and the resolution passed before the elections because otherwise, he may be weakened by the threat of the "Progressives" to secede from the Organization.
2. Logically, we should threaten to ~~abstain from~~ boycott the Congress if no way can be found to bring our friends from Israel to the Congress.
3. A list of our prospective members for the Actions Committee should be worked out here; or if it is decided to wait until the Congress, the decision should remain with the head of the delegation in consultation with some other people.

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June 12, 1951

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Dear Abba:

I had requested Ilutovich to send you last Friday's issue of Haaretz, containing Gelbloom's account of our discussion with Ben-Gurion in New York, as well as an article by Dr. Bernstein.

It is still my opinion that the question of the future of the Zionist Movement should be our principal theme at the Convention and would recommend that you treat it as such, in your address.

Incidentally, I have just seen another issue of Haaretz containing the full text of the resolutions of the recent Mapai Conference on this subject and so far as I can make out at a glance, they are on the whole, quite positive. That does not alter the fact that in practice the attitude of the Government of Israel is quite different.

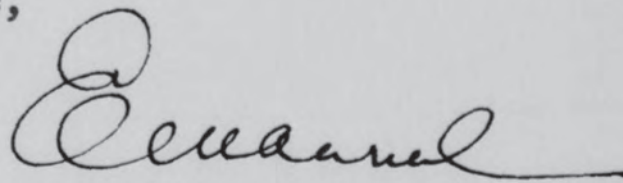
I have had my first talk with Saphir, who was, of course, anxious to know whether the ZOA will take a definite stand on the question of going to the Congress. Incidentally he tells me that their attitude was influenced by your own position and the opinions you expressed to them in Israel.

I understand that Goldmann is leaving for Europe and may not be at the ZOA Convention.

I have heard nothing today from Browdy, Redelheim or Margoshes and assume they are indifferent.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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