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# Palestine Development Associates

ADMIT

Mr. Rabbi A. H. Silver

OF

Cleveland, Ohio

TO CONFERENCE AT

WM. PENN HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

JULY THIRD AND FOURTH, 1921

SESSIONS BEGIN 2:30 P. M.

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No. ....

JACOB DE HAAS, *Temporary Secretary*



*de Haas*

Jerusalem, July 4, 1921.

Dear de Haas:

Why is it that there is not a word as to what is going, not necessarily for the purpose of "keeping etc posted"-if you are not ready with your final plans for actual execution, but in order to keep us posted. I know that you are having a hell of a time but tell me of the progress or lack of progress.

I had to suspect that you are getting ready for a bank until I received word from Mrs. Fels about it. Let me tell you that the fact that I got word from her was O.K. For I noticed that Hoofien is busy with something. I did not dig. After having received word from Mr. Bentwich and Mr. Hoofien I learned that the gang out in U.S. has sent orders to Hoofien to negotiate with the Government about a mortgage and credit bank. I suppose that you are familiar with the negotiations carried on by the Major while here about the combination of Government capital and Zionist money for the purpose of opening a bank. Now Weitzel must have got wind of your moves or of some money that you may get from the J.D.C. for a bank (I am guessing) and tries to anticipate. Of course they could not do much, the few dollars they have collected (how much?) will have to go for expenses and "budget", but "kale machen ken a katz" at least to try to kale machen. I wonder whether they intend to take over all the old complicated affairs (mostly? junk) of the Anglo - Palestine Company, turn over some cash to it, and with the taking over mortgages as assets to open the banks. If they do it they are welcome to it, for they will not do it in the proper way. But Palestine is not quite ready for two banks, without causing speculation of the worst kind, even worse than at present in Tel Aviv, Especially when their move will involve the support of the government. They contemplate a combination of both city mortgage and agrarian. With their methods and the present condition in the country, it is going to be a fine specimen of a machine for controlling everything instead of a stimulant to development.

Do you remember the attempt we made about a cigarette factory - well while our Jews are taking big and along nothing - three Arabs, recently returned from U.S. have just opened up the factory, have opened in a real American way, and have also opened a special store. When you pass their store or their shop they "throw at you cigarettes" (what do you know about this Americanism) for advertising purposes.

Tell Weitzel when you see him (if you do not hit him first - for his action in U.S. when viewed from here, becomes more dastardly, and I am ready to lay my hands on him) that a few factories of this kind will do more for Palestine than a dozen Kerens even if they be a success in U.S. (emphasize in U.S. for what would have happened to the big moneys here, had they been successful in collections is useless to discuss.



(July 4th, 1921.)

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Give us a few decent undertakings in Palestine and we need not worry. except perhaps as to land and agriculture, but even that can be solved if we start industrial development. Well it is enough. But for a good refrigeration plant, cement factory etc. I am ready to give all of the cultural etc. undertakings. That I would leave to the Jewish people, after they get the first piece of bread, they will take good care of the rest.

Say, what is it that I heard from the Governor of Hazzareth that the Rothschilds wanted to take up the government loan at 6% but - at 75% of par. Is this possible?

Yours as ever,

Mohl.

P.S. Arabs have established a motor truck transportation between Haifa and Beirout; are establishing one between Jerusalem and Nablus; have established one between Jerusalem and Bethlehem and Hebron. We talk. Hayadain yede esow whakol-kol yaakob.

P.P.S. I became aware of certain important political matters now coming up in London, at the instigation of General Deeds. These are coming up in the war office Alex Aaronsohn knows about it. I wish you were in London now; the only satisfaction or rather saving grace is that the Major is over there, for they will not take it up with Weitzel.

Well - do not lose courage, you are right. Your letters to Jabotinsky are good; clear, definite, to the point - his answers are jugglery.

Emm N.M.



REPORT OF PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Program and Organization Committee submits the following resolutions and urges their adoption:

1. This Conference calls for the creation of the Palestine Development League *Council* which will dedicate itself to the upbuilding of Eretz Israel in accordance with the principles adopted at the Buffalo Convention of the BQA in 1920.
2. The San Remo decision makes the social-economic upbuilding of Eretz Israel the primary and immediate task of all Jews. This League will therefore lay primary emphasis upon the social-economic enterprises *Council* ~~not excluding other activities which may be found essential in the carrying out of the Buffalo program.~~
3. The effective execution of this work depends upon the whole-hearted effort of local *committees*. The members of this conference undertake to organize in their respective *committees* groups to be known as the Palestine Development League *Council* dedicated to the fulfillment of the above program.
4. Julian W. Mack, Stephen S. Wise, Nathan Straus, Mary Fels, Sol. Rosenbloom, Felix Frankfurter and Abba Hillel Silver are designated a committee to define the instrument for the carrying out of the above program and provide a method by which federated action of the ~~local~~ Leagues *Council* will be effectively secured. *W. Harry  
Krook  
Plan.*
5. Hon. Louis B. Brandeis is hereby designated Honorary Chairman and Julian W. Mack Chairman of the League *Council*.
6. The committee above named shall have power to coopt such other officers as in their judgment may be necessary.
7. The officers of the League *Council* shall from time to time submit reports to the ~~League~~ Leagues.
8. Prior to the summer of 1922 a conference of the representatives of the ~~local~~ leagues shall be called by the chairman of the League *Council*.

July 4th, 1921  
RDC/



Jerusalem, July 6, 1921.

Dear Mr. de Haas:

For the last three months while watching the proceedings in the United States and here, I was debating with myself and for myself which is the wiser way - shall our leaders go to the Congress or shall they not. Of course, very often I was inclined to believe that the whole object of the gang is to keep us away from the coming Congress. My final opinion is - no - our leaders are not to participate in the Congress. There are the few basic points pro and con.

If we have our leaders at the Congress the positive elements will be strengthened. The German, French and Polish positive elements will find in us a center around which they would group themselves. I do not know whether it is known, down your way, but statements made to me by recent arrivals from Poland make it clear that by far the largest portion of what is now Poland, is with us. Of course, I kept on repeating to these people that they should not tell it to me but to you, that they should have been heard from; however, they cannot do such; the gang is well organized over there. The same holds true of the Palestinian Jews. Upon further observation, however, I come to the conclusion, that the positive elements from Russia and Poland will not get a chance to be represented. The machine has seen to it. In fact some of the Kolshe here admit that care has been taken to that effect as far as Poland is concerned. As to Palestine - I will state one case and that will be enough. Shekolim have been sold intensively by the Bnei Benyomin, hardly any by the gang element. To take care of it and in order to create the impression that the whole of Palestine is with them - it was ruled that the Vaad Hалеumi (Yellin - Ettinger - Thon) has a right to send 10 delegates.

In short I am of the opinion that the Congress delegation is well taken care of and "is safe". On account of this but primarily on account of the fact that we will again be pulled in into a situation of relations, thus kept away from work, I believe we better start work. We shall win thru work, i. e. two or three definite jobs and the day is ours. Let us start and the inertia will be broken.

About six weeks ago, Miss Szold and I composed the following cable, but we did not however send it: "Assuming rumors of peace correct, advise peace without compromise and wide publicity of terms stop terms to be put on agenda of Congress only policy that counts now in highest quarters definite practical work in Palestine by America (signed) Szold stop therefore I aid peace of any kind harmful because peace of any kind at best only a compromise (signed) Mohl". Not that I am a bitter enemy, but from the standpoint of work, peace would involve the compromise of method of approach also that of personal, and that will make work impossible.

However, I believe that by the time this reaches you, a decision will be ~~made~~ taken. I am sorry however, that the question was brought up at the Pittsburgh Convention, for in convention you cannot bring out all the ramifications.

By the way, why do you not drop a line as to the doings? Do so and have a heart. It is not mere curiosity. Do you think it is easy for one who is not a philosopher to stay here and watch Palestine slipping out of our hands, of course, slow enough to have it stopped by a few master strokes. You know, if I were not a Jew, I would damn the Jews for the inaction at the present moment.

Yours as ever for Zion to the last,

(signed) Emph. N. Mohl.

P.S. I am enclosing a note I was going to send to Dos Yiddische Folk some time ago I did not send it because I did not know whom the bunch is with.



# Palestine Development Associates

31 UNION SQUARE

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NEW YORK

July 9th, 1921.

Dear Friend:

I beg to enclose you what I hope will prove useful - a summary of the successful conference held in Pittsburgh July 3rd and 4th. I would call your attention to the fact that a Palestine Development Council was created and that the local groups associated with it, will be known as Palestine Development Leagues. The officers of the conference have not yet decided whether a full report of the discussions shall be issued, but this summary concerning the actual decisions of the Conference will enable you to place the facts before your friends.

Steps should be immediately taken to organize a league of those in your city who are in agreement with our views.

For the rebuilding of Palestine,

Sincerely yours,



Secretary of the Conference.

JdeH/RDC



*Q.S.*  
First MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the ECONOMIC  
BOARD FOR PALESTINE - - - 18th July, 1921.

Present: Mr. Leonard L. Cohen,  
Sir Stuart Samuel Bart.  
Sir R. Waleley Cohen.  
Mr. A. I. Belisha.  
Mr. J. A. de Rothschild.  
Mr. W. S. Cohen.  
Mr. H. L. Nathan (Solicitor).

Members of the Executive Committee (other than members  
nominated by the Presidents of the Zionist Organization and the  
Jewish Colonization Association respectively) :-

Sir Alfred Mond Bart.  
Sir Stuart Samuel Bart.  
Sir R. Waleley Cohen.  
Mr. A. I. Belisha.  
Mr. J. de Rothschild.

President of the J.C.A. had nominated Mr. Leonard Cohen and  
Mr. O. E. D'Avigdor Goldsmid.

Mond appointed Chairman.

Waleley Cohen and Mr. J. de Rothschild Vice-Chairmen, of the  
Walter S. Cohen, Honorary Secretary.

First General Meeting September 26, 1921.

Waleley Cohen, Belisha, Rothschild, Sub-Committee to invest-  
igate the possibility of forming a Holding Company for investing in  
undertakings in Palestine - prepare a draft Memorandum and Articles  
of Association and to find agent to act as the Board's representative  
in Palestine.

Proposal, Company for producing Salt at Attlitt considered  
Sub-Committee was authorized to enquire as to the possibility of  
raising the 15,000 pounds required to complete the capital of a



----- company with a capital of 40,000 pounds.

Sir Herbert Samuel's memorandum proposing a Palestine Mortgage Bank considered. Under present circumstances it was unable to entertain the proposals.

Weizmann, President of the Zionist Organization announced that Messrs Joseph Cowen and I. Sieff had been appointed by him as members of the Board.





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## THE ECONOMIC BOARD FOR PALESTINE

The Board has been formed with the object of co-operating with the Government of Palestine and other appropriate agencies in developing the resources of Palestine where, under the auspices of the British Mandate and with the assistance of the Government of Palestine, there is a large field for the sound and profitable investment of capital if undertaken after due investigation and with proper security for efficient management. It is only right and proper, in view of the fact that Great Britain has been entrusted under the Mandate with the administration of Palestine, and that the British Government was largely instrumental in securing for Jews the opportunity of making a home there under the most favourable conditions, that British Jews should take a leading part in all economic measures calculated to increase the prosperity of the Country and its power to support a larger population, and consequently to assist in a sound and business-like way the immigration of Jews who intend to make Palestine their home and enable them to find work there and to establish themselves on a self-supporting basis.

The High Commissioner for Palestine, in a letter of the 24th December, 1920, to Sir Alfred Mond, has expressed his earnest desire for "the formation in London of an Economic Board to assist in the development of Palestine." He continues thus: "I write to express the hope that such a Board may be formally constituted, and may play an active part in promoting the financial, agricultural, and industrial progress of the country. I have already had an opportunity of indicating the principal measures in which, in the opinion of this Government, such a Council could most usefully assist at the present time, and there can be no doubt that other measures will present themselves as the reconstruction of the country proceeds. The Government of Palestine regards the constitution of such a Board, on a comprehensive and authoritative basis, as likely to prove of the greatest value and importance, and would cordially welcome its co-operation." It is sincerely hoped that this wish of the High Commissioner will be readily responded to by his fellow British Jews.

The most urgent of such measures appear to be:-

(1) The development of credit facilities both for ordinary commercial purposes and for granting long term loans to agriculturists by means of a Land Bank.

The High Commissioner has specially drawn the attention of the Board to the pressing need for the establishment of an institution of this character, and the subject calls for prompt examination.

Capital is also urgently required for the purpose of housing, of which there is a great shortage in Palestine at present.

(2) The development of the hydro-electric resources of Palestine, which are its most valuable natural asset. A scheme has been worked out in detail by Mr. P. Rutenberg for the provision, on a large scale, of power for industry and water for irrigation, and will be laid before the Board at an early date.

(3) Harbours - The improvement of the existing facilities, which are totally inadequate even for the present requirements of Palestine, is urgently necessary, and is understood to be occupying the attention of the Administration.



The provision of ports with accommodation on modern lines at Jaffa and Haifa should be a profitable enterprise which would be of great value to the Country.

(4) The mineral resources of the Country have so far been little explored, and not at all developed. It is, however, known that phosphates exist in probably paying quantities, and that competent experts are disposed to believe that oil can be found there; while there is, of course, the possibility of other minerals being discovered by expert exploration.

(5) There is great room for the development of food culture and dairy and other farming, land reclamation and irrigation, and the production of cotton, tobacco, silk, and other staple articles.

(6) There are, likewise, opportunities for the establishment of a number of manufactures for consumption in Palestine and the adjoining territories. At present, many products are imported at great expense for which facilities for manufacture could be created in the Country.

It will be the function of the Economic Board, through its Executive or other Committees, which will consist of a considerable number of members accustomed to deal with large undertakings, to examine on business lines these schemes and others with similar objects, and to take appropriate steps to carry out those of which they approve by securing the necessary capital and providing for efficient management.

It is further hoped that the Economic Board will find means for the employment of competent experts to advise and carry out experimental work on sound lines.

The two organizations, which have done so much for the development of Palestine in the past, the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Colonization Association have both agreed, subject to their approval of the constitution of the Board, to be represented on the Board, and will each nominate two of their members to be members of the Board and its Executive Committee. The aim is to make the Board a thoroughly representative body which will inspire the investor with confidence, and which will be in a position to afford assistance and advice to those in all countries who are interested in the agricultural, industrial, and commercial development of Palestine.

It is not contemplated that the Board as such should hold shares or be financially interested in the undertakings the promotion of which it considers desirable, but that it should proceed by forming companies ad hoc, as occasion arises, on the Boards of which the Board would be represented in cases where it was thought desirable, and that its members, in their individual capacity, should take a financial interest in the projects it may be decided to undertake. The Board of Trade has approved of the incorporation of the Economic Board as a Company limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, and the liability of members is limited to a contribution not exceeding £50 towards the payment of the debts of the Board in the event of liquidation. To provide for the initial expenses members are required to pay on admission an entrance fee of £50 (inclusive of the subscription for the first year) and such annual subscription, not exceeding £20 per annum, as may be fixed by the Board to cover the expenses of management and investigation.

Membership of the Board is limited to British and Palestinian subjects, but power is taken to appoint consultative members without this qualification who will be entitled to attend and speak, but not to vote. The affairs of the Board will be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of not less than four or more



than eleven members, including the members nominated by the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Colonization Association.

An office has been taken at 7 Queen Square, Southampton Row, W.C.1 for the Economic Board in London, where its work can be carried on. Mr. Walter Cohen has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary.

The following gentlemen have already agreed to become members:-

The Right Honourable Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., M.P.

Sir Stuart Samuel, Bart.

Sir Robert Waley Cohen, K.B.E.

A.I. Bellah, Esq.

Edmund Davis, Esq.

Hugo Hirst, Esq.

Nathan Laski, Esq. J.P.

James A. de Rothschild, Esq.

Walter Samuel, Esq.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Albert Stern, K.B.E., C.M.G.

Nominated by the Jewish Colonization Association:-

Leonard L. Cohen, Esq.

O.E. d' Avigdor Goldsmid, Esq., J.P.

A similar body to the Economic Board for Palestine is being formed in the United States of America, comprising many prominent members of American Jewry, including leading financiers, legal authorities, etc. It is intended to work in close co-operation with this body and any similar bodies which may be established later.

(signed) A.Mond.

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## The ECONOMIC BOARD FOR PALESTINE.

21st July, 1921.

It appears clear that much valuable work can be done by judicious investments of relatively small sums, both in connection with existing undertakings in Palestine and in the creation of new enterprises which appear promising, such as those which are more fully referred to below for which sufficient capital cannot be found in Palestine.

It was felt, however, that it was difficult to provide for this on a satisfactory basis without some special organization with funds for the purpose, and in a position to investigate the proposals which are put before us and to secure efficient control over those in which we make an investment.

The question is being carefully considered, but the lines on which we shall probably proceed will be to form a Company, incorporated in Palestine, with a proportion of the Directors resident in Europe or America who will ordinarily exercise their control through their nominee on the Palestine Board, but who will be in a position to exercise it more directly when necessary.

A representative to act as the agent of the Company and the Economic Board for Palestine in Palestine will be appointed and a sufficient salary will be paid to secure a man of standing and business capacity, on whose integrity and judgment we can rely. He will sit as the nominee of the non-Palestinian Directors on the Board of the Holding Company and the other companies in which the Holding Company is interested.

The Capital required for the Holding Company will be at least £100,000, if it is to do anything substantial, and the following undertakings will be among the first to be considered:-

1. Atlit Salt Co., on land belonging to the J.C.A. has been investigated by the J.C.A., and all the conditions extremely favourable. The capital required is £40,000, J.C.A. is finding £20,000 in London which can be transferred to the Holding Company when formed if the investors so desire.

2. Rutenberg concession to supply Jaffa and Tel-Aviv with light and power. He proposes to form a Company with a capital of £100,000, of which £50,000 has already been promised him.

3. Various Building Companies in Palestine have applied for loans on mortgage. Terms proposed by a syndicate at Haifa.

a. Mortgages on the building plots and the houses built upon them.

b. All the land owners would take upon themselves a joint liability for the total amount.

c. The loan given to any single person will not exceed 60% total value plot and house.



d. The Committee could procure the additional guarantee of a bank of high standing guaranteeing capital and interest.

e. Interest,  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum paid quarterly.

4. Packing and grading fruit, making marmalade, etc. Proposed to make further investigations.

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It is hoped by encouraging private enterprise in this way, an era of useful if unpretentious development may be inaugurated. As conditions become favorable, it may be possible to proceed with the larger schemes, such as the Mortgage Bank, and the Rotenberg Jordan Valley scheme.

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# ACCEPTANCES.

Rt. Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., M.P.

Sir Stuart Samuel Bart.,

Sir Robert Waley Cohen, K.B.E.

Lieut. Col. Sir Albert Stern, K.B.E., C.M.G.,

Belisha, Albert I.

Wansino, I.

Cohen, Sir Herbert Bart., O.B.E.

Cohen, Miss H.F.

Cohen, P. Quas

Cohen, Walter S.

Davis, ~~Edmund~~

Hirst, Hugo

Karminski, E.

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Samuel, Samuel

Seligman, C.D.

Van den Bergh, H.

Leonard L. Cohen

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26th July, 1921.

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KEREN KAJEMETH  
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DEN HAAG

July 27, 1921

Julian W. Mack, Esq.  
New York

Dear Fellow-Zionist:

We have duly received your esteemed letter of the 11th July. It is true that it is addressed to the Board of Directors, but we would inform you that neither the Board of Directors as such, nor individual Directors have exercised any influence on the drawing up of the newspaper report you criticize. The contents of this report were imparted solely to Mr. de Lieme before its circulation, Mr. de Lieme, as you know, being advisor to the Head Office since he resigned his seat on the Board - and this with the Board's approval.

Before going into the matter any further we would make the following remark: In so far as you, being a Zionist and friend of the JNF, think that you have a right to remind us of our duty towards the public, we admit that we have to account to you, apart from the fact that you are a member of the GAC.

On the other hand we cannot share your view that it is our duty to publish every resolution passed by the Directors. Every report of the meeting of a corporate body must be adapted for publication. It consequently goes without saying that a report of the resolutions passed by the JNF Directors at meetings which lasted from the 10th to the 12th April and which treated of a number of important matters, must be adapted all the more, especially as it is a question of a report which is intended for the public at large, and had to be a very condensed one.

The standpoint taken by us was and is to inform the public about important facts concerning Palestine work and particularly about those land purchases which had been fully decided upon. This did not apply to the Emek estates on the 27th April - the date of the dispatch of the press circular 10/21 criticised by you. For, in the first place, the Executive had not decided whether it should support the veto put forward by Mr. de Lieme against the resolution to purchase, and, in the second place, it was not certain which estates should accrue to the JNF and which to the other Jewish institutions. In the April report we had therefore to restrict ourselves to a mere hint that a big purchase was in progress.

After the decision of the Executive turned out to be against the veto, we hastened, in a telegram of 6th May, to inform all our collecting agencies of the purchase, requesting them to publish. On the same day we dispatched circular 15/21 with further news that 60,000 dunams had been bought, which were thus assured for the Jewish agricultural colonization.



On the 12th May followed circular 16/21, in paragraph one of which was to be read that "Mr. de Lieme on account of the land policy lately followed by the Executive of the Zionist Organization and the Directors of the JNF resigned his post of Governor and Managing Director of the JNF."

All these circulars were sent to you for your information, as to all the other members of the GAC, and ought, in the ordinary course of things, to have been in your hands when you wrote us the letter of the 10th July. In case the two last circulars should have got lost, we beg to send you enclosed copies of same.

Since then, after it had been determined which estates were to be taken over by the PLDC and which remained for the JNF, we have issued circular 22/21 giving these data and further particulars about the situation and employment of the Emek estates.

We hope, dear fellow-Zionist, that now you will withdraw your assertion that we are pursuing an unreliable and secret policy. This all the less when we explain to you that our publicist department has considerably intensified since the commencement of the year the dispatch of communiques to all Jewish papers (500), to all our Collecting Agencies and commissioners, and, in addition, made the new arrangement that all these circulars - just as the one you criticize - be sent to all members of the GAC, the members of the Executive, etc. for their information. We have done this on our own initiative to assure our news widespread circulation.

We did not doubt for a moment but that the difference of opinion in the Board relative to the Emek purchase would become public, but we did not consider and do not consider it to be our duty to noisise same abroad more than was absolutely necessary. It has always been the pride of the Head Office, as of all JNF organs, that this great public trust, as you most appropriately call it, be the rallying point of all Jews, to say nothing of all Zionists.

We beg to remain,

With Zion's greetings,

Very truly yours,

HEAD OFFICE of the  
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

Gross Dr. Zweig



# PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



THE Social Economic upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael is the primary and immediate task of all those who desire to assist the earliest possible settlement in Palestine of a preponderating body of self supporting Jews. The Conference of July 3d and 4th at the William Penn Hotel, at the call of Justice Brandeis, Judge Mack, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and others, marks an important stage in the practical upbuilding of the Ancient Fatherland. The keynote as well as the Decision of the Conference was the actual doing and the immediate beginning of practical work—the laying of stone upon stone and brick upon brick by the concrete evidence of the physical acts of operation.

*The Conference determined to initiate forthwith the following Palestinean activities:*

- (a) A wholesale supplies enterprise, as an instrument for supplying the industrial, agricultural and merchandising needs of the Jewish settlement in Palestine.
- (b) A house building construction enterprise.
- (c) A Building and Loan Association to assist the financing of home building requirements.
- (d) An industrial building and equipment fund.
- (e) An agricultural equipment fund.

It was determined to proceed step by step to finish one thing before we started a second. Therefore subscriptions were taken first for the necessary capital stock of the Wholesale Supplies Enterprise. All the activities undertaken by our group will be operated under a trusteeship to be set up by Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Judge Julian W. Mack, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Nathan Straus, Mary Fels, Sol Rosenbloom, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Professor Felix Frankfurter, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Judge Hugo Pam. For all of the projected enterprises a total capitalization of Five Million Dollars will be required, but for this first enterprise a capitalization of only One Million Dollars is proposed. Actual operations, however, will begin within thirty days and sooner if the subscriptions will have passed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars before that. When the Conference adjourned, those present had subscribed in excess of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars.

We, who extend this invitation to you, were among those Pittsburghers present at the Conference who were privileged to offer our subscriptions. We invite you to join us as subscribers to the capital of the initial activity undertaken by the Conference Group. No affiliation, no pledge, no declaration, no commitment is necessary or essential as a condition to the privilege of subscribing. Are you of a mind and have you the desire to invest in this practical undertaking? Will you join us in doing business in Palestine? Will you, with us, grasp the opportunity of creating trade and industry in Palestine, so that Jewish life there may develop normally and successfully?

A subscription card is enclosed. One and only one condition is attached, subscriptions must be paid up in thirty days. Your attention is called to the fact that all our administrative expenses are being met by private funds. Every dollar subscribed goes one hundred cents into practical Palestinean work. Moreover you are asked to invest money in actual enterprise for productive purposes. We welcome you into our group.

*Sincerely*

JULY  
1921

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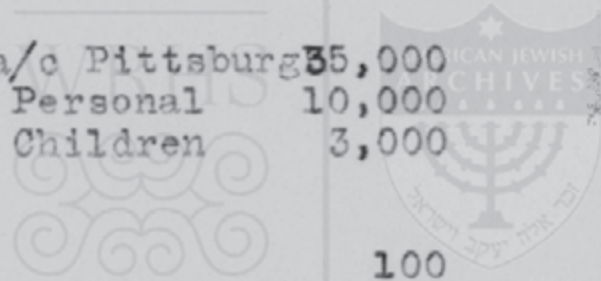




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August 1st, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Weirs,  
New Hampshire.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

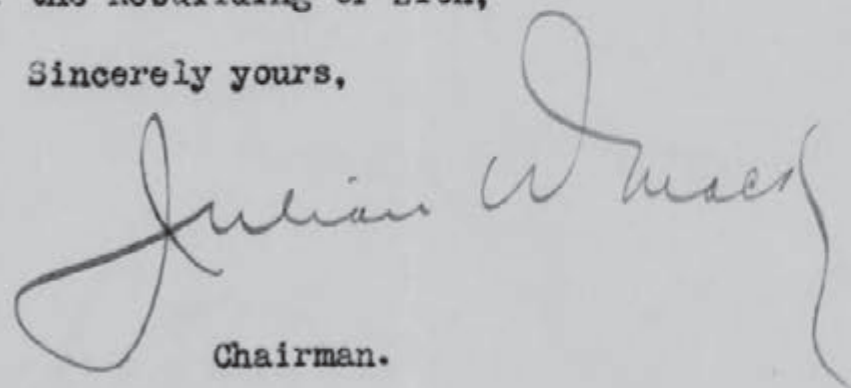
You were good enough to pledge \$500 for the Palestine Cooperative Company at Pittsburgh. We are very desirous of having the whole of the initial capital made available about August 5th. In order to make that possible, will you be good enough to send your check to Sol. Rosenbloom, Treasurer 1113 Diamond Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. for your subscription. You should indicate whether you desire the stock to be issued to you as an investment or to the Palestine Development Council as a donation either generally for Palestinian purposes or for some specific Palestine purpose. We are asking this only because in many cases there was an uncertainty at the time of the subscription, which was intended.

In the former case, there will be issued to you as soon as it will be ready Preferred "B" 6% cumulative dividend stock as described in the accompanying statement.

I trust you will understand our pressing you at this moment as it is important that we have initial capital of \$250,000.00 paid in without delay. Just as soon as this is done, we hope to have the business begun.

For the Rebuilding of Zion,

Sincerely yours,



Chairman.



SSW - AHS - FF

Please advise me at once how you would answer this.  
JWM - 8/15/21

E. A. Klein  
Bakersfield, Cal.

August 6, 1921

Hon. L. D. Brandeis  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago a Mrs. Pevsner came to Bakersfield from Los Angeles, and at her request we held a mass meeting at which I presided as Chairman for the purpose of raising funds for the Zionist cause, and pledges were made of quite some money.

Since such time however a few of us raised the question of where this money should be sent in view of the split at the last Zionist convention, and as the sympathy of a majority of us including myself are with your confreres and yourself, we have decided to write you asking you what you think of the matter for the sole purpose of advising us should we collect this money where same and to whom it should be sent, as we do not desire to make a mistake.

I do not mean to have your opinion as to the merits or demerits of the controversy now existing but merely your advice as to what shall be done of the money to be collected.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

E. A. Klein

[August 7, 1921]

JULIAN W. MACK

Dear Sir

Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

today: Glad to have your note  
very sorry you haven't as  
yet seen wise

As you will have seen  
from letters sent you earlier  
in week, Brothmans made U.S.  
refrain from writing Taylor —  
Further my letter to Klein — which  
could not await your advice or

Mise's - not yet rec'd : is in  
substantial  
accordance with your news.  
I sent you copy there.

When will you be down  
here? - News File is more  
enthus. than ever abt Pol.  
& with no heart & soul

Truly  
Yours,



(COPY)

*ack*  
The Hague, Aug. 7. 21

Dear Ben Cohen,

I hand you enclosed a letter from Simon. I wrote you many times and don't recognize the rightness of your approaches. I find the memo. quite well. I don't find the language exaggerate, but the end is not very clear.

I was much astonished seeing that in Cleveland the Rest. Fund. was limited to gifts. Is that not a fault? Nobody here is aware of that. If it is so you must take the resolution in your memo. I think Simon is making a mistake in matter of K. H. I myself bargained with N. Sl. & F. They desired me on the Exec. for all business concerning Palestine; not only financial matters.

The Pal. Dev. C. must show what it can and that will be its propaganda afterwards. Now there is no room for propaganda at all. I have no experience in warehouse but I am doubtful if it is the right start.

Yrs  
Lieme

What are the titles of all the books Mr. Brandeis has written and their editors?

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In acting against Ussisschkin you make a mistake. Ruppin is worse and is intriguing with Sok. against Uss. Nice people.

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When the statement is ready please send me 3 ex.

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# PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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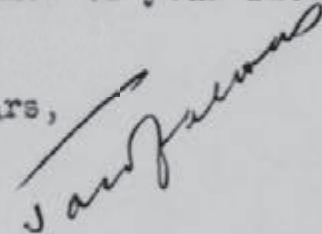
Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
c/o Camp Kilcornan,  
The Weirs, New Hampshire.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I think you ought to know the why of the group of the signatures to the Congress statement. It was agreed that the old officers, plus the members of the Greater Actions Committee and Robert Szold as member of the Reorganization Commission be the best available limitation and representation of the whole group. Otherwise, it would have been necessary to have gotten a great number of individual approvals.

I shall be glad to know of your interview with Dr. Wise.

Yours,



Jde H/RDC



Ridge Street  
Port Chester  
New York

Aug. 14-'21.

*Att 8 does*  
Dear Dr. Wise:

1. Yours came only today. I was greatly surprised at Silver not going to you as he intended when he left us Monday Eve.

2. You've received list of names suggested. We were of course unanimous that you must be Chairman of the Central Committee and that I for the time being, Chairman of P. D. C.- L. D. B. Hon. Chairman P. D. C. & N. S. Hon. V. C. P.D.C.- Silver, V. C. Cent. Com.

You and Silver among the members of the P.D.C., but none of those above named to be trustees.- I ex officio to act with the Trustees of the P.D.C.- I havn't list of names here but you have them. All were suggestions awaiting your approval - both as to Central Comm., P.D.C. & trustees. In meantime I havn't spoken to any of them as of course I expected Silver to tell you all this Tuesday and to have word from you by Wednesday or Thursday.

3. No decision as to Exec. Sec'y. of P.D.C.- in fact, no names mentioned. Of course DeHaas, Secretary Central Committee and temporarily ~~Bob~~ Szold, Acting Sec'y. P.D.C. Max Lowenthal, Comptroller (Admn. Treas.) P.D.C., Rosenbloom Treas. Weinheim Treas. Cent. Com.- No suggestion of anyone as Comptroller Cent. Com., tho its essential in L.D.B's judgment and mine, that if Weinheim remains Treasurer there should be a separate Treas. of the Admin. Fund of Cent. Com., who would be Comptroller and Guardian and Supervisor of Expenditures.

Weinheim wrote ~~DeH~~ a very nice letter the other day offering his resignation at any time with willingness to remain a worker, as he couldn't give or get what Rosenbloom or Schuler give. *Schuler*

4. About \$120,000 has been paid in. We certainly havn't our \$250,000 as yet. Simon's guarantee of \$50,000 for ~~Det~~ *sort* has brought \$500 cash to date and \$10,000 additional pledges.

5. Julius Simon and Dr. Leine letters will be sent to you. Former thinks we can begin with \$100,000. Mohl has cabled a number of articles that could be usefully sent.

6. Mrs. Fels comes today. I'll see her at N. S's this afternoon and will write all of you about her tomorrow. Best to you all.

Cordially,  
J.W.M.



The American Hebrew.  
New York City

Newport, Vermont  
August 14th, 1921.

at S

Judge Julian W. Mack  
New York City

Dear Judge Mack:

Your recent letter, in reply to my inquiry for the reasons that led you to refuse an interview to the American Hebrew on the program of the Minority Zionist Group, came just before I left for my vacation. I took it along, promising myself, to answer it on the first rainy day. This morning, it is raining. Although I cannot locate your letter in the camp outfit, I remember its contents.

I recall your writing that you assumed that I knew the reasons why you would never grant another interview to the American Hebrew as long as I was its editor. Well, I had assumed that facts were facts, and that my relation of the facts that caused the delay in typing our conversation had been accepted by you as the truth, which they are. If you will not accept them, it is no fault of mine.

Then you proceeded to say, as I recall, that if, because you refused the American Hebrew this interview I should attack the movement dear to your heart, you should regret it, or words to that effect. Just how you arrived at the conclusion that, out of spite toward you, I would bite off my nose (and it's a long one) to spite my face, is beyond my reasoning on a rainy morning. Since the fall of 1918 I have been opposing Jewish Nationalism, fighting the hysteria of the Zionist Organization and pleading for non-political, economic upbuilding of Palestine. Now you and your colleagues of the Minority Zionist group, after all these years of trial and stress and mental agony, have at last arrived at the very principle I have been so strenuously advocating. Why should I attack you?

Concluding, you consoled yourself, as I recall, by the fact that the American Hebrew's utterances carry no weight anyhow. I cannot tell whether you added that to amuse me or to exhibit your naivete. Some two years ago you expected to see something you had said to me printed in the American Hebrew and perhaps commented upon. Neither the interview nor the comment appeared. You were peeved. If the American Hebrew is so hopelessly inconsequential, why carry a peeve against it for two years or more, and promise to nurse it for the rest of my natural life?

Truly yours,

(signed) ISAAC LANDMAN.

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Port Chester, N. Y.  
August 16th, 1921.

Mr. I. Landman  
Newport, Vermont

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your impertinent letter of the 14th inst.

Yours truly

(signed) JULIAN W. MACK



Ridge Street  
Port Chester  
New York

Aug. 14-'21.

L.D.B. - S.S.W. - ~~F.F.~~ - A.H.S. - H.M.K. - B.F.:

1. Saw Mrs. Fels at N. S. this afternoon. Looking and feeling fine.

2. She says J. deR. is with us and would take lead if you - L.D.B. - were with him in it. She says Pal needs both of you. - He is coming here end of Sept., to continue the work he began last spring with Econ. Council. I shall enclose copy of substance of document re Econ. C. that she brought along - the one copy of charter I am sending to Sam R., as it may be suggestive as to form for us. Sam is in Cleveland tomorrow and I don't know whether we are as yet incorporated. - Mond's circular gives the substance - She says Lieff is satisfactory to Econ. Com. but not Jos. Cowen.

3. She says Mond is getting out of Chairmanship K. H. because dissatisfied with W. - tho he gives other reasons.

4. She feels banks are the thing most needed - more than anything else - I explained the Credit Union Stations that I am awaiting word from ~~B. Frouse~~ before <sup>approaching</sup> the J. D. C. again; further, that as W. says the American \$400,000 is going for banks, we didn't want to appear as opposing them.

She says, however, credit banks for the colonists especially are needed; the Anglo Pal can't meet the demands.

I shall see her again tomorrow and point out more fully that, for this purpose, in my judgment, the A. P. should be increased rather than a new bank - unless it were a very big one - formed. I further explained why we began with a trading Co. - that the Cooper feature is a later feature and no intention of enforcing it from above as against having it developed in Pal. - this in answer to her suggestion that bank now is more necessary than wholesale coop.

5. She believes Schweitzer's \$100,000 K.H. means 10 years & represents his maaser of incomes - but that outfit will ~~come~~ the Tiberias Hospital and that he'll be sure to designate a specific use of the balance. She doesn't believe that he has paid \$250,000 on account; further, doesn't believe that W took 400,000 along or that it will go for a bank.

6. N. S. strongly and Mrs. N. S. not quite so strongly are very anxious for peace at or before the Congress. They say, we fought and are licked and must get together for the cause. This afternoon Marshall and Marion Travis are there and N. S. appealed to them - They supported him strongly. Marshall said personal friendship made him decline participation with W., but he thought we were all committing a crime against the Cause not to arrange a peace even if we had to make many concessions.

Mrs. Fels supported me in the proposal



L.D.B.-S.S.W.-D.F.-A.H.S.-H.M.K.-B.F.,- /2.

Mrs. Fels supported me in the impossibility of doing anything more than we had done and of doing anything at this time, either before or at the Congress. It was late and I didn't argue the matter. But H. S. showed us beginning of draft letter to Congress - I don't believe he'll send any without consulting me but he may. I shall write to Charley today suggesting that he advise against it.

J.W.M.





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JACOB DE HAAS,	<i>Secretary.</i>

My dear Silver:

de Haas has just shown me your letter of the 12th. Really, I am deeply grieved because I, alone, am to blame in this matter.

When LDB left for Canada, we had accepted his advice, although it was against my desires, that I, alone, should sign the statement. A few days thereafter, I had a letter from Wise in which he suggested that more would be helpful. I had to decide immediately who should sign it as it had to be done at once so as to catch the mail steamer.

I remembered that in Pittsburgh it was distinctly stated that the P. D. A. had nothing to do with the statement; that this was a matter for the old administration. Because of that, it seemed to me that the committee which was to formulate the plans for the P. D. A. ought not to sign the statement. The very fact that they did not sign it marked the distinction.

Then came the positive side, - who was to sign it? Again it seemed to me the most logical course to have the former officers and the members of the G. A. C. who had resigned as such and to add to them Szold because of his having been a member of the Reorganization Commission.

I knew we could use Mary Fels' name, - Dr. Friedenwald sent it by telegram, - Nathan Straus, by phone, and the others we had.

The only alternative, as it seemed to me, was the entire body that had resigned and I felt that I had no right to use their names without express permission.

A possible alternative was to confine it to the officers who had resigned but that would have meant in addition to myself, Wise, Straus and deHaas. I felt it wiser to have a larger number.

If there had been some logical way of using yours, Rosenbloom's and Pam's name, I should have done it, but I could see none in view of the distinct desire to separate the statement of the old administration from the activities of the new organization - a



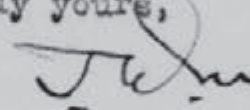
Dr. A. H. Silver

August 15th, 1921

separation which you may remember I insisted upon, even as to the financing of the document - that a separate fund must be had for it, distinct from the P. D. C. and the Central Committee's administration fund.

I am hopeful my full explanation will satisfy you that this is not "another act of political sagacity on the part of some of the ex officers of the ZOA whose tact is proverbial".

Cordially yours,



Dr. A. H. Silver,

Camp Kilcornan,

The Weirs, New Hampshire



JWM/EDC



*Arthur Silver*

August 16th, 1921

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 27th.

I have read your several documents and congratulate you on your improved service of information to your constituents.

Evidently, however, I did not make myself clear to you or, if I did, then we fundamentally disagree.

In my judgment, the serious part of the Enak estate purchase was the manner in which it was consummated. As to the matter, I am not competent to pass judgment.

Your Directors by resolution agreed that the way the matter was handled was wrong: you rebuked the Palestinian representatives for it.

In view of the report of the Reorganization Commission: in view of the way Mr. De Lieme was treated and especially in view of the fact that while disapproving the methods, you nevertheless approved the purchase, in my judgment, full publicity should have been given to the resolutions disapproving the methods of and rebuking your Palestine representatives therefore.

Evidently you believe that publicity should not have been given.

We differ on this point.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Yours very truly,

Keren Hajeseth  
Houlstraat 5  
The Hague, Holland

*Julius W. Moore*



JULIAN W. MACK

at S

August 17th, 1921

Dear Sam:

Your reply to H. M. which I read today in the Jewish Chronicle of August is excellent. It could not have been better put.

Needless perhaps to add that, in my judgement, you completely err in two sentences of your reply to the editor of the World's Work beginning "What Dr. W. objected to ----- reduced to mere shadow." There was no such controversy at any time.

Sincerely yours,

JULIAN W. MACK.

Samuel Untermyer, Esq.  
120 Broadway  
New York /City



August 19th, 1921

*Att*

Mr. C. H. Klein,  
Morgan Building,  
Bakersfield, Cal.

Dear Mr. Klein:

Justice Brandeis has asked me, as chairman of the Palestine Development Council, to answer your kind letter of the 6th inst.

I don't know when and under what circumstances the moneys were pledged and raised at the instance of Mrs. Pevner, and therefore it is impossible for me to advise how these moneys can be used.

If they were raised specifically for the Zionist Organization of America, then I assume that they must go there. If they were raised for the Keren Hayesod, then they should go to its office. If they were raised generally for Palestinian purposes, then I assume each subscriber can designate the purpose and the beneficiary.

I am sending you enclosed, circular information which describes the work that the Palestine Development Council has undertaken.

I greatly hope that you will feel that a Palestine Development League should be established by you in your community and that subscriptions should be obtained either as investments or as donations, as each one prefers, for the Palestine Cooperative Company.

I am sending you, under separate cover, the statement made by the ex-officials of the Zionist Organization of America to the Congress.

For the rebuilding of Zion,

Cordially yours,

Dictated but not read

Chairman

JWA/RDC



Letter # 1.

August 19, 1931.

Jacob de Haas, Secretary  
Palestine Development Council  
31 Union Square  
New York City.

*Silver*

Gentlemen:

On August 18th I sent you the following cable:

REFERRING LETTERS DEHAAS TO MOHL 7TH AND 19TH GROUP CONSTITUTED  
ADVISES STRONGLY AGAINST WHOLESALE SUPPLIES PROJECT REASONS FOLLOWING  
IN LETTER CONTAINING SUGGESTION CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRY.

When cable of July 30th signed by Mack was received, I at once called into consultation Mr. Kesselman and Miss Szold. We worked out the list that was sent to you by cable, and afterwards was elaborated upon in my personal letter to Mack, Palestine Development Council. Meantime I received your letters of July 7th (signed de Haas) and 19th, (signed Mack Rosenbloom) and as soon as feasible proceeded to constitute a group, for the present for the discussion of general plans, eventually to develop into the body which, as you suggest, should in sections interest itself in various undertakings. Mr. Kesselman was out of town when the group first met, and is still out of town. The group at the first discussion consisted of Miss Sampter, Miss Szold, Miss Berger and myself. Later Mr. Van Vriesland was drawn in. By and by we mean to join to our group several others whose names we are considering. We are of course taking into consideration among others the names you are suggesting as additions to the group.

My first cable was an attempt to meet your request for information directly. I did not attempt to convey to you in the cable any doubt I had on the subject of a Wholesale Supplies project, in general, or as to the value of the Palestine Development Council's urging such a project as the first in its series of undertakings. You may have noticed, however, that in my letter following the cable I began to introduce doubts, though not yet in the form of objections, but rather in the form of difficulties that would be encountered in the execution of the project. Meantime my hesitations on the subject were reinforced by the reaction awakened by your project in every member of the group mentioned above, always excepting Mr. Kesselman, who was not here during our discussions and whose mature opinion on the subject from the two points of view expressed above, I do not yet know. I shall secure it from him when he returns.

It was after our final discussions with Mr. Van Vriesland, in which we passed from criticism to suggestion, that I was willing to cable as above. By that time, I had received Mr. de Haas' letter of July 19th, a copy of which was also in Mr. Van Vriesland's hand having been emailed to him in my care and by me delivered to him. The fuller information contained in your letter as to what is expected of the group over here, gave me another justification for my cabling as above. In replying to your first cable as I did I acted as a soldier under orders who heeds them unquestioningly. The subsequent developments indicated to me that the co-operation of the group over here was to manifest itself in criticism as well as in the execution of orders.



Here, then, is our criticism of the Wholesale Supplies project. The criticism is two-fold: 1) the fundamental value of the project as applied to the circumstances prevailing in Palestine, that is, its practical value. 2) Its value considered as the first undertaking of the Palestine Development Council, that is to say, its political value.

Let me dispose of the second point first. Its value as the introductory undertaking of the Palestine Development Council is questionable. The split in America has produced a deep impression in Palestine. Only now are certain circles beginning to understand what the fundamental ideas of the Mack-Brandeis group are. Up to the present they were understood first by the handful of thinking Americans here; second, by the editor and some of the writers of the Dear Hayom, and third, by scattered colonists and businessmen. The attitude of the Mack-Brandeis group thus was being conveyed to the larger Palestinian public only by a very slow process. That process has been accelerated by the news of the formation of a group within the Zionist Organization of America, the Palestine Development Council, devoted to peculiar undertakings while withdrawing its ability and means from the general Zionist undertaking. Their sense of loss is deep. Now they crave a compensating equal gain. Their hopes are aroused. They expect thorough-going enterprises such as will reach to the very roots of Palestine life -- such as will touch the two basic elements; production and credit. Inasmuch as your Wholesale Supplies project does not even attempt to deal with these cardinal points, it will not satisfy the public that is looking to America, where a political clearing up took place, to create a new economic era in Palestine.

The public will lose the confidence it is beginning to gain in spite of its sadness over the split in America when it finds that after all it has hoped for, the new group in America has devised for its first contribution to Palestine development a something that does not go to the sources of its economic distress. What might be excellent as number three or number four in the program of the Palestine Development Council, would, at the top of the list, cause only disappointment to a public in dire need of encouragement.

The above is the combined judgment of our group. I hasten to say that nevertheless this judgment of the expectation of the Palestine public and of political values, could not lead our group to disparage the Wholesale Supplies Project, if it itself thought this project valuable from the point of view of Palestine economic needs. In other words, it does not wish to create the impression in your minds that it would be willing, for a single instant, to sacrifice a substantial economic good for the sake of political display.

This brings us to the first point mentioned above -- the actual value of the Wholesale Supplies project in the actual Palestine.

The Wholesale Supplies project is designed to counteract primarily the evil of high prices, and secondarily to introduce the idea of co-operative enterprises into the country.



~~First~~

First, as to the high prices. They are an effect, not a cause. The causes of all economic evil here are, as I said above, the lack of production and the lack of credit. Breaking the high prices might give temporary relief. Fundamentally, the situation would not be changed thereby. On the other hand, what it might do is incidentally ruin the small number of business men, small even for Palestine - who, due to a slight natural easing up of the situation, are beginning to establish themselves in a way tending towards normality. Likewise it would crush the Mahbir, a so-called "co-operative" enterprise, the pet of the workmen. If the crushing of this small stratum was accompanied by good done to the rest of the population, no pity would have to be wasted. But the good done to the rest of the population would again be only temporary relief. By force of economic conditions here it might even lead to a new sort of Halukah. The public here does not understand of itself, and could not be made to understand, your ultimate and real purpose, the co-operative idea. I have just mentioned the Mahbir which calls itself a "co-operative". Like a number of other enterprises here calling themselves co-operatives, it has none of the earmarks of the modern collectivist movement. Not only is this country bereft of an experienced co-operative, as Mr. de Haas properly intimates, but there is no knowledge of what a true co-operative means. Due to the falsely called co-operatives, it will be very difficult to educate the public up to an understanding of the idea.

It is only fair that I should tell you that three members of our group, Miss Sampter, Miss Szold and Miss Berger, hold the opinion that as a matter of fact, your method of working from above down to the co-operative idea would never lead to a true co-operative. Though they are amateurs in co-operative enterprises, they maintain that they have sufficient knowledge of, and insight into, the co-operative system to know that your indirect method would be destined to failure even in a more developed country. They maintain that a Wholesale Supplies project must be based on a series of consumers' co-operatives. They agree that only indirect methods will avail, but the proper indirect method to lead up to the co-operative idea, is the educational method, a long process but one that cannot be dispensed with. They urge strongly that one of your earliest undertakings be the securing of an expert in co-operatives who shall come to this country as soon as possible and begin a propaganda for the idea, personally among the colonists, Halutzim, and the workmen and in print through the newspapers and journals of the country. Miss Szold tells me that she had a number of conversations on the subject with Mrs. Fels who will be able to tell you how strongly she felt that the consumers' co-operatives were the best hope of this country.

As I indicated above in my cable, our group here has passed from criticism to suggestion. What our constructive suggestion is I should like to leave for another letter, which, however, I hope will be mailed to you by the same post as this one.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Em.N. Mohl.



August 19, 1931.  
(Dictated on the 14th.)

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
Palestine Development Council  
31 Union Square, Room 1102  
New York City

Dear Mr. DeHaas:

I have not as yet received the letter you sent through Mr. Joseph Grad, as you state in your letter of July 25. Nor have I received your letter about the credit union. I suppose, when I get these two letters, I will be better posted as to the details. In a letter of last week, addressed to Judge Mack, I have touched upon some points bearing upon the subject. There is one point of view I would like to emphasize, and that is that it may take quite a while before the undertaking will actually become a wholesale co-operative. The point is that the colonists have no money and one cannot very well discuss with them at the present moment the question of their organizing themselves and starting small consumers' co-operatives to be fed by the undertaking you proposed. I have spoken to a few colonists, of course, guardedly, upon the subject of their organizing small, say committees in the colony, these committees being the nuclei of the colonists' groups, who would undertake the distribution. Of course, all this so far has been tentative, inasmuch as I believe that when matters become definite down at your end, you will have somebody come out here. Then, with that somebody, a few of us could co-operative and organize the work. It is important, however, for all of us to realize that it will have to be a very slow and very careful process.

The general method of organization, excepted as to the point of credit, will probably have to follow the lines you have indicated in your letter of the 14th. I am assuming, however, that you do not want us to do anything until somebody has come out to be in charge of the whole undertaking, for I believe it best not to start it until we can follow it up to a successful conclusion. When do you expect Mr. Rade or Mr. Bloom to be out here?

I am sorry that I have not received your letter as bearing upon the credit union. I would like to have the whole plan before us, inasmuch as the question of small credit, especially to the colonists, is the crying need of the moment. I am not going to go into details and illustrations. It will suffice to say that a great number of the colonists this year cannot get the money to pay for the removal of the crop. I will leave the rest to your imagination.

Of course, the whole question of credit in Palestine is of prime importance, but that you know as well as I. We need not discuss it now. At this point I would like to say that in my opinion it was wise on your part to give up the question of the mortgage bank, inasmuch as the other crowd will take it up. That statement has been made. Whether they will or not, I do not know. I believe that if left to them entirely they could not take it up. The question, however, of a mortgage bank is involved with the Ottoman Imperial Agrarian that existed in Palestine before the war. I do not know whether I have written to you about the negotiations that were going on between Mr. Hoffin, Mr. Harare and Mr. Bentwich. I will not touch upon that now. If I did not write to you and you are interested in this matter, let me know and I will inform you about it. It is not of any consequence now inasmuch as at present we have given up the idea of a mortgage bank for a while.

I have not as yet compiled my list of small agricultural implements. I will, however, have it ready before this week is over and shall mail it to you.

This morning I became aware of negotiations about bringing into this country some Kerosene and gasoline with the intention of selling it in bulk at about 37 P.T. a time (44 English gallons to a tin).

In my list I have not included any food stuffs for the handling of food stuffs in this



country is of a very speculative character. Naturally the prices are high. You need not worry about the boycott that was started against Jaffa after the riots. In fact this boycott ~~has done more good than harm~~ has done more good than harm. The fact that freight has been reduced to \$10.00 a cubic ton is of great importance, and will facilitate the development of the undertaking. I emphasize that you send a man out here and let us organize well. We shall then be able to do a lot of good work in Palestine.

I am attaching herewith a few remarks by Dr. Van Vricaland. He had been inside for two years and he has a complete file of data and facts. He is coming with them to meet de Liema in Carlsbad. Naturally, having studied the facts for two years, his attitude is the one as expressed in these few remarks of his. He urged me to cable to you about Item four. I explained to him that the story is based on a report by Robert Szold. Of course we realize that it is too late to cable to you to remove it from the memorandum. His contention is, however, that one statement of this kind, which is not absolutely true, will minimize the good that this memorandum will do.

In your letter of the 25th you mentioned certain statements made to you by Mrs. Marks about people coming to Palestine, eating their money, and going off. Of course it is true. In one of my first letters I have stated that what is lacking here is a co-ordinating center where work, and good work, could be done. With the looseness existing all around, the situation is appalling. As to her remarks about the L8000 house of Dr. Levine, this is a bit exaggerated. The construction of his house cost about L3000 say, \$12000. It is one of the finest houses in Tel Aviv. What he paid for the land, I do not know. Dr. Mossensohn and Shonkin have fine houses, but didn't you know about that? I can tell you a better fact. The Gymnasium has just received L4000 for indemnities. There was damage done by the Turks during the war. Not a cent of this money, according to Mrs. Mossensohn (nee Nellie Straus) will go to the Gymnasium. It will be used to help some of the gang to build houses. But what is the use of citing these facts all stories? In fact I made up my mind not to listen to these things any more for they are disgusting.

R.D.K. is away from Jerusalem now. He is sending his family to America for a vacation. He is taking them down to Port Said and is utilizing his trip for studying the workings of the Public Works Department of Egypt. He will be back in about ten days.

I was taken aback by the statement in your letter that Mr. Baffien has put a bad dent in the quarry scheme. I cannot understand his motives. Naturally he wants money to come into Palestine, especially in view of the fact that Chaim has cabled to him about the bank, but I cannot for a moment imagine that he will dare make the statement that a quarry will not pay for itself in Palestine. Roughly speaking, 20000 cubic meters of stone has been used up in private buildings in Haifa, Jaffa, and Jerusalem within the last twelve months. (These statistics were furnished to me by Mr. Greenberg) You must realize that outside of Tel Aviv, (Jaffa) no building, or practically no building, was going on. I have this morning taken up the question with General Grant, the Director of the Public Works Department of the Government of Palestine. He was amazed to hear the statement that a quarry is not a practical proposition, especially in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. I must tell you at this point that General Grant is one of the best men the Administration has. He is a prominent engineer and a first rate organizer. He does not meddle with politics and is pushing his work in the finest and best way. In my opinion he is one of the builders of Palestine. I am writing to him today asking him to give me his opinion on the subject of a quarry in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. He has consented to reply, and as soon as I hear from him I shall forward his letter to you.

Meantime I have participated in a meeting where a corporation has been organized for the purpose of taking up quarrying in Jerusalem. There were a lot of questions bearing upon the details of the method of organization. Rabbi Tittlebaum will explain all this to you when he returns to America. I suggested that Mr. Bloom be elected a Director of this corporation. This was done. Rabbi Tittlebaum and Mr. Fishel supported me in my contention of making Mr. Bloom the Director. Mr. Fishel and Rabbi Tittlebaum are both



Directors in this co-operation. Rabbi Tittlebaum will explain this matter to you aslo when he returns to New York.

When I told Mr. Bishel about the part in your letter as bearing upon the question of quarrying, he was astonished. Naturally there is no question in his mind, or in any one else's mind as to whether a quarry would succeed.

I shall write more within the next few days.

Yours as ever for work in Palestine,

Emanuel M. Mohl.

P.S. I wonder whether you people realize that the earnest minded simple Jews has been with us all the time even in New York. I am attaching herewith a part of a letter I have received from a personal friend of mine from New York. Just read the part I have placed in brackets and return the letter to me.

INM

I have dictated this letter on the 14th but the stenographer could not get it out, hence the complication of dates. I suppose in the same mail you will receive my letter # 1 & 2 addressed to you as secretary of the Pedakmant. You see, this letter was dictated by me before we decided to cable to you about holding of the wholesale.

Sometime ago Miss Szold Kesselman and myself have decided to leave Pool out, at least for a while. You see, he cannot very well line himself up definitely, nor can he state definitely what he intends to do. Since dictating I have received your letter about the credit union. I have discussed it with Dr. Pool informally and have secured the following information. There are some so called mutual credit establishments in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Chirfa. Except the one in Jaffa none of them is any good, especially the one in Jerusalem is in a danger condition. The one in Jaffa is good on account of the one individual who has made it his life job; he is ~~an~~ honest and capable. As to your suggestion ~~about~~ about the \$50,000 of the J.D.C. Dr. Pool has not received it; at any rate, I believe we better keep away from most of the established institutions. In my letter #2 I am outlining the proposition of "working capital to the colonists". Study it personally and visualize it in all its possibilities, for I do not think I have analysed it enough in my letter to give a full view of the position.

In accordance with Rosalie's request I have arranged for the official Gazette and the S.C. Bulletin. You should receive them in this mail.

Yours as Ever,

Em. M. Mohl

Is anything being done about the oil in the Negif or wherever that is. As a private undertaking in honest hands it will do more good than as a public undertaking in hands of manipulators.

HC  
9/13/21



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NEHEMIA DE LIEME

'S-Gravenhage, Aug. 19th 21.  
Emmastraat 154

*ad*  
Dear Ben,

I don't understand your complaining. I wrote you several times c/o Lowenthal & Szold and also once to Judge Mack as an additional advice to Simon's letter.

I wrote you also about the exclusion of DeHaas, Frankf. and Brandeis. What is the real story. Weizm. denies his co-operation to this ostracism.

Now that I see that the American memo. will be in several languages, please send me 3 ex. of each translation.

The offspring of the Binjan Haarez may be all right but there are no strong people amongst them. If the Americans would be there (B. et al) perhaps they should go 100% with us; now not.

In no case I should have arranged the distribution. That would give a false impression.

I have no hope at all concerning Karlsbad; but I go not only as a member G. A. C., but also as Dutch delegate.

I see no way in the dilemma. To compromise Weizmann is to help Sokolow. To put away Uss. is to help Ruppin. From wrong to worse, if there is any possibility.

As I hear the majority will be Polish; they tell that Poland has 300 a' 350.000 shekels and millions of (Polish) marks for the K. H. When they are undivided under the leadership of Poldeschski and Lenta - as I hope not - you know what is the meaning of that. I think Jabotinsky and Sokolow have more sympathy there than Weizmann. God must help us.

Now I have found out the Res. of Cleveland about the K. H. It is right; only gifts, but as I wrote you - in my opinion - you should publish the resolution in your statement. It will make much effect your statement in case it is not published ~~so~~ early. Otherwise W. et al will make new "fantasies" about its content.

I will write you a report from the Congress but a very short one because I am disgusted. My health may be much better.  
~~How are you and what are your business.~~

Yours  
DeLieme



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JERUSALEM

AUGUST 19, 1921.

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REFERRING TO DEHAAS LETTER JULY 7TH ALSO JULY 19TH GROUP

CONSTITUTED ADVISES STRONGLY AGAINST WHOLESALE SUPPLIES PROJECT

REASONS FOLLOW IN LETTER CONTAINING COOPERATIVE INDUSTRIES

MOHL.



JULIAN W. MACK

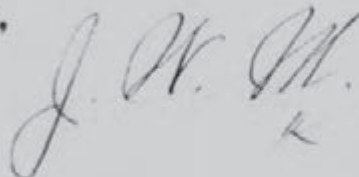
Woolworth Building  
August 20, 1921

Dear Doctor Silver:

Howard Gans was in to see me yesterday. He was sorry we hadn't made a hard fight against W. from the start and made it turn on hyphenated citizenship. I endeavored to calm his fears as to the effect of their success on American Jewry.

B. Horwich of Chicago was in. He sails today on business - banking in Europe - and for Congress. Wanted to know whether I approved of his offering and resolution for a Committee that should determine our differences. I told him we had nothing to submit to any Committee's decision but that we had never refused to discuss with anyone any question of relevance to the cause.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Mack". There is a small mark below the signature that looks like a stylized "K" or a flourish.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Weirs,  
New Hampshire.



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Letter #2

Jerusalem  
August 20th, 1921

Dear Mr. de Haas:

In my letter no. 1, I just mailed to you, I have stated that our group over here has arrived at some constructive suggestions. These constructive suggestions have been fully discussed only by Miss Szold, Mr. Van Vriesland and myself. R.D.K. is not here at present. I expect he will return in about a week.

Taking as a background, production and credit and bearing in mind the idea of doing in Palestine something basic that will at the same time lead to self-help in general and towards cooperatives especially, the two following thoughts have been advanced: 1. Fruit canning and preserving, (Dr. Van Vriesland); 2. Operating capital to colonists.

We are inclined to believe that a proper start can be made with industries leaning upon the agricultural art of the development of Palestine, much easier than with the industrial part, especially considering the existing conditions.

#### FRUIT CANNING AND PRESERVING

A factory to be established somewhere in the Jaffa district, preferably along the shore, somewhere between Tel Aviv and the Audga River. The factory to start with the citrus fruits, grapes, lemons and olives, (not necessarily oil) with the gradual branching out into other fruits, also vegetables. It is not necessary to indicate the different ramifications of the work involved and the different branches of the products. If you talk it over with an expert in the line he will indicate to you what can properly be done with these products. All I want to tell you is that, practically nothing of what could be done with these fruits is at present being done. Palestine is even importing large quantities of orange marmalades and orange jams. The question of containers is important. It should not however present unsurmountable difficulties. A very small outlay will take care of the machinery to produce the containers. As far as the metal is concerned, use can be made of the "tins" that come in to the country in large quantities, containing kerosene and gasoline. I am inclined to believe, however, that earthen-ware containers could be used successfully.

One of the underlying principles of the undertaking is to be "profit-sharing" by the Colonists who supply the fruit. The profits to be paid to them in shares of the company, say one pound shares. There is a fair chance of interesting some of the Vaads of the colonies and have them take a very small portion of the shares at the very beginning; the idea being to gradually transfer this corporation to the fruit and vegetable producers. There is a difference of opinion, however, as to the advisability of getting the colonists to participate in the very beginning.

I am not familiar with the details of the undertaking, nor do I know anything about the machinery involved. Roughly, I estimate that a capital somewhere in the neighborhood of L.E. 25,000 will suffice, including the working capital. I would, however, suggest to add L.E. 20,000 to the figures arrived at in order to establish a reserve fund and have capital for the purpose of stimulating the production of vegetables. That is, a part of this capital to be used as loans advanced on crops.



I want to say, however, that a recent arrival from Riga, is making arrangements to open up a preserving establishment in Jaffa. This is the only objection I have raised to the proposal. Mr. Van Vriesland and Miss Szold are of the opinion that inasmuch as the basis of the proposed undertaking will be cooperative while the one that is being started is on a purely capitalistic basis, we need not hesitate to proceed with the project.

#### OPERATING CAPITAL TO THE COLONISTS

As I have indicated in my letter, the credit situation in Palestine is something which cannot be actually described. It affects the colonists very strongly. Suffice to say, that some of the colonists with whom I have discussed this question are seriously considering leaving some of the crops unremoved.

There is the following procedure in vogue in the country. The banks, and to a large extent the individuals, are advancing money to colonists on the guarantee of their crops. The crop is afterwards put in storage by the lender, the storage charges being paid by the colonists. The practice is to advance from fifty to sixty percent of the value of the crop. I believe that the Anglo-Palestine Company, up to this year has been charging nine percent net, plus certain other charges. These additional charges are considerable and bring up the interest rate to say above nine percent. However, whoever could get money from the Anglo-Palestine Company was considered lucky. As a rule, a large number of the colonists are falling prey to usurers. (The word usurer here is used in the Palestinian sense, for note that the final charge of the bank was). I will cite one instance. A certain colonist has brought his crop to Balfouria to have the threshing done; we also had to do some other work for him. Having received instructions from me that no credit be advanced to anybody, the foreman demanded cash. Cash was arranged for. Subsequently I found out that this colonist was to pay fifty percent interest on the L.E.25 he borrowed to pay us. Of course we did not take his money and an exception was made in his case. I am told that the Anglo Palestine Co., on account of the general shrinkage of the money market, is not advancing credits to the colonists. To what extent this is true, I have not investigated..

What I suggest is the following. Assume a number of 500 colonists with the maximum loan to each of L.E.200 thus making a total of L.E.100. Of course you will understand that the actual number of colonists will be larger, but amounts to be loaned in a large number of cases will be smaller than L.E.200. Due to the fact that the loans will be made on crops ripening at different periods of the year, we could expect a turn over of at least a portion of this capital of more than once a year.



This undertaking would involve the establishment of two centers, one in the Sharon Valley, say Petach Tikvah, and one in Galilee, say Haifa. The organization of this undertaking to consist of one general manager, one first rate assistant and an additional staff of from three to five people. The general manager and his assistant to be movable, spending alternately one week in each of the centers. At the main office, say at Haifa, the additional staff to consist of two to three employees, at the second office additional help of from one to two. The general manager to be a first rate American business man. I believe you could pick up somebody in U.S. The Assistant to be a Palestinian well versed in the situation and conditions. The type of assistant is a serious matter; however, there are at least two or three men in view, out of whom the right man could be selected.

Expenses involved:	the general manager to receive an annual salary of	L.E. 1000
	first assistant	500
	staff of five (average of 20 L. per month)	1200
	office expenses, travelling expenses and incidentals	* 800
		<u>TOTAL L.E.3500</u>

We need not consider the question of storage places for the present. These can be rented and there are some to be had, it is a practice followed in the country. The rental of the storage houses, as a rule, are paid for by the colonists, and there is no loss to him inasmuch as he has to store his crops somewhere, in Haifa or Jaffa.

You will note that the L.E.3500 amounts to three and one half percent. on the capital invested. If we figure on charging eight percent. net, some other very small but reasonable charges attached to the handling, supervision, etc. will bring up the net profit to anywhere between five and five and a half percent. It would be an excellent idea if arrangements be made to have a half or three quarters of one percent. deducted from the net profit and paid back in shares of stock, say L.E. 1 share, to the colonists who have used the capital in their work.

An advisory body of three to five Americans ( or their equivalent) in Palestine to act with the manager, they are to be volunteer workers, but must be share holders. I wish to point out that the success of this undertaking will depend upon the individual running it. If badly managed it can deteriorate into a form of chalakah, and the capital be wasted. If properly managed the undertaking will grow in size and become an extremely important instrument in the life of the country. The business methods and the human relation element are the two phases to be considered under "proper management". The business method must take care and avoid the speculative element; the human relation element, if properly looked after, will bring about co-operation by the colonists and will lead to a co-operative.

This undertaking will develop in the direction of loaning money to individual colonists on live stock and implements with a proper system of guarantees. It will also lead to loans to a colony as a whole, on machines bought co-operatively or improvements made for the settlement as a whole. Instances can be cited to substantiate these contentions. This undertaking will also lead to a wholesale supply. An undertaking of this nature will be a blessing to the country, and will be appreciated by the country; what is more - now is the psychological moment for it. Of course, it could be started on less than L.E. 100000. It also could be arranged to have the overhead expenses considerably reduced. It all depends upon what you can do at the other end.

It is strongly recommended that the above two undertakings be started at once.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Em.N.Mehl.



Woolworth Building  
New York, N.Y.

August 23, 1921.

L.D.B. - S.S.W. - F.F. - N.S., Jr. - A.H.S.:

Rosenbloom writes that he is keeping in touch with Bloom and thinks he has also influenced S. R. Travis "to be on our side". He is remaining in Battle Creek till the end of the month.

Both B. F. and L. S. Cohen, Honorary Secretary, at B. F.'s request sent me all documents regarding Economic Board that Mrs. Fels had brought along and which you have.

B. F. writes that he sails September 10th; will see Jimmy again but will miss Simon whose letter he encloses, and I enclose copy.- Understands Cowen and Sieff was not officially appointed by Z.O. to Economic Board, but were ~~not officially appointed~~ named by Walter Cohen or Jimmy.- Cohen has great doubts as to Z. O. working with them, but they'll go on regardless.

"After a good deal of thought, I sent in my resignation to the Z. O., two or three weeks ago."

B. F. encloses copy letter Jimmy to Judge Lehman, July 22d, which "I think should be treated confidentially." He sends him the Economic Board documents - says he hasn't been able to do much because of Am. Z. disturbances; is glad to see that "these political squabbles" are not to impede practical and economic endeavors on either side" and hopes he, like they, will be able to stir up enthusiasm of all who promised support. Had to drop *Mortgage Bank* because since Jaffa May events they can't accept H. C. scheme joint action with Arabs - therefore restriction now to purely conditional undertakings of which Cohen has written L. Most important job is still Rutenberg's - But hopes to go to America shortly: Baron promised support. He and High Commissioner anxious to see this begun soon as possible. Hope America will give assurance of sufficient help for this.

J. W. M.



Woolworth Building  
New York, N.Y.

August 25, 1921.

L.D.B., S.S.W., F.F., A.H.S.:

1. Do you think that we, as a group, or any of us individually, ought to send cable of greetings or anything else to the Congress - if so, what?

2. S.S.W. suggests a meeting in New York on September 11th. Is that agreeable?

J.W.M.



September 8th, 1921.

The following is a copy of a cable received by Mr. Ben Rubenstein, (Editor of the Palestine Weekly, and Doar Hayom) from the Paris correspondent of the Palestine Weekly at present in Karlsbad. This was sent to Mr. deHass by Mr. Rubenstein under date of August 28th.

ROSALIE D. GROHN

Secretary to Mr. deHass.

"I HAVE HAD IMPORTANT INTERVIEW WITH DR. PAUL NATHAN BERLIN POSSIBILITY  
COLLABORATION WITH BRANDEIS KEEP THIS SECRET FOR TIME BEING STOP SEND SOME  
BRANDEIS EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR BERLIN".





(COPY)

Washington, Sept. 7, 1921.

JWM - SSW - DeH

Re JWM's of 6th

(1) I should suppose September 24th or 25th would be better than 21st, so as to insure Flexner's presence. Whichever of these September dates you and Felix prefer will be satisfactory to me.

(2) I assume you will arrange to have Mrs. Fels attend, and perhaps you may wish to have Kaufmann there a part of the time.

(3) If our meeting is as late as the 24th or 25th, we ought to have quite authentic full report of proceedings at the Congress.

L.D.B.



Woolworth Building,  
September 8, 1921.

L. D. B.:

(1) I must be in Boston on Monday, the 26th. The 24th would suit me best, but that doubtless would not suit Mr. Rosenbloom. I don't know whether Dr. Wise and Rabbi Silver begin their services on the 25th. If not, I could arrange for that date. I am sure that Mrs. Pels would also be here. I am sending copies to Dr. Wise and Silver and await their reply.

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis,  
Stoneleigh Court,  
Washington, D. C.



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September 13th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

Judge Mack wired you today that Mr. Brandeis would be in New York this Saturday and Sunday for conference. We will meet Saturday morning, 9:30, at Nathan Straus' offices, 33 West 42nd Street. We all hope to see you then.

Yours sincerely,

*Jacob de Haas*

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.







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Dear Dr. Silver:

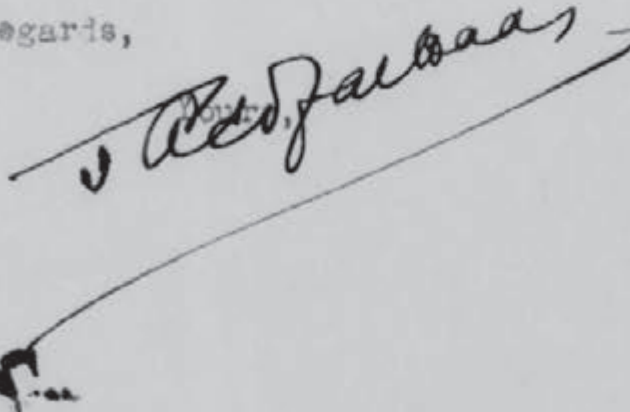
I enclose you draft of the letter which if you approve of it, I will send to the proposed members of the Committee.

I am getting up a folder which describes the relation of the PDC and the Cooperative Company and the Central Committee. As the legal gentlemen have all our papers I cannot complete that today as I have got to get some details. The prospectus has not reached me and I am somewhat worried as to its contents, but cannot do anything about it until I get it.

I enclose you the policy statement that I drew up some time ago, and I would now say represents the policy of the Leagues or the Central Committee rather than the policy of the Palestine Development Council. I would make that part of the appeal for the organization of the Leagues.

I have notified the members of the Administrative Committee of their appointment.

With kind regards,



J deH/RDC



9/28/21

September 28th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I am returning herewith copies of the letter which is to be sent to the Committeemen as well as your statement of our program with marginal emanations.

I believe that the letter to the Committeemen should go out at once. Please send me the list of these members and their addresses, and inform me of their acceptances.

Your policy statement should be included in the folder which is to be sent to the men and women who are to organize the League, as well as to the public at large. The folder should also contain suggestions as to the methods to be employed in organizing these leagues, the requirements for the procurement of the Charter, the names of the members of the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Council, as well as of the Co-operative Committee, the methods of the procurement and distribution of stock etc. There should be no time lost in making up this folder.

I returned the draft of the prospectives to Mr. Lindheim by mail Saturday night. I cannot account for the delay.



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4. Please send me a list of the Pittsburg contributors, their pledges and addresses and check off those who have paid.

Very sincerely yours,





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JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith proof of the proposed prospectus. This has been prepared along the lines suggested by you and contains the paragraphs which you sent to me.

I would appreciate it if you would go over this as soon as possible and let us have your suggestions as to any revision.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Norvin A. Lindheim*  
*per [initials]*

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio

NRL/RDC



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September 29th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your special delivery letter of the 28th.

The letter to the Central Committee is going out immediately. Miss Crohn will send you the names and addresses and inform you of acceptances as they come in.

I am enclosing you revised form of folder which includes everything mentioned by you.

Miss Crohn will also send you, in tomorrow's mail, the list of Pittsburgh contributors with the necessary notations.

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Yours sincerely,

Jacob de Haas

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RDC/



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JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

September 30, 1921.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 55th Street, & Central Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose you revised copy of the first page of the prospectus. This is now in the hands of the printer.

If I hear nothing to the contrary on Wednesday morning, I will let it go to press that day as it is.

The first page remains. The third page is roughly corrected as you will see from the enclosed. I believe this page will become the fourth page as the other material will be in larger type than the copy sent you by Lindheim.

Sincerely,

*Jacob de Haas*

Secretary.

JdeH/DG.



THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES

offers subject to sale

80,000 shares, Second Preferred 6% cumulative,

of the

PALESTINE CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, Inc.

Price, \$15 per share.

- A. AIMS AND PURPOSES. The Palestine Cooperative Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is the first enterprise of the Palestine Development Council. The Trustees of the Council recognize that the extension of credit facilities is a present vital necessity in Palestine, and of utmost consequence in its economic upbuilding.

The investment of outside funds in Palestine will materially aid individuals, groups and indeed the whole development of the country. But if the Homeland had perpetually to pay interest to outside investors, it would under normal conditions remain a borrower, depending on its ability to go abroad for funds. This is a condition which cannot be overcome either easily or quickly. But, in proportion to the ability of the Palestinians to create credit out of their capital and savings, they will cease to be dependent upon others.

The plan is therefore to enter Palestine as a stimulator of thrift, to aid it as a matter of good business, to encourage it as a matter of the highest importance to Palestine. The achievements of the Rochdale Pioneers in England, of the Dahrlehner Casse in Germany, of the People's Banks in Italy and of the credit unions in Massachusetts, California and Canada describe the ultimate policy of the Palestine Co-operative Company and at the same time provide assurance for the soundness of the investment character of the enterprise.

Experience in this type of enterprise shows that the losses are nominal. The rate of interest to be charged in Palestine will be less than that which prevails there now. So from both aspects, evolving local credit and loaning at reasonable interest, the Palestine Co-operative Company should prove a potent instrument in the upbuilding of Palestine.

Reports show that there is a large demand in Palestine for small short term credits for crop movements, seed loans, purchase of implements and tools and machinery for artisans and farmers, merchandise for colony stores, cooperative loan societies, credit unions, and cooperative consumers and purchasers societies.

It is not proposed to form an ordinary bank, but to



develop cooperative credit unions in Palestine, and thus enlarge the capacity of the community for cooperation. It is planned that ultimately Palestinians will take over by purchase the shares of this company and conduct it as a true cooperative enterprise. To this end, the Company will aid in forming small cooperative groups in industry, commerce and agriculture.

The Company will lend money so that the borrowers can make money, the loans to be based upon business collateral, upon the common responsibility and guaranty of the group, or upon the collateral of individual character.

It is believed that by following the above plans, the greatest possible assistance will be given to the Palestinians, the integrity of the investment will be safeguarded and maintained so far as possible, and at the same time the spirit of self-reliance and independence will be aided to the utmost.

It may not be possible, at the outset, for the Company to restrict its loans to cooperative groups. The present urgent need of additional capital in Palestine, may make it desirable to extend credits in proper cases to individuals and corporations.

It is believed that by following the above plans, the greatest possible assistance will be given to the Palestinians, the integrity of the investment will be safeguarded and maintained so far as possible, and at the same time the spirit of self-reliance and independence will be aided to the utmost.

The Company will select responsible representatives who will conduct its affairs in Palestine in accordance with its aims and purposes, and with sound business methods.

**B. CAPITAL STOCK.** The authorized capital stock of the Palestine Cooperative Company is \$1,000,000.

The capital stock of the company is divided into three classes, Common, First Preferred and Second Preferred.

The Common Stock of a total par value of \$1,000,000 will be issued to the Trustees of the Palestine Development Council. It carries the power to select a majority of the directors of the Company, thus securing a continuous efficient and responsible management and safeguarding the operations of the Company in accordance with the basic ideals and aims. After paying dividends on the preferred shares, the surplus profits will accrue to the Common Stock, and will be devoted by the Trustees to the purchase of preferred stock or to some Palestinian purpose.



The First Preferred Stock, of the total par value of \$100,000, is restricted to 5% cumulative dividends. It will be issued solely in trust for Palestine institutions, such as the University. This is a special class of stock created for this special purpose.

The Second Preferred Stock now offered for sale is of the total par value of \$300,000. This stock is offered for sale at the par value of \$10. per share. This stock has voting power and the right to designate representatives on the Board of Directors, and is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum. To afford an opportunity to the Palestinians to purchase the preferred stock, it is redeemable at par and accrued dividends.

Address inquiries, subscriptions and applications to

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES,  
Central Committee,  
31 Union Square, New York City.  
Jacob de Haas, Secretary.





Woolworth Building,  
October 4, 1921.

LDB - SSW - AWS - SR - RS - PF - JdeH - NS, Jr.:

I had lunch with Jimmie Rosenberg Saturday. He sails next Saturday to be Executive Director of the JDC work, and expects to remain abroad perhaps a year.

He mentioned to me that the JDC was ready to back up the Economic Council of London in starting a bank. He told me that he expects to stop in London and to have a talk with those people. Thereupon I told him what our plans are, and expressed to him a rather strong feeling of indignation that the JDC should be ready to back up the E. C. of London and not be ready to back us up. I further explained to him, however, that I had not had a talk with Herbert Lehman since last June; that I had deferred it because I would have preferred to go to him with \$250,000 in hand, but that in view of Rosenberg's mission, I should take it up with him at once. Rosenberg suggested the desirability of the Economic Council and the JDC doing the thing jointly.--having one corporation.--and then he would urge the JDC to make the loan. I told him that this was entirely agreeable to me, but that I feared he would not find the Economic Council either ready to put up the money or ready to go into things with a six per cent. limitation, or ready to back up what we deem most essential.--Credit Unions.

I have just made an appointment to meet Lehman and Rosenberg Thursday at three o'clock. I rather think Lehman will ask BF and some others of the Reconstruction Committee, to attend. I should like to have any suggestions from you as to the attitude I should take. My own thought is that our corporation will be ready to create a Palestine corporation and put into it as much capital as the Economic Council crowd will put in, provided that they agree to the six per cent. limitation and to the emphasis on the Credit Unions.

J. W. M.



October sixth, 1921

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

1. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Rabbi Samuel J. Abrams of Brookline, Mass. Rabbi Abrams can be of great help to us. I suggest that you officially appoint him Chairman of Organization for the State of Massachusetts. If you agree with me, write him in the name of the Committee and give him the information which he requests. Send me a copy of the letter.

2. I hope that no time is being lost in the publication of the prospectus and the League folder. Have the Stock certificates been printed?

3. What is being done by our Committeemen in New York to organize Leagues in New York? I suggest that a meeting be called at the earliest moment of the New York Committeemen and women, as well as of the Administration Committee, to plan the work. Will send some suggestions later.

4. How much successful has the Women's group been in enlisting support in other parts of the country?

5. Have you given any publicity to the



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newspapers? I wish you would ask W.S.Jr. for suggestions as to the best method of reaching that group which during the summer met with L.D.B.

Very sincerely yours,





DAVID DIAMOND  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR  
424 PRUDENTIAL BUILDING  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

October 6, 1921.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 55th St., and Central,  
Cleveland Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of October 4, with your kind greetings, to which latter I can but say "gam atem."

Our present plans are a bit chaotic just now. There have been some suggestions put forth with regard to the possibility of the P.D.L. luncheon injuring the attendance at the Temple Club luncheon. Some think, furthermore that we could, perhaps, make our appeal at the dinner, instead of having a special luncheon.

As a result, I do not know what to advise you now. I will know definitely before the end of this week. As soon as I am in a position to do so, I will write you of our final arrangements.

My personal view is that both of the suggestions above set forth should be vetoed, and that my original plan should be carried out. If convenient, I should personally appreciate your view of the matter.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

David Diamond.

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NEW YORK, October 6th, 1921

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JACOB DE HAAS,	<i>Secretary.</i>

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c.o The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The first attempt to organize the New York League will be made this Sunday evening in the Community House of Dr. Israel Goldstein's synagogue on West 88th Street.

Second, the program is being put into type and I will send you the proof. The members of the Administrative Committee desire to take a hand in its revision so a meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon.

Of the Provisional Committee I have heard from the following : Dr. E. D. Friedman, New York, declines; Frieburger, New York, Grant, Providence, Kirstein, Boston, Jurman, Waterbury, Susan Brandeis, New York and I. Dolidansky, accept. Sauber, of Green Bay, requests the substitution of Moritz Roseman if that should be agreeable to us.

I enclose you letter from Bert Polsky of Akron who declines. ✓

Since the New York meeting, \$4500 has come in. The prospectus is being re-revised - that is why it is not out yet.

Yours,

*Jacob de Haas*

JdeH/RDC



(COPY)

October 7th, 1921.

Dear Colonel Lehman:

Since our conference last June, some developments have taken place with which I believe you will want to be fully acquainted.

A group of people that favored the emphasis on the economic development of Palestine at the Cleveland Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, called together on the 4th of July at Pittsburgh, men and women regardless of their former affiliation or lack of affiliation with Zionist work, to consider in what way they could best further the development of Palestine in the interest of the Jewish people for so many hundreds of thousands of whom it is the only hope and refuge.

As a result of their deliberations, the Palestine Development Council, a New York membership corporation, not for profit, has been organized. Its purpose is to initiate or further from time to time such social economic enterprises as the trustees of the Council may deem wise and essential in the upbuilding of the land and of the Jewish people therein. The Council is in every respect non-political. It welcomes Zionist and non-Zionist alike and it hopes to secure in the various undertakings in which it will engage, the complete co-operation of all Jews interested in the development of Palestine regardless of the basis of such interest.

Justice Brandeis is the Honorary Chairman, I am the Chairman, and Sol Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh is the Treasurer. All of the trustees have not yet been selected. Among those who have been selected and have accepted are Nathan Straus, Jr., Lew Straus, Jr., Mrs. Mary Fels, and Dr. L. C. Lowenstein of the General Electric Company.

A provisional Central Committee has been formed which will be countrywide in its membership and which will aim to instigate the creation of Palestine Development Leagues throughout the country. These Leagues will be the agencies through which it is hoped that the stock of the successive enterprises initiated or furthered by the Council, will be sold. Of this Central Committee, Honorable Nathan Straus is Honorary Chairman, Rabbi A. H. Silver of Cleveland, Chairman, and Dr. Wise Vice-Chairman.



While the enterprises to be furthered by the Palestine Development Council are strictly business undertakings, the members of this group have a definite social vision which in their judgment should permeate all of the activities. They believe that especially in a small country like Palestine, emphasis must be laid upon the co-operative work, whether in production, consumption or furnishing of credit. They therefore feel it their duty to stimulate the creation of, and to strengthen the existing co-operative societies and credit unions in Palestine. After careful consideration of the needs of the country, they have decided that their first undertaking shall be the creation of a corporation which while furnishing credit particularly to the small borrower shall aim to do this primarily through creating and broadening credit unions. Accordingly, a Delaware corporation has been formed with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000 divided into three classes. The common stock \$1,000 par, is held by the trustees. It elects a majority of the directors. The first preferred stock is limited to 5% cumulative dividends and is issued only as trust investments for Palestine institutions, such as the University. The total issue of first preferred stock cannot exceed one-fifth of the total stock at any time outstanding. The second preferred stock is limited to 6% cumulative dividends. The shares will be sold at par \$10.

While the authorized stock is \$1,000,000 we plan to start business when \$250,000 shall have been subscribed. We have in hand at this time upwards of \$170,000 cash paid in and we hope to complete the first quarter of a million dollars within a comparatively short time.

Personally I believe that the cash capital that will have been secured before business has begun, the names and character of the trustees and officials, the aims and purposes both of the Council and of this corporation with the strict emphasis on the limitation of profits, development of co-operatives and of course, the furnishing of capital on modest terms to the Palestinians will commend this work to you. I need hardly add that if the Reconstruction Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee believes that this corporation is a proper medium for the whole or any part of the funds set aside by it for reconstruction work in Palestine especially by way of a long-term loan at nominal interest to be reloaned by the Company to the Jews in Palestine in accordance with the aims above set forth, we shall be pleased to discuss with you the method by which this can be done.

Faithfully yours,

Colonel Herbert Lehman,

Joint Distribution Committee,

20 Exchange Place, N.Y.C.

(Sgd.) JULIAN W. MACK



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JACOB DEHAAS



October tenth,  
1921

Mr. David Diamond,  
424 Prudential Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Diamond,

Thanks for your letter of the sixth instant. Under all conditions arrangements should be made for the organization of the P.D.L., either at a luncheon or at the Temple Club meeting. Frankly, my chief purpose in coming to your city is, not to address the Temple Club, but to assist you in raising the amount pledged to the P.D.C., and more if possible.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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October 11, 1921.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
C/o The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have added Rabbi Abrahams to the list of members of the Committee For Boston and will suggest to the other gentlemen that they name him as Chairman.

I sent you yesterday some subscription blanks. I am sending you today some prospectuses. As to the League folder, I have it set in type, but Judge Mack has overhauled it so severely that it has got to be done over again. I hope to send you new proof by Thursday afternoon. The stock certificates have been printed and are being issued today.

We had a very good meeting in New York on Sunday evening. It was a small gathering for organization purposes. Of course many of those who have already subscribed were present but there were many new ones. We have got personal subscriptions amounting to \$3350 and pledges to raise \$35,000. The Administrative Committee has had several meetings but they have been entirely devoted to the prospectus question. The Women's Committee is still organizing but Mrs. Lindheim has secured several thousand dollar pledges. I am holding back all publicity until next Sunday because I want to get the leaflet in shape. I will go after Nathan Straus, Jr. on Thursday. Minneapolis has reported its first thousand dollars.

I am enclosing herewith D.W. Simons' letter. Just what do you think of it. It seems to me that that pledge is very weak, but now that Butzel has joined the Committee, there may be some hope to the situation. If you can find some means of energizing Butzel, he would make good.

Besides Butzel, Jacob Billikopf, 1512 Walnut Street, Phil., S. Rittenberg, 55 Broad Street, Charleston, S.C. have accepted membership on the Central Committee. John L. Bernstein rejects on the score of preoccupation with the HIAS.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob De Haas*

P.S. M.L. Avner, Berger Bldg. Pitts. has also accepted.



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JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

October 11, 1921.

Dr. F.A.H. Silver,  
C/o Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have added Rabbi Abrahams to the list of members of the Committee for Boston and will suggest to the other gentlemen that they name has as Chairman.

For the Rebuilding of Zion,

Sincerely yours,



Woolworth Building,  
October 13, 1921.

LDB - FF - SSW - AHS - DeH - RS - SR - NS, Jr.

I met Colonel Lehman, Flexner and Baerwald of the JDC Reconstruction Committee, together with James H. Rosenberg, who sailed Saturday for Europe to be the European Director of the reconstruction work, and Morris Ernst, who will join him in a month. I stated at the outset that I had come to ask nothing, but that following up the conversations of last June, I wanted to tell them the exact situation. I took this position because I had learned that they were ready to make a substantial loan if the Economic Council of London would start a bank.

We had a thorough talking out of the situation for over an hour, and at Rosenberg's suggestion, I sent him the enclosed letter, so that when he gets to London and talks to the Economic Council people, he may be able to refer definitely to our plans.

The question was asked as to whether we would be ready to go in jointly with the Economic Council and I stated that we were ready to go in with anybody who was ready to adopt our two basic principles,--limitation of profits and furtherance of the credit unions; that I felt quite sure that the Directors of our corporation would be ready to join hands with the Economic Council or anybody else in the creation of a Palestine corporation to carry out our purposes,--each side contributing a like amount.

While I do not believe that the Economic Council is ready to contribute or to raise money in England, nevertheless, if they are ready to put up, say, \$100,000, I am strongly inclined to think that the JDC would be ready to make a long-term loan to a Palestine corporation established by the Economic Council and us together, with a capital of, say, \$200,000 or even less.

If this should be done, it would enable us to utilize a part of our capital for some other specific purpose.

But I do not count upon it, and of course it must not delay our action one moment. Our business is to go ahead and raise our first quarter of a million, and when we have that in hand, to go ahead and do our job.



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Dr. Lowenstein, of the General Electric, has accepted  
the position of Trustee of the PDC. So, too, Carmaiky.

J.W.M.





# PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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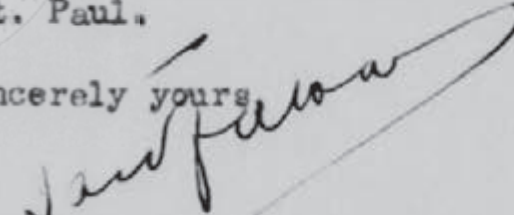
October 13th, 1921

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c.o The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The first 200 prospectuses and application blanks were sent you on Tuesday. I will send you a new proof of the folder as soon as I get it from the printer. It has been chopped and changed. I certainly agree that we should not put on any names for which we have not get acceptances. This morning we have acceptances from Rabbi S. Goldman, Moritz Rosenman of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Calmenson of St. Paul.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary

P.S. I am returning Calmenson's letter. Please return for files

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PALESTINE BULLETIN #3

October 14th, 1921.

Official Gazette #51 declares the boundary of the town planning area of Jerusalem and Haifa. It also declares 291 places as historical sites within the Antiquities ordinance of 1920.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Imports for July amounted to LE 437, 692, a decrease of LE 35,908 compared with July 1920. Great Britain contributed slightly over 26% of the total, USA 10%. Egypt and India about 22%.

The exports totalled at LE 51,202, a drop of LE 34,151, compared with July, 1920. Nine tenths of the exports went to Egypt. The imports were cotton, fabrics, sugar, petroleum, cigarettes, iron and steel, flour, cotton yarn, machinery and clothing. The exports, soap, pulp, melons, wine and lentils (the latter two items very small).

The formation is reported in Jaffa of the Palestine Economic Society which is issuing a regular bulletin on Palestinian matters. Mr. S. Hoffien, of the Anglo-Palestine Company, is prominently connected with this organization. American associate members are invited. The cost of membership is \$5 per year, and the members will receive copies of the bulletins direct from Palestine. Those desiring to join can do so through the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues.

PALESTINE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

The following facts relating to the co-operative credit societies and banks of Palestine are taken from the first bulletin of the Palestine Economic Society. The figures relate to the end of the Jewish year 5680 (September 30, 1920)

capital subscribed	LE 14,502
savings and deposits	13,686
Deposits by I.C.A. & A.P.C.	2,810
Miscellaneous	2,334
	LE 33,332 about \$135,000

Accounts are only given for two-thirds of this amount (there being no figures on the Keepat Am) LE 22700. The profit balance on this is given as LE 463, about 2%. Of this figure LE 18,189 was loaned to members who constituted nearly 80% the borrowers. The loans were granted in sums from LE 5 to L 20. Five societies had 1902 members, the Keepat Am has 850 members. The loans were issued for periods averaging 10 months, repayable in instalments on personal security.

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Dr. Kallen's book "Zionism and World Politics" can be obtained from the office at \$3:50 per copy.



October 14th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob De Haas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear DeHaas,

I received the prospectus and subscription blanks,  
and your letter of the 11th.

We had a very delightful meeting last night which was in the nature of a rally of all our friends who stood with us during the past few months. \$5100 worth of stock was sold and the enthusiasm of the meeting promises work for our enterprise. Another such meeting will be held next Thursday evening, at which I hope that even a larger amount will be raised. A League was organized and a temporary administered committee of seven was appointed. Mr. Sam Bialosky, 1533 E. 115th St., is our temporary Treasurer. He will send you a list of the Subscribers and all the cash raised, in a day or two. Upon the receipt of the subscriptions, I would suggest that the stock certificates be forwarded at once because of the moral effect. Morris Berick is temporary Secretary with whom you can communicate whenever you need.

Have written to Adler with reference to a Pittsburg meeting as well as to Simons in Detroit and Diamond in Buffalo. I will be in Buffalo on the 27th of this month, and organize a league. I am going to write to Butzel for I am returning the enclosed letters for file. With kindest regards, I beg to remain.

Very sincerely yours,



# The L. A. KICHLER Co.

DESIGNERS & ORIGINATORS OF VALANCES

October seventeenth

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Dr. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
E. 55th & Central  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

Enclosed please find several small subscriptions  
for stock that I have been able to get. I trust that  
they will help a little bit. With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

*L. A. Kichler*

LAK:MWB

717 LAKESIDE AVE., N.W. CLEVELAND, O.



October nineteenth  
1921

Mr. L. A. Kichler,  
717 Lakeside Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kichler,

I was delighted to receive your letter  
enclosing the subscriptions which you have pro-  
cured. I am happy to learn that you are active  
in this fine cause. Keep up the good work!

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



October nineteenth  
1921

Judge Hugo Pam,  
County Court Building,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Judge Pam,

I wonder if anything has been done in Chicago in the matter of organizing a Palestine Development League, and of beginning the sale of the stock for the Co-Operative Company? I would suggest that you call a meeting of our kindred spirits in your city at the earliest possible moment and effect such an organization. I shall be in Chicago on November 14th to address the City Club and the Sinai Center. I shall keep the afternoon free for any service which I can render the League work in Chicago.

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Bialosky shows real energy. He has already sent on \$1420 on account of the \$5100. All certificates were sent out yesterday.

We have acceptances on the Central Committee from Schimmel, Max Barron, I. B. Brodie, G. J. Gordon, Alexander S. Wolfe, Pam, Jonas A. Rosenfeld, and Martin A. Meyer. I enclose you letter from Abelson of Birmingham which I have already answered and told him he misunderstood. Neither Fisher of Chicago, Conrad nor Levenson of Boston have answered to date, nor have the New York members. The enclosed message from Dr. Heller of New Orleans is very peculiar.

I suppose you know of Deinard's death (Minneapolis).

We have gotten out the letter for the appointment of the 21 members at large of the P. D. C., and I am holding the leaflet up to get all those names into shape. Meanwhile, I am of course corresponding with every centre trying to jack them into action.

I have written to the Cincinnati and Dayton <sup>people.</sup> We have no C.C. member in Dayton. Therefore enclose you a letter for Meyerberg which you might send him from ~~Cincinnati~~ <sup>Cleveland</sup>. I think it would look better to send it from Cleveland as we are sending quite a lot of stuff from here.

Have written to Abrams of Boston. I wired the other day but he wants more information.

As to your inquiry re Ike Friedman, he was elected secretary of the first New York league. He is the same one from Akron. He is doing voluntary work.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob De Haas*

JdeH/RDC



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At the Offices of

THE ECONOMIC BOARD FOR PALESTINE.

7 Queen Square,

Southampton Row,

London, W.C.1.

20th October, 1921.

The Joint Distribution Committee,  
20 Exchange Place,  
New York City.  
U.S.A.

For the attention of Messrs. Warburg and Lehman.

Dear Sirs:

On Monday last I met Mr. Walter S. Cohen and had a first conference in reference to the Palestinian Credit Institution project. Yesterday and today Mr. Walter S. Cohen, Mr. O. E. D'Avigdor Goldsmid and I have conferred. Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid is a member of the Executive Committee of the Economic Board for Palestine and is a member of the Council of the ICA. He and Mr. Cohen are two of the three members of a Committee appointed to confer with me; the third is Mr. James de Rothschild, who has been in Paris but who will arrive in London tomorrow and whom I shall meet before I mail this letter and the accompanying Memorandum.

As a result of these conferences, the draft plan for a Co-operative Credit Institution in Palestine has been formulated, of which three copies are enclosed. As there will be a Meeting of the Council of the ICA in Paris on November 19th it is particularly desirable that the position of the J.D.C. and of the P.D.C. (the Organization represented by Judge Mack and others) be known and communicated to me at as early a date as possible, and it occurs to me as especially desirable to have Mr. Morris Ernst be the bearer of the views of the two organizations.

As to the proportionate contributions, while that of the Economic Board for Palestine is comparatively small, it has been through their good offices that the ICA has been brought into the situation, and while Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid asks me to make it clear to you that the ICA has not yet taken a position in regard to the matter, he will, if the general plan is approved by both the New York groups, present it with his recommendations to the ICA and he tells me that he is very hopeful that in that event the ICA will act favorably on these recommendations. At all events, if the American groups approve the plan I know that Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid is going to be with us heart and soul and it is my belief that his representations to the ICA will produce results.

It seems to me that to have the ICA with us is highly de-



sirable, not only because we should have its money, but because of the great experience the ICA has had for many years in Palestine in social economic work, and it seems to me equally desirable that the Economic Board for Palestine should come along with us, even though it be a smaller contributor, both because of the personnel of the men in the E.B.P. and especially because of the Mandate as to Palestine.

In drawing up the Memorandum, Mr. Cohen, Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid and I felt that it was impracticable and undesirable to make any attempt at this stage to work out all the details; that the Memorandum should simply be a Charter; that if the four Bodies participating approve this Charter, it will become necessary that the Organization Committee work out the details. If the draft plan is approved by the two New York bodies, I can imagine that the J.D.C. will welcome the opportunity to name Mr. Ernst as its Organization Committee man and a representative of the P.D.C. might come abroad with him. Should the ICA name Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid, and the E. B. P. name Mr. Cohen, Mr. Ernst and the P.D.C. Committeeman could stop in London and the Organization job could be completed here or in Paris.

I have used the word "completed",--this is a misnomer. Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid, Mr. Cohen and I feel that the real completion of the job requires the finding of Hamlet, with whom the play will not function,--that is to say, we all feel that an English or American Jew who is a competent business man, who knows something about banking, who has administrative ability and who has at least a fair knowledge of Palestinian conditions, should be found. Mr. Cohen is on the track of such a man here, though he does not think he measures up to the job. If you in New York know of any such man I am sure your suggestions would be highly welcomed and I asked that this matter be especially called to Judge Mack's attention.

Subdivision 8, (the last paragraph but one of the document enclosed) was very seriously considered by Mr. Cohen, Mr. D'Avigdor and myself; we included it, being unanimously of the opinion that if there be any other groups desirous of helping in a project which concerns itself solely with social-economic development, that such a group should not be excluded from the right to help in such work.

I have one thing to add; the plan has intentionally avoided the definition of the respective amounts of power of the four contributing bodies. This is not an organization for money-making. We are all united in a common purpose. While the amounts of money contributed are unequal, each body contributes through its personal position an invaluable element, and I for one, expressing only my personal opinion would not hesitate to approve the plan, in which each of the four bodies has a like number of votes in the Directorate. If such an attitude on the part of America is over-generous (though I do not think this is the case) it is a policy which I, for that reason, all the more approve.

I hope that Judge Mack will note that we have all very particularly endeavored in the brief statement of general aims to summarise the ideals of the Palestine Development Council.

By way of repetition perhaps, let me suggest the importance of



having the ICA know before November 19th what is the position of the two American groups.

As a last word I might add that I am sure that neither Mr. Cohen nor Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid, I have any more pride of authorship than I have, and if there be any errors or omissions in the plan, any suggestions will be heartily welcomed. Please be sure to see that Judge Mack receives a copy of this letter and of the enclosure.

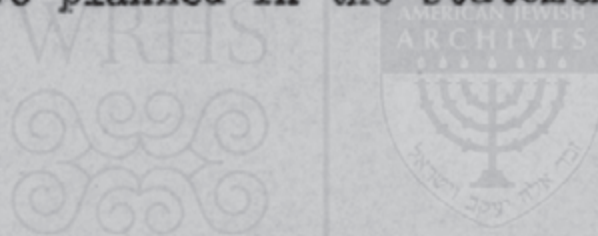
Faithfully yours,

J. N. Rosenberg

Supplementary:

Oct. 21, 1921.

Mr. de Rothschild heartily approves, so do Mr. Landesco and Mr. Waldman. Please note that the procedure provisions in paragraph 7 give the J.D.C. a thorough veto power against engaging on any enterprises other than those planned in the statements of general aims.





AHS

Statement of Account as of October 19, 1921.

Cash paid in	\$126,610.39
Notes	300.
Personal pledges	87,000
Reduced valuation, city pledges.	<u>50.725</u>
	\$264,635.39



Woolworth Building,  
New York City.  
October 20, 1921.

LDB - SSW - M - SR - RS - DeH - AHS - SJR - NRL

Judge Lehman received a letter from Rothschild a couple of weeks ago that was read to me by Col. Lehman at our conference last week. It urged the Judge to get the American Economic Council together to co-operate with the British, which was about to launch a general holding company with £200,000 capital.

Lehman discussed with me the answer that he should give. I agreed with his own conclusion that in the circumstances,--the quarrel, the hard times and the coming War Relief drive,--he could not get together the people that he had last week. I further agreed that in a sense our group was ready to do about what had been wanted of them; that we desire the full co-operation of those who would have formed the American Economic group; that we were ready to co-operate with the British in every possible way as long as they accepted our fundamental standpoints.

He was of the opinion that we cannot hope for anything from that American Economic group except through the JDC.

J.W.H.



October 20, 1921.

LDB - SSW - PF - HS, Jr. - SR - RS - SJR - AES - DeH - NRE

Mrs. Fels has been very insistent for some time that it is not only advisable but our duty to make a loan of \$10,000 to Hassolel, publisher of the Palestine Weekly, the Arabic and the Hebrew paper. She desired this done through the Palestine Co-operative Society.

At a meeting of the Directors it was pointed out to her

(1) That we were not going to begin business until we had the quarter of a million raised.

(2) That we should have to have more than an informal statement from her or from Alex Aaronsohn representing the corporation; that we should require a formal application fully supported in writing by all evidence before such a loan could be made.

(3) That while these papers undoubtedly had the full sympathy of our entire group, nevertheless any such loan made by us would be given a political cast just because of the political position of those papers as against the Zionist Commission and Organization and in our favor, and for that reason it would be inadvisable and inexpedient.

(4) That whether or not she was correct in her statement that seventy-five families were dependent upon this paper for their daily earnings, and despite the fact that it was in a sense a public enterprise, if this were our first loan it would be contrary to our fundamental principle of laying all emphasis on the co-operative work.

Any or all of these reasons made it impossible for us as Directors to sanction the loan.

It was felt, however, that as Mrs. Fels deemed this loan vital, and if she felt that she must make it personally inasmuch as we could not make it, and that by doing so she would not at this time desire to put in the whole of her \$50,000, she might then put in \$40,000 instead of \$50,000 now, giving the balance later either in cash or in any other way that she desired.



As to the financial condition, the statement was made that this company had purchased four linotype machines which had been completely set up about five months ago and which had cost, complete with installation, over \$60,000; that the Anglo-Egyptian Bank had made a loan of £2,000 on the security of two of them; that of the \$10,000, \$3,000 was needed for new machinery, something for paper stock.

Mrs. Fels was advised that if she made the loan personally, it should be done only in a proper legal way under Palestinian law, with the other two linotype machines as collateral security and with the personal guaranty of Mr. Ben Rubenstein, the largest investor in Hassolel, in addition to the notes of the company itself.



J.W.M.



October 20th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

Please make sure that Buffalo has  
copies of our prospectus and a number of  
subscription blanks in time for our meeting  
next Thursday, October 27th. Send them  
either to our Committeeman, Mr. Miller or  
to Mr. Diamond, 424 Crudential Building.

Very sincerely yours,



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Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I see you are getting together a group of dates for Pittsburgh, Detroit and Buffalo. Couldn't you take in East Liverpool on that trip? They have been wanting you for some time.

Things are still going slowly here although we have gotten out hundreds of letters.

Yours,

*End of day - how unproblematic*

JdeH/RDC



*Dr. Silver*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS OF OCTOBER 21, 1921.

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Cash paid in	\$126,810.39
Notes	300.00
Personal pledges	88,000.00
Additional N.Y. personal pledges	3,600.00
" non N.Y. "	3,000.00
Reduced valuation city pledges	50,725.00
	<u>\$272,235.39</u>



(COPY)

Berkeley Hotel,  
London, Oct. 22, 1921.

Col. Herbert H. Lehman,  
16 William Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

In re: Leter /3:  
Palestinian Credit Institution.

Dear Herbert:

In looking over my letter which was sent to you after dictation but before reading, I almost wish that I had held it back, because the suggestions to you about tact and various other remarks are so unnecessary, as to be impertinent. I know, however, you will understand the pressure under which I was to get the letter off on time to be on the same steamer with the official document in respect to the Palestinian Credit matter. I do hope that it will lead to something.

Sincerely yours,

J. N. ROSENBERG

JNR/RG



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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have put Dr. Gottheil's name on the list as I take it that he joins the committee. It is a case in which we want his name rather than any serious action.

I finally had to withdraw Abelson's (Birmingham) name because he writes me that he does not want to serve until there is an election there by the group who is to constitute the League.

No action can be expected from the Strauss group until after we have gotten the \$250,000 in.

I have held up the leaflet largely because I wanted to get those names correct and don't want to publish any names that have not accepted. Plenty of letters and telegrams have gone out but there are a few that have failed to answer. I never experienced more reluctance on the part of people to answer letters. Max Heller has definitely decided to join us.

The Philadelphia situation would have long since been cleared up were it not that Schimmel had been ill and then dates had been made for meetings which did not fit in various engagements.

I issued a long statement the other day through the Jewish Correspondence Bureau. I will check it up.

The New Yorkers are beginning to work. They find things rather difficult owing to the business depression. There will now be some real action in Baltimore. Providence evidently is in a doubtful state of mind. Philadelphia I regard as safe as soon as we can get this group together. Pittsburgh is working. Bridgeport is to hold a meeting. Chicago has promised now to get active. Buffalo, Cleveland and East Liverpool you know.

I am concentrating on the C. C. members but I am afraid that we will have to get into the field.

The daily financial report shows what is happening in money. Of course the holidays have been interfering but I believe there is a strong feeling particularly here in New York, not in our group, but outside, that with the arrival of the delegation from



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

October 26th, 1921  
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Europe next week, another peace drive is to be attempted and a lot of people are watching rather than acting.

Kind regards.

Yours,

*Isidor Feinstein*

Dr. A. H. Silver,

c/o The Temple,

E. 55th Street,

Cleveland, Ohio.



deH/ RDC



October twenty-seventh  
1921

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

Have we any representative in Milwaukee, or anyone we can count on to start our activities in that city. I am scheduled to speak in Milwaukee on Tuesday, November 15th.

Avner writes me that they are planning a more or less formal dinner for an evening, but they want a little time to make proper arrangements. Their money, he writes, is pretty well collected and the purpose of the dinner is to get new subscriptions. He asks for a date in the middle of November. I will arrange with him for such a meeting. He also suggests that Morris Neaman be requested to take care of our League work in Western Pennsylvania towns. Neaman's address is 308 Roberts Street, Pittsburgh. If you think he is the right man, write to him in my name asking him to assume charge.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



# INTERNATIONAL JEWISH PRESS BUREAU

5 BEEKMAN STREET, N. Y.

PHONE, CORTLANDT 5450

*Silver*

CLIPPING DEPARTMENT

*The Baltimore Evening Sun*

From .....

Date ..... OCT 8 1921 .....

## PALESTINE COUNCIL ESTABLISHES LEAGUE THROUGH-OUT COUNTRY.

New York (J. C. B.).—The Palestine Development Council, recently organized by the Brandeis minority Zionist group, organized branch leagues in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Other leagues are in the process of formation in Buffalo, Providence and Philadelphia.

According to a statement given out last week by Mr. Jacob De Haas, secretary of the Development Council, these leagues and the central organization in New York plan a whirlwind drive to sell \$800,000 worth of preferred stock for the Palestine Co-operative Company which proposes to extend credit facilities in Palestine. This sum is to complete the \$1,000,000 capital of that company, one-fifth of the sum having been pledged at the Pittsburgh organization conference which took place on July 4.

A special campaign committee has been effected in New York with Mr. I. Freedman of Akron, Ohio, as its secretary.



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Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 56th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to Mr. Friend, of Milwaukee and have telegraphed to one of our friends in Wisconsin to see what can be done in Milwaukee on the 15th.

Neamond is an excellent man for Pittsburgh if he will take charge. I will writing to him by the outgoing mail.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob de Haas*  
Secretary

JdeH/RDC



A.H. A.

DATE - Oct. 31, 1921

## PREVIOUS REPORT

				TOTAL
Cash		Increased by		
	128030.39		3380	131330.39
Notes		Increased by		
	800			800
Personal Pledges	79760	Increased by new pledges	500	
		Decreased by cash payments	3250	77010.00
City Pledges	50705	Increased by new pledges		
		Decreased by personal pledges		
		or cash	50	50655

GRAND TOTAL

259295.39

259795.39



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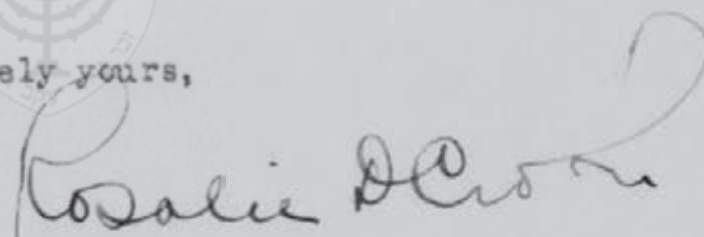
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JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

November 1, 1921.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing you a duplicate list and letter which  
I sent to Judge Mack today. This list is of today's date.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to Mr. de Haas.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
C/o The Temple,  
East 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

*The leaflet will be ready for  
distribution by Thursday.*



*Dr. Silver*

November 1, 1921.

Dear Judge Mack:

I am enclosing herewith a list of all unpaid pledges to the Palestine Cooperative Company.

In connection with this list, we have a pledge of \$1,000 from Polsky, Aaron, on which \$500 was paid, balance due 1922. There is also a pledge of William B. Levy of Baltimore of \$2500, \$1250 paid up, balance due 1922.

*Also Ike Friedman, balance \$1500  
of 1000 pledge - Due in quarterly installments.*

Mr. de Haas spoke to Mr. Leon Kamaiky and Mr. Isidor Morrison on the phone today and they promised to send in their money. The pledge of Harry Zirn, Brooklyn, for \$500 is being taken care of by Mr. Freiburger who is responsible for this pledge. Mr. Freiburger promised to get the money from Mr. Zirn this week.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. de Haas.



UNPAID PLEDGES

Nov. 1, 1921

PLEDGED

Judge Hugo Pan, County Court Bldg., Chicago, Ill.	\$ 250
Mr. Mendel Sensibar, 1028 W. 6th Ave., Gary, Ind.	100
Mr. & Mrs. Israel B. Brodie, Equitable Bldg., Balti., Md.	250
Mr. Henry Levenson, 27 School St., Boston, Mass.	1000
Mr. James H. Ehrlich, 5553 Second Blvd., Detroit, Mich.	<i>have notes</i> <del>500</del> due on Jan. 6, 1922
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sherr, Detroit, Michigan	1000
Mr. Meyer Stone, 616 Ford Bldg., Detroit, Mich.	100
Mr. Carl Finn, % Gymal Dolid Club, 913 Humpin Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.	50
Mr. Irving M. Frisch, 1019 Knox Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn.	30
Dr. Geo J. Gordon, 410 La Salle Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.	100
Mr. Louis Gordon, 220 Harvard St., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.	30
Mr. I Krimer, 1701 Thomas Pl., Minneapolis, Minn.	100
Mr. & Mrs. Benj. Lipshitz, 1714 Thomas Pl., Minneapolis, Minn.	150
Mr. Louis Mandel, 907 Morgan Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn.	100
Mr. Peter Markus, 801 Logan Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn.	100
Rabbi C.D. Matt, 1611 Elliot Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.	30
Mr. N. D. Navias, 1306 - 9th St. S., Minneapolis, Minn.	50
Mr. Rabin S.M. Silber, 127 Highland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	30
Dr. Thos. Ziskin, 410 La Salle Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.	20
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Calmenson, 714 Pioneer Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.	30
Mr. Daniel Sherper, 844 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	50
Mr. Chas Polekoff, Prudential Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.	750 balance of pledge
Mr. & Mrs. L.H. Miller, 190 Cleveland Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.	250 <i>7 1/2 1000</i>
Mr. I. Dolidansky, Jewish Daily News, 187 E. Bway., N.Y.C.	50
Mr. David Freitarger, 25 Beaver Street, New York City	100
Mrs. J.C. Guggenheimer, 318 W. 100th St., New York City	50 (payable Dec. 1
Mr. Reuben Horchow, Yale Club, Vand. Ave. & 44th St., N.Y.C.	100
Mr. Leon Kamaiky, % Jewish Daily News, 187 E. Bway, N.Y.C.	1000 <i>promised</i>

*5850 Balance Draft.*



Mr. Isidor D. Morrison, 320 Broadway, New York City	\$1000 (due Oct. 27)
Mr. M.W. Norwalk, 2922 West 28th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	50 balance of pledge
Mr. Sylvan Robison, 495 West End Ave., New York City	100 <sup>7th 100</sup> promised with
Mr. B. A. Rosenblatt, % Zion Commonwealth, 55 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.	100
Mr. S.J. Rosensohn, 165 Broadway, New York City	500
Mr. Alexander Sachs, City Club, 55 W. 44th St., N.Y.C.	10
Mr. Aaron Schneider, 325 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.	250 (middle of Dec.)
Mr. Hyman Segal, Segal Lock Co., 149 Leonard St., N.Y.C.	100 (due Feb. 1, 1923)
Mr. J. Siegel, 45 West 25th St., New York City	1000
<i>and wife</i> Mr. & Mrs. S. Zenker, 558 West 164th St., New York City	500
Mr. Harry Zirn, 1494 President Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.	1000
Mr. A.H. Alpern, % National Shoe Store, S. Howard St., Akron, Ohio.	300
Mr. J.H. Birnbaum, % Wadsworth Co., Akron, Ohio.	100
Mr. Jerome Darity, % M. O. Neil Co., Akron, Ohio.	100
Messrs. B.&L. Freiberg & A.W. Frank, % Kirk Co., Akron, Ohio.	500
Mr. J. Nobil, S. Howard St., Akron, Ohio.	500
Mr. Margolies, Canton, Ohio.	250
Mr. Sidney L. Silverman, New Kensington, Pa.	100
Mr. H. A. Westerman, New Kensington, Pa.	100
Mr. S. S. Glasgold, 8th & Green Sts. Phila, Pa.	100
Mr. Julius H. Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa.	500
Dr. H. L. Eber, Pittsburgh, Pa.	100
Mr. <del>CSJ</del> Fechheimer, Pittsburgh, Pa.	200
Mr. & Mrs. A. Greenberger, Pittsburgh, Pa.	200
Mr. B. Horvitz, 908 Diamond Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.	<del>100</del>
Rabbi B.A. Lichter, Pittsburgh, Pa.	100
Mr. & Mrs. M. Neamen, 308 Roberts Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	500
Mr. I. L. Scheinman, 1024 Vickroy St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	500

women's pledge not omitted

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November 2nd, 1921

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 55th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I saw Mr. Fechheimer this morning and he is anxious to organize something around the 28th of November or soon after. He would get together a group if you could manage to go over there any time around then. Is this at all possible for you?

Sincerely yours,

*J. De Haas*

*Jacob Fechheimer*

JdeH/RDC

*Nov. 28th*



Woolworth Building,  
November 3, 1921.

LDB - FF - AHS

The enclosed just came. Morris Ernst, who [redacted] as Rosenberg's assistant, sails Saturday morning. Therefore Col. Lehman has asked me to meet with the two of them tomorrow afternoon and give some tentative views of my own, with the understanding that, of course, this whole plan is to be submitted to our group, as it is also to be submitted to the JDC Reconstruction Committee. The latter meets Monday night, and I shall attend.

I have just submitted this to Szold, Rosensohn, Cohen, Lindheim and DeHaas. Couldn't get Straus, Jr. They all approve. Details, of course, must be worked out. I should like to hear from you by telegraph any suggestions that you may have to make that will bear on my interview tomorrow afternoon, and by letter your full views on the whole matter, so that I shall have them before the Reconstruction Committee meets Monday night.

J.W.M.

(Enclosures)

P. S. - Ben Cohen feels that there ought to be no loans but only share capital of various classes. This, I know, the JDC will not consent to, and I think it useless even to suggest it to them, although I shall talk it over with Ben Flexner, who returns to the City Monday. Further, he feels that we must be particularly careful in imposing all possible limitations on their right to liquidate, if the loan principle is adhered to.



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Oct. 31

DATE Nov. 4, 1921.

PREVIOUS REPORT				TOTAL
Cash	131330.39	Increased by	1550	132 880.39
				800
Notes	800	Increased by		
Personal Pledges	77010	Increased by new pledges	7700	83 200
		Decreased by cash payments	1510	
City Pledges	50655	Increased by new pledges		
		Decreased by personal pledges	7450	43 185
		or cash	20	
\$250 795.39		GRAND TOTAL		250 045.00



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JACOB DE HAAS, *Secretary.*

November 4, 1921.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
C/o The Temple  
East 55th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You sent me this morning two letters addressed to you, one from Mr. Bloom and the other from Mr. Avner. As there was no covering letter with them, and no notation on the letters, I presume that they are for filing in this office and that you have taken care of them.

I am sending you under separate cover 50 copies of the enclosed pamphlet which has at last been printed.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

*Saw Zuevas*



November 4th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I believe I can come to Cincinnati  
for the 28th of November. I have wired  
Mr. Roseman of Greenbay Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,



(COPY)

Washington 11/4/21

JWM

Re yours of 3d - have wired you I am writing.

I assume that in last paragraph Page 1 of Plan for a Company etc. there is an important error and that the British Economic Council will contribute the same as we do, namely £25,000. If so, I should be willing to approve and take the risk involved in giving the JDC and the ICA the whip-hand by their power to call their loans. The provision is the usual bankers' device to keep all the power in their own hands and run the minimum of risk; which I should not assent to but for the fact that the stink incident to an unfair use affords the needed protection, and bankers are less sedulous in protecting public, than they are private, funds. BVC is furthermore entirely right in his objection to any loan, but I agree with you that it would be useless to try to get the JDC to change loan to preferred stock and that, hence, we should acquiesce.

To the proposition of giving each of the 4 parties equal voting power I assent. It is a good principle and we have perhaps less to fear from the foreigners than from JDC.

Of course we can't send anyone with Ernst. Would it not be advisable to make James de Rothschild our representative? He would appreciate the trust and his father would. I had thought of Singer but feel James deR. would be preferable. I assume that you will discuss this fully with N.S. Jr. with Rosenbloom and with Mrs. Fels before in any way committing yourself.

L.D.B.



Woolworth Building,  
New York City,  
November 5, 1921.

L.D.B.:

I don't quite see why you supposed the five thousand to be an error for twenty-five thousand, when the total of one hundred thousand contributed by all four was mentioned several times, and that could only be on the basis of five thousand by the Economic Board. At the conference yesterday they all agreed immediately and said they had thought, in advance of my speaking, that five thousand was too little in proportion, not to what the JDC and the ICA were to land, but to what we were to risk.

But they were all of the opinion, as was also every one of our group--and on a full statement over the phone this morning, after stating what you wrote, Mrs. Fels also agrees--that even with five thousand from the Economic Board we should not hesitate to go into it.

J.W.M.

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis,  
Stoneleigh Court,  
Washington, D.C.



Woolworth Building,  
November 5, 1921.

LDB - FF - AHS - SR

If you haven't already answered my memo of yesterday's conference, please give me your views on any of the points raised, but specifically as to the acceptability of Pool. Ben Cohen has considerable doubts as to our getting Singer. I am calling a meeting of our group for Monday afternoon, preceding the meeting of the JDC Reconstruction Committee Monday night.

J.W.M.





Woolworth Building,  
New York City,  
November 5, 1921.

LDB - SSW - [REDACTED] SR - RS - SJR - NRL - DeH - AHS

[REDACTED] supplementing my letter of yesterday, on the conference, [REDACTED] should have added:

(5) Lehman was the first to say, and the others all concurred, that the liquidation right on impairment was much too drastic.

What they are really concerned with is not so much an impairment of funds as improper use of the funds. The possibility, for instance of making loans only to Zionists and not to non-Zionists, or of using the loans for the purpose of furthering, not business enterprise among the Jews, but political schemes.

I stated that we were all in agreement that the sole purpose of loans is the social economic advancement of the Jews in Palestine and not any political aims.

I pointed out, however, in this connection and in answer to Lehman's desire to have a clear statement in our prospectus or plans, that the corporation had no political purpose whatsoever; that I assumed that everyone of us desired to advance the interest of Palestine, not in the abstract and not for the Arabs, but for the Jews. In that sense all of our work might be called by some, political.

I said that for myself I went further: I had a definite aim of furthering the development, as rapidly as possible, of a Jewish majority in Palestine and not merely of making Palestine a refuge for some Jews; but that I believed the proper way to accomplish this was to give all the Jews there solid social economic foundations, and whether or not anyone agreed with the definite end I had in view, or was actuated purely by Jewish humanitarian views, our method of accomplishing the result--namely, the laying of proper social economic foundations in a businesslike way--was identical. There was no dissent from this view.

U.W.M.



MINUTES OF J.D.C. MEETING, NOVEMBER 7th, 1921.

At the meeting of the J.D.C. Reconstruction Committee, held the evening of November 7th, 1921, Colonel Lehman presided. The question before the Committee was whether the J.D.C. should vote \$50,000 as per the Rosenberg memo. The Committee were all in favor of the proposition. The following were present: Colonel Lehman, Bernard Flexner, Mr. Warburg, Leon Kamaiky, Lewis Straus, Jr., Mr. Neumberg, Mr. Bernheim, Dr. Rosenblatt, Dr. Benderly, Mr. Peter Wernick, Dr. Boris Bogen, Judge Mack and Robert Szold.

No discussion was had as to whether the Reconstruction Committee should vote the \$50,000 for the project. That was assumed all along.

Colonel Lehman reported that he had instructed Mr. Ernst, who sailed on Friday last prior to the meeting of the Committee, to represent the J.D.C. at a meeting to be held in Paris between representatives of the J.D.C., the I.C.A., the Economic Council and the F.D.C. for the purpose of drawing up a contract between the four groups.

The principles of the Rosenberg memorandum were in general accepted.

It was voted that Colonel Lehman's instructions to Mr. Ernst be ratified with the exception that Mr. Ernst should not have plenary power to sign without further modification BUT SHOULD SIGN THE CONTRACT SUBJECT TO the subsequent approval of the J.D.C.

As to the details of the plan, the principal subject of discussion was with reference to paragraph 8 which provided how new groups could enter the company. Judge Mack strongly supported the view that the new groups could only enter on the unanimous consent of each of the four initial participants. Colonel Lehman supported Judge Mack. Bernard Flexner and Mr. Warburg were the principal protagonists of the opposite view. A number of resolutions were put to clarify the sense of the meeting. It was finally decided to do nothing although the clear import was in favor of establishing at the present time certain standards for admission of new members subsequently on a vote of 3 out of 4.

Another matter somewhat discussed withxx was a proposal that the Economic Council be invited to increase their subscription so as to make their proportion either two to five as the proportion of the I.C.A. to the J.D.C. is or 2 1/2 to 5 as the proportion of the F.D.C. is to the J.D.C. This was not thought to be a condition in the minds of anyone but the suggestions given to Ernst that the Economic Council be invited to increase their subscriptions are not to be recalled.

Another matter which involved considerable discussion was as to whether the J.D.C. and the I.C.A. contributions should be in the shape of loans of stock. Judge Mack's point of view that our constituency would be much better satisfied with stock or contributions to capital was regarded favorably by those who expressed opinion. The doubt on behalf of the bankers was as to whether the thing could be done legally, that is, as to whether stockholders could be given the right to call their contributions in the same manner and in the same legal effect as if they were creditors. The sentiment of the committee seemed about to crystallize in favor of asking for some legal advice whereby the contributions of the J.D.C. and I.C.A. could be called con-



~~tributions to capital rather than to loans.~~

tributions to capital rather than to loans, when Mr. Benderly suggested that if the population of Palestine understood that the J.D.C. were part owner in the enterprise they would not have a proper sense of responsibility in reference to loans given to the Company. Whereupon discussion ceased. It was unanimously decided that any contributions from the J.D.C. and the I.C.A. should be in the shape of loans.

Mr. Flexner suggested that under one law other than American, it might be possible to work out a form of organization to which the four parties would contribute funds in the shape of capital, giving the J.D.C. and the I.C.A. full power with reference to calling their contribution as contemplated. This matter was of course not decided.

The question of the manager was brought up but not decided. The JDC members seemed to have a distinct reaction against anybody formerly connected with the Zionist Organization such as Mr. Van Vriesland and Mr. Paul Singer.

It was voted to leave the selection of the manager in the hands of a sub-committee of three to be appointed by Colonel Lehman.

Dr. Benderly suggested that the operations of the Company be confined exclusively to loans to Credit Unions. (Dr. Benderly has a corporation in Palestine engaged in lending money to individuals). It was finally voted that the manager should receive instructions to confine his activities to Credit Unions if possible but that the charter of the company should not be so limited and that the manager would have power to lend to others than the credit unions if deemed advisable. In other words, the prospectus of the Palestine Cooperative Company is to be carried out.

Dr. Rosenblatt thought £100,000 was too much. The Committee seemed to feel that the £50,000 credit of the J.D.C. would be made available to the Company but the entire amount of £50,000 would not be given to the Company until required.

As to the action to be taken if the I.C.A. refused to join with its £20,000 nothing was determined.

Robert Szold.



November 7th, 1921

Dear Mr. Brandeis:

I have not written to you for some time because there was nothing to write. We have been going through the stress of financial storm and commercial depression. It has ceased to be a matter of statistics but one of individual experience and I think our own groups who felt more sheltered perhaps than others early in the summer got the whip-end of the gale during September and October. As I have had occasion to say to Judge Mack, if there is a new version of the hardluck story I should like to hear it because practically every man whom I have approached personally, (and they run into several other scores) since we issued the prospectus, have no answer to give me than depression, uncertainty and the request for postponement. It may interest you to know that of all the men I have interviewed personally only two refused - Walter Meyer being one, and the others all begged to have me wait until business improved. When the discount rate for last week fell, I felt that business was somewhat on the mend, and although we have not got much to show for it, I have during the past few days met with a buoyant tone. Our financial report shows a distinct improvement and this not only applies to New York but the out-of-town mail has begun to be a little more encouraging. If the commercial improvement continues, I think we will see a distinct change for the better by the end of this month both in cash and in the pledges.

Most of our callers in the last few days have been pressing us with the question what we are will do in the matter of peace overtures. Everybody expects Sokolow to make some overtures. They all hailed the non-coming of Jabotinsky as a sign of possible peace but I see this morning that he has actually sailed. I suppose we will have to receive these overtures, if they are made, with



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distinguished consideration, but I think it only right to say that I have the distinct impression that SS will exert itself considerably to bring about some overtures. SS, I think, is divided. There are those who want to have overtures in order to have us refuse peace, and as they see it, put us in wrong. The other part of SS is seriously desirous of some peace and willing to dish its politicians. They want to make Abe Goldberg the scapegoat, there being a very sincere dislike of him for making the attack on you at the congress. Neumann, I am told on very good authority, is resigning. In fact, his resignation would have been accepted last week had he not tried to dictate the nomination of his successor. Sokolow is to be pushed to us as the man who defeated Weizmann at the congress, - the real big figure in the organization, and as an evidence of his power, we will be told that W. had slated Lipsky to go on the international executive and submitted his name to the Permanent Committee, and that Sokolow would have none of this, defeating W. by defeating Lipsky.

Simon, of course, is also expected to play a part in this situation.

SS has again reduced its staff and is financially in sore straits. The KH office however is maintaining its staff and if anything, increasing it. There has been talk of merging the two offices but I don't know what has become of it. Schweitzer is supposed to have seen the light, and I believe our friend Tulin will be coming to the fore again as a peace maker on the other side. I do know that their councils are divided, not only in the way described above but in other ways, and this division is well illustrated by the shilly-shallying



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over the Hadassah, The 7 women are going through purgatory, from their point-of-view because the peace men over there are trying to keep them in line and the politicians are giving them all sorts of raw deals.

I perhaps am more doubtful as to the overtures being made than perhaps anybody but I realize that if Sokolow and his friends do not make the attempt, they will be forced to make it by public demand. The rank and file sentiment is gradually turning our way and although I should presume that the bitter-enders are more bitter than ever.

The quadruple banking alliance has made a favorable impression on me, and as far as my judgment goes, I prefer that the JDC should loan money rather than take preferred stock. Perhaps I am influenced in this by the fact that I find people do not like our own division of having several classes of preferred stock. I have not at all been worried by the proposed liquidation clauses because morally neither the JDC nor the ICA could ever exercise that kind of pressure. I think Sam Rosensohn could be induced to go to Paris and London for the short time needed, to put the organization in shape in Europe and I believe it will be better from an American public point-of-view if we send someone over than merely transferring the responsibility even to James deRothschild, but more important to my thinking is this: That the moment we are prepared to announce that this arrangement is going through, we must be prepared to announce some other operation. There are plenty of reasons for this - one that I think very important. Mr. Rosenbloom is preparing himself to go to Palestine. He could not go for this purpose now and however sensible he may be, I think he and his friends would be mortified, and I don't think we should lose the



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unquestionable good-will we have in that direction. There are plenty of projects and hard as it is, and I have no illusions on the subject, I think it will aid us to sell stock in the Cooperative Company when we announce the quadruple alliance and another venture in preparation.

I enclose you letter of mine that appeared in the Jewish Chronicle, London. Please return it.

I hope you will see your way to permit Dr. Smirnow to dedicate his book to you. His letter is enclosed.

Kindest regards,

AMERICAN JEWISH  
ARCHIVES  
Yours,

*Just*

Justice Louis D. Brandeis,

Stoneleigh Court,

Washington, D. C.

Dictated but not read.

JaeH/RDC



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DATE Nov. 7, 1921 .

PREVIOUS REPORT		TOTAL	
Cash	152989.39	Increased by	13200
Notes	800	Increased by	800
Personal Pledges	35200	Increased by new pledges	
		Decreased by cash payments	13000
City Pledges	45185	Increased by new pledges	
		Decreased by personal pledges	45185
		or cash	
\$ 209 945.39		GRAND TOTAL	\$259 245.39



DATE

Nov. 9, 1921

## PREVIOUS REPORT

				TOTAL
Cash	Increased by			
146,800.39		740		146,800.39
Notes	Increased by			
800				800.00
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
70,200		5050		74,910.00
	Decreased by cash payments			
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
43,185				
	Decreased by personal pledges			
		5050		38,135.00
	or cash			

\$ 260,245.39

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 260,645.39.



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November 14th, 1921

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
c.o The Temple,  
East 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I only just caught up with your letter to JWM as to the quadruple alliance. Frankly, I was rather surprised that you did not see it off-hand just as I saw it, and that is, that it is a real achievement to have gotten four bodies together. It not only makes the task a little easier for us and we are working hard now to see that we have a second proposition available within a few weeks, but I think it enhances our prestige and what is at least equally important, it will please our constituency. I have tried it out and recommend you to do it. Take any little group you like and tell them we have done this thing, gotten the JDC, the ICA and the Economic Council together, and it is not the size of the project nor the purpose of the project but the achdus that will make their eyes glow.

Generally things are improving. Mack, Wise and I called on Warburg, Jabotinsky and Goldstein Saturday afternoon, Sok. being out which we did not know. We had an interesting ten minutes, Jabo outlining his Arabian politics, but the first onset was rich. SSW, who stands about a foot taller than Jabotinsky looked down at him and said "you look at least as pugnacious as you are". Jabo took it very good-humoredly and disclaimed the pugnacity. His lower jaw reminded me of Roosevelt's.

Julius Simon arrived and we have seen him. He has no hopes for any kind of a peace; doesn't see what there is to do about it and intimates that financially they are in a very bad fix so that all the KH money is gone. All the KH can do is to meet the current expenses, and we know that the Medical Unit money has not been paid for half of October and the first half of November.



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

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I have just read Calish's letter. Wise told me about it. I read it a little different. Not that I think he can be made to understand but I think we can dig under his position.

I almost think it is my duty to go to St. Louis as nothing will make Baron act until somebody shows up.

I should like to know more about the position of the Jewish World. I have seen their editorial of November 7th. Ye gods and little fishes!



yours,

*Isaac Jacobs*

JaeH/RDC



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DATE

Nov 14, 1921

PREVIOUS REPORT

					TOTAL
Cash	146,800.39	Increased by	3120		149,920.39
Notes	800	Increased by			800
Personal Pledges		Increased by new pledges	50		
	71,910	Decreased by cash payments	3,010		71,950
City Pledges		Increased by new pledges			
	38,135	Decreased by personal pledges			38,135
		or cash			

\$260,645.39

GRAND TOTAL

\$260,805.39



## PREVIOUS REPORT

DATE

November 16, 1921.

				TOTAL
Cash	Increased by			
149,920.39		450		150,370.39
Notes	Increased by			
800				800.
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges	1850		
		100		73,700
71,950	Decreased by cash payments	200		
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
58,135	Decreased by personal pledges	1000		37,135
	or cash			

\$260,805.39


GRAND TOTAL

\$262,005.39



Extract of letter from Mr.  
Billikopf to Judge Mack,  
dated November 17, 1921.

"Messrs. Schimmel, Bloom and Galter and Rabbi Neuman called to see me yesterday afternoon with reference to the Palestine Development League to be formed in Philadelphia. Mr. Schimmel appeared to be quite shaky. He seemed to feel that the lines of demarkation between the Keren Hayesod and the minority group are so shadowy that nothing should be done to widen the chasm. He preferred to adopt a policy of waiting. I persuaded the committee, however, to arrange a meeting at the earliest possible moment, to give you and Robert Szold an opportunity to explain your particular proposition. I pointed out all the merits in it. If you do not hear within a few days, please drop me a line. I am sure such a conference will be arranged."





November seventeenth  
1921

Mr. Jacob Dellaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Dellaas,

I have just returned from Chicago, where they had arranged for a dinner in my honor. Some seventy-five people, rather representative, were present at the Commodore Club. A League was organized. The raising of funds, however, was postponed until after their drive for Jewish War relief. This seemed to be their unanimous opinion. I believe that they will do good work.

I think your friend Grossman of Green Bay got "cold feet" in the matter of Milwaukee. He did nothing there.

Have just received word from Avner, that they have arranged a banquet for December 22nd. I will go there on condition that money is raised that night.

Have you received any money from Buffalo? What are Philadelphia and Baltimore doing?

The reply of Dr. Căăisch is to my mind very satisfactory. We should pocket our pride a bit and meet them half way. Seelenfreund of Chicago expressed this thought, after listening to my exposition of the P.D.C., that there is no reason why the B'nai B'rith, as a body, should not enthusiastically endorse the project. What do you think about it?

Very sincerely yours,



11/17/21  
My dear Rabbi Calish:

Your letter of November 8th, reporting the decision of the Executive Board of the C.C.A. was, I fear, written under the influence of two of its sentences "fearful of the politic - nationalistic aspect of the World Zionist Organization" and the "malign influence of the extremists of the Zionist Organization". It is indeed very difficult to overcome a prejudice, particularly, when probably on both sides, it has been assiduously nursed for a series of years, but I would like you to review carefully certain facts.

Those of us who are seeking to bring about this new co-operation are not asking Zionists to give up their nationalist doctrine any more than we are asking anti-Zionists to give up their opposing tenets. If we did that we would land ourselves in the mazes of debate and polemic, whereas we seek co-operation in practical effort in Palestine.

Here in the U.S.A. we are not trying to create a new party. We are entirely satisfied to develop, if possible, and organize sympathy and interest in Palestine. Therefore the difficulty I see in your resolution is that is pressing us to create a party which shall enter into an agreement with your party on strictly partisan lines. It does not appeal to me that differences can be seriously breached over in that way, on the contrary they would by your resolution be accentuated.

The character of your group is undoubtedly marked by the simple fact that heretofore Zionists have been more anxious about Palestinian work than non-Zionists and therefore most willing to give time to detail. If, however, you know representatives who are willing to associate themselves in the Palestine Development Council, men whose presence on our Board of Trustees would give you and the C.C.A.R. more confidence, etc. and if you can make them to act in the matter, I feel certain that my associates will gladly welcome them. The question of equality or inequality of representation does not occur to me as a pressing issue one way or the other because we are essentially seeking co-operation upon acts, not

Representation must be on basis of cash paid in and not on party affiliation.



ideas and if as you say, which I believe to be true, "there is a real desire to help in the work of Palestine" a way can be found. Perhaps I throw it out as a suggestion, you would prefer to have the ~~f~~ affiliations of the C.C.A.R. raise its own funds for a given project agreed upon before-hand, we to raise our share in our way and the project managed by a board representing you and ourselves in equal proportions. On any concrete proposition, I feel there would be no difficulty on our part.

Pursuant to that idea, avoiding all doctrinaire questions, we have been able this week to approve in the heartiest way possible a project on which the Reconstruction Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee and the I.C.A. of Paris and the London Economic Council and our organization have each one vote, and we would not have balked at this proposition if a fifth international body would have come in on the same terms. I believe that is a fair test of the non-partisan spirit in which we view the actual development in Palestine.

Calish  
Have sent copies to Jwm + SSU which  
Covers my idea of how to tackle Calish  
Left



K E R E N   H A Y E S O D  
50 Union Square, N.Y.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE NATIONAL KEREN HAYESOD CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 19, 1921.

CASH RECEIPTS.

During the period from April 17th to November 15th, 1921, a period of seven months, the Keren Hayesod has collected the sum of \$681,321.99. Individual receipts have been sent to the contributors of the greater part of this sum, but some cash has been received without lists of the contributors, and hence, receipts were not issued. This latter sum amounts of \$256,779.93.

In addition to contributions, the Keren Hayesod has had miscellaneous income as follows:

A. Interest on Liberty Bonds and bank deposits,	\$599.25
B. Receipts from sale of literature,	128.53
C. Discounts taken on purchases,	<u>201.55</u>
TOTAL	\$929.33

The Keren Hayesod has also received items for the Hebrew University and for the Jewel Fund which have been turned over to the committees in charge, from time to time, and, on November 15th, 1921, there remained a balance of \$311.00 to the credit of the Hebrew University and \$6 to the credit of the Jewel Fund.

The total income, therefore, for the Keren Hayesod, including contributions, miscellaneous items, and the two trust funds amount to \$682,568.32.

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures of the Keren Hayesod, during this period, itemized as far as practicable, are as follows:

a. Advertising	568.39
b. Bank Exchange	129.34
c. Clippings from current newspapers on Keren Hayesod Activities	468.19
d. Expressage	58.07
e. Payroll	
(a) For the Executive Staff	\$13,109.76
(b) For staff engaged for campaign and propaganda	16,440.44
(c) For the staff of clerks, typists, and bookkeepers	14,230.66
(d) For special temporary help engaged from time to time	1,379.17
TOTAL	<u>\$45,160.03</u>
f. Postage	2,565.11
g. Printing and Maltigraphing	7,757.64
h. Expenses of Local Committees	13,187.30
i. Expenses of Regional Bureaus	9,645.13
j. Rent	4,740.00
k. Stationery and Supplies	2,753.47
l. Telephone and Telegraph	3,321.85
m. Traveling Expenses	4,649.85
n. Insurance	374.50



o. Speakers Fees	543.50
p. General Expense	<del>11,111.11</del>
q. Synagogue Campaign	4 120.35
	13 875.99

The Synagogue Campaign cost is distributed as follows:

(a) For Payroll of staff or organizers and clerks	\$6 700.42
(b) For Postage	235.74
(c) For Printing and Stationery	3 700.83
(d) For Publicity	1 092.81
(e) For Speaker's Fees	1 728.00
(f) For Miscellaneous Expenses	418.19

The total amount of expenses for Keren Hayesod purposes is \$113, 918. 71.

#### EXPENDITURES TO BE REFUNDED.

Certain sums have been paid out by the Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod which have not yet been used up, or which are to be refunded by the parties to whom they were paid out. These sums are as follows:

a. Sums advanced to various members of the staff as a prepayment of expenses which have not yet been incurred	\$3 508.86
b. Paid out for the Jewel Fund Committee	48.50
c. Paid out during the course of the Publicity Campaign prior to the Cleveland Convention (to be refunded by Louis Lipaky)	986. 39
d. A deposit in the hands of the cashier to meet small current expenses	500.00
e. Deposit to insure lease on Williamsburg Bureau Office	65.00
f. Checks returned by the bank not collectable at the time, but to be collected later	99.10

The total of these expenditures to be refunded amounts to \$5,207.85.

In order to carry on the activities of the Keren Hayesod, certain physical needs had to be met, and furniture, typewriters and other machines, were purchased, to the extent of \$6, 374.82.

The total amount, therefore, expended by the Treasurer, or due to trade creditors on account of purchases enumerated, is \$125,501.38. Of this sum \$1 354.94 has not yet been paid out, leaving the amount paid out as \$124,146.44.

#### REMITTED TO LONDON

During the course of the seven months, the Keren Hayesod Bureau for America sent to the London Office the sum of \$530,681. 75. On behalf of the London office, there was expended in America, the sum of \$9,993.97. The total expended for, or remitted to, the London Office amounts to \$540,675.72.

The total spent may be recapitulated as follows:

a. For expenses	\$113,918.71
b. Advances to be refunded	5,207.85
c. For furniture and fixtures	6,374.82
	<u>125,501.38</u>

Less balance due to trade creditors 1,354.94



	NET EXPENDITURES	184 146.44
4/	Charged to the London Office	540 675.72
	TOTAL	\$664 822.16

The balance on hand amounts to \$17, 746.16. This balance is represented by the following:

a. Cash in bank	\$7, 072.91
b. Liberty Bonds and other Securities donated	5, 551.75
c. Notes receivable from Omaha, Nebr.	5, 600.00
Contributions from the Schwartz Desk Co., N.Y.C.	101.50
d. Checks dated ahead, and not yet to be deposited	20.00
TOTAL	\$17 746.16

### PLEDGES

In addition to the cash income mentioned above, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,492,052.02. This sum represents only those pledges, for which the names of the individuals making the pledge, are on file in the office. A number of other pledges has also been reported, but the names of the contributors are not on file, and the same are not entered on our books.

This total of a million and a half dollars in pledges includes a comparatively small amount of the Synagogue pledges, probably less than \$200,000.

Of the million and a half in pledges, about \$250,000 have been paid, leaving a balance of unpaid pledges to be collected, amounting to \$1, 196, 109. 94.

The total income of the Keren Hayesod Bureau for America, including both cash and pledges, amounts to \$1, 802, 097. 50

Respectfully submitted,

HERMANN CONHEIM

Treasurer.



DATE November 21, 1921.

PREVIOUS REPORT		TOTAL	
Cash	Increased by		
150,370.39		1,960	\$152,330.39
Notes	Increased by		
800.			800.
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges	3,590	
73,700			
	Decreased by cash payments	1,890	75,400.00
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges		
37,135			
	Decreased by personal pledges		37,135.00
	or cash		
GRAND TOTAL			\$285,665.39
\$282,005.39			



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November 21st, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am rather encouraged by your letter as to Chicago but I am sorry you did not pledge those fellows down to something. However, I will follow it up immediately.

I have not heard anything more from Roseman of Green Bay and I wondered just what happened to you in Milwaukee.

Buffalo is remitting steadily. Philadelphia has not done anything except the original couple of subscriptions, and Baltimore a little. We have plenty of promises coupled with postponements. Of the \$228,000 raised in cash and pledges to date, \$90,000 is New York, \$60,000 Pittsburgh, \$7000 Buffalo and about \$8000 Baltimore. The rest is scattered.

*of course you have the Cleveland figures*

In drafting the letter to Calisch I am not at all sure as to whether you ought to write this to Calisch or whether it ought to be written to each member of the Executive Committee or whether as Dr. Wise thinks, you ought to go over the heads of the Executive. I don't know enough about the CCAR as to have judgment as to what is the effective method of getting at them, but I do think the form and substance of my letter would compel them to go on record in a practical way. Nor do I think that this is even a question of pocketing pride, but a question of acting in accordance with the general principle we have laid down. Following your observation about Seelenfreund, I am suggesting to Wise and Mack that it might be possible to get a small three-cornered conference together, ourselves, the IOBE and CCAR, and pledge these bodies to some specific task, we to take our third. The Bank proposition is taken care of. If what we are trying to do here is successful, there will be a building operation started. A variety of propositions cannot hurt us but will help us. If these two organizations are willing to go in on a reasonable proposition, we to raise our third, why I would be willing to force them to it. I don't expect them to come in in the sense of just joining us. If we ever can get cooperation from them it will be upon the terms of some proposition in which their effort to raise money would get them some standing and rights. Do you think you can work that out?

Yours,

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



November 23rd, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

Your suggestion to have a three cornered convention of the I.O.B.B., and the C.C.A.R. is excellent. When and where should it be held. I would suggest Cleveland as the most central point for Richmond and Chicago. I think Judge Mack ought to join me in sending out the invitations.

We are holding another meeting here in Cleveland of the P.D.L. What about the Charters which we are to send to those leagues who have qualified?

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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November 23th, 1921

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
 c.o The Temple,  
 East 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I will take up the charter question in a day or two.

We have not heard from Paris but in the meantime, taking it for granted that that proposition has gone through, I am working with the Fishel group, and I hope within a few days that we can begin to talk about our second project, to wit: the investment of a half a million dollars in building loan society operations in Jerusalem for reasons that I will give you in detail later, strictly limited to Jerusalem for the present.

I find Wise agreeable to the three-cornered conference and I am going to take the matter up today or tomorrow with Judge Mack and let you know. Personally Cleveland strikes me as a very appropriate center.

What happened to Goldman in East Liverpool?

Yours,

*Jacob de Haas*

JaeH/RDC

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DATE November 25, 1921.

PREVIOUS REPORT

				TOTAL
Cash	Increased by	550		152,880.39
	152,330.39			
Notes	Increased by			800.
	800			
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges	1300		
	75,400			
	Decreased by cash payments	500		76,200.00
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges	1000		
	37,135.			
	Decreased by personal pledges			38,085.00
	or cash	50		
\$235,665.39		GRAND TOTAL \$237,965.39		



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THE CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK

Dear Silver.

hope to get Fishel group in line  
in a few days for Jerusalem. 3 cornered  
conference can be worked out. Believe  
for this & General Sessions you  
should find it convenient to come  
to N.Y. for a day soon.

As I purpose a little tour for  
the League please let me know  
whether you can come, & when, so  
that I can make my arrangements  
Yours / Jacob A. Haas



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JACOB DEHAAS:



Nov. 25 PREVIOUS REPORT		DATE NOVEMBER 28, 1921		TOTAL
Cash	152 890.39	Increased by	14 230	167 110.39
Notes	800	Increased by		800
Personal Pledges	76 200	Increased by new pledges		
		Decreased by cash payments	14 200	62 000
City Pledges	38 085	Increased by new pledges		38 085
		Decreased by personal pledges		
		or cash		
\$267 995.39		GRAND TOTAL \$267 995.39		



November 29th, 1921

Mr. Jacob De Haas,  
31 Union Square, New York City.

If possible arrange the meeting for Thursday  
morning and afternoon. See that everybody is present.

A. H. Silver.



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November 29, 1921.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
 C/o The Temple,  
 East 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am afraid none of the crowd will be ~~reached~~ <sup>ready</sup> Thursday morning, Judge Mack having Court. I have already asked Mr. Kesselman to be at this office at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, and I think you ought to be here. We will get an intimate picture of conditions from one who has been over in Palestine for two and a half years.

Sincerely,

*Jacob de Haas*

JdeH/RDC  
 DG.



DECEMBER 1st, 1921.

MOHL  
MMZIO  
JERUSALEM

CONSIDERING \$500,000 JERUSALEM MORTGAGE BUILDING LOAN ASSN AS SECOND  
PROJECT IS USE CONCRETE JERUSALEM PROHIBITED IS TALPIOH PROJECT  
SUBSTANTIAL POSSIBILITY HAS QUARY COMPANY BEEN ORGANIZED CABLE

DEHAAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE,

December #2th, 1921.

*silver*  
Present: S.S. Wise, Mrs. Lindheim, Emil Weinheim and Jacob de Haas.

SUPPER TO S. ROSENBLOOM; January 8th.

Decided to hold same at Esplanade or Astor Hotel, Mr. Weinheim to arrange for former. Tickets \$5 per <sup>core</sup> place. Dinner committee named: L.S. Posner, Chairman, Mrs. J. Sobel, Nathan Straus, Jr., Isidor Morrison, Louis S. Bielek, Mrs. I. Lindheim, Mrs. I. N. Thurman and Mr. Preiss.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Decided to hold meetings, January 8th, 2 P.M.

PHILADELPHIA:

Decided to arrange to have Judge Mack visit same Sunday, if possible.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT:

Attached statement was presented.

Secretary reported arrangements made for Dr. Wise to visit Boston; Mrs. Sobel, Worcester, Mr. de Haas, Providence and Springfield, and towns in prospect for Mrs. Greenfield.

TRANSFER OF BANK:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer the administrative funds of the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues from the Progress National Bank to Gotham Bank of New York City, and that said Gotham Bank be designated and appointed as a depository of the funds of the Central Committee of Palestine Development Leagues.

RESOLVED FURTHER that until otherwise ordered the said Gotham Bank be and hereby is authorized to make payment from the funds of this Central Committee of Palestine Development Leagues on deposit with it upon and according to the check or draft of this Central Committee of Palestine Development Leagues, signed by its proper officers, hereto designated so to act. To wit: Treasurer.







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December 2, 1921.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
 C/o The Temple,  
 East 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was decided after all that we will bring the  
 Fischel group in line.

Boston is organizing and wants Wise for the next  
 two weeks. Fechheimer writes that he did not get back from  
 Atlantic City so that he cannot get up a meeting for Monday,  
 the 5th but he intends seeing you and fixing a date.

Goldman sent the following telegram:

"DECIDED TO HOLD LUNCHEON THURSDAY NIGHT AT STATLER  
 TWO HUNDRED TO BE INVITED MEN MORE ENTHUSIASTIC".

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel J. Rosensohn*  
 Secretary.

JdH/DG.



CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES  
31 Union Square, New York City

London Economic Council, Joint Distribution Committee and  
ICA join P.D.C. in Palestinian enterprise

A credit union and cooperative bank with a working capital of £ 100,000 to begin operations in Palestine by the first of the year is being organized by four leading Jewish organizations of America and Europe.

These organizations are the Reconstruction Committee (Col. Herbert H. Lehman, Chairman), of the Joint Distribution Committee (Felix M. Warburg, Chairman), the Palestine Development Council (U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, Honorary Chairman, Judge Julian W. Mack, Chairman), the Palestine Economic Council of London (Sir Alfred Mond, Minister of Health, British Cabinet, Chairman), and the Jewish Colonization Association of Paris (ICA-D. Avigdor Goldsmith, Esq., London representative).

Under the preliminary agreement which has already been arranged and which when in final form will undoubtedly be ratified by the organizations, the bank is to have capital stock of at least £ 30,000 to be subscribed by the Palestine Cooperative Company, the first business corporation established by the Palestine Development Council, whose treasurer is Sol Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, and by the Palestine Economic Council; £ 70,000 is to be loaned to the bank by the Reconstruction Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association for a long period of years at a nominal interest.

Each of the four named organizations is to have equal representation on the Board of Directors of the proposed bank. An organization meeting will be held in London or Paris within a few days. The Palestine Cooperative Company will be represented at this meeting by Major James de Rothschild, who visited America about a year ago in order to organize in this country a branch of the Palestine Economic Council; The J.D.C. by James N. Rosenberg, Esq., Chairman, European Executive Council, etc., and Morris L. Ernst.

The purpose of the bank, according to the plan drafted by Mr. Rosenberg, is "to enter Palestine as a stimulator of thrift and purveyor of capital and credit". There is a large demand in Palestine, according to the statement issued yesterday, for small short-term credits for crop movements, seeds, implements, tools and machinery for artisans and farmers and for merchandise for colony groups. The projectors of the bank believe that loans primarily to credit unions and cooperative consumers' and producers' societies will meet this demand. It is planned that ultimately these cooperative organizations shall take over by purchase the shares of the bank and conduct it as a true cooperative enterprise. The bank will loan money for productive purposes, the loans to be based upon business collateral or upon the common responsibility



and guaranty of the borrowing group. The returns to investors in the capital stock will be limited to six per cent a year while the two organizations loaning the £ 70,000 to the bank will receive only a nominal rate of interest.

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As the foregoing plan is in conformity with the prospectus of the Palestine Cooperative Company the arrangement was ratified at a joint meeting of the officers and trustees of the P.D.C. the officers of the Palestine Cooperative Company and of the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues on Thursday, December 1st.

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P.D.C. to organize BUILDING LOAN ASSOCIATION  
in Jerusalem

At the same meeting on December 1st, it was decided, following the programme adopted at the Pittsburgh Conference, that the second enterprise to which the capital of the Palestine Cooperative Company would be devoted is to aid in the financing of home building operations in Jerusalem. To that end a Building Loan Association will be organized in Jerusalem. Full details of this plan and the amount of capital to be allotted to the purpose, etc. will be issued in a few days.

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JdeH/RDC  
12/2/21



**CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES**

**31 Union Square, New York**

**December 2nd, 1921**

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
You are invited to attend a meeting to be held next  
Thursday night at the office of Nathan Straus, 33 West 42nd Street  
at 8 P. M. sharp.

Mr. Robert D. Kesselman, who has just returned from Palestine  
will report on the present situation there.

**Very truly yours,**

**JACOB DE HAAS**



DATE December 2, 1921.

PREVIOUS REPORT

				TOTAL
Cash	Increased by			
167,110.39		1090		\$168,200.39
Notes	Increased by			
800				800.
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
62,000.		630		62,570.
	Decreased by cash payments			
		60		
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
38,085.00		3000		41,085.00
	Decreased by personal pledges			
	or cash			

\$267,99 5.39

GRAND TOTAL \$272,655.39



PREVIOUS REPORT

DATE

Dec. 5

				TOTAL
Cash	Increased by			
188 200.39		1240		169 440.39
Notes	Increased by			
800				800
Personal Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
	Decreased by cash payments			61 440
62 570				
City Pledges	Increased by new pledges			
	Decreased by personal pledges			41 085
41 085				
	or cash			

\$ 272 655.39

GRAND TOTAL

\$272 765.39



December 5th, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

1. I just heard from Detroit. They are arranging a luncheon at the Phoenix Club, and mass meeting at the Temple Beth El. I hope that we shall be able to raise some money. Please send Simon at once Prospecti, subscription blanks and League Folders.

2. I trust that you are planning your tour. Do not delay it until the Holyday season. I hope Miss Greenfield is getting busy at once.

3. I expect some prominent publicity this week!

Sincerely,



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December 6th, 1921

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

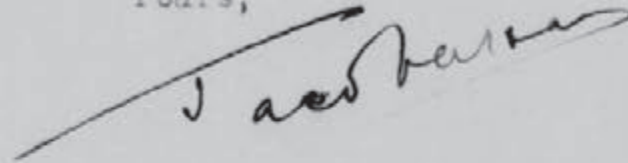
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am negotiating for a tour but I have not succeeded yet in making one up for myself. I am also negotiating for a tour for Mrs. Greenfield.

Have you taken any steps at all in the matter of negotiations with the I.O.L.B.B. and the C.C.A.R.

I enclose you clippings from the Zeit and Jewish morning Journal. They appeared on the first pages. - also in The Day. The American Hebrew, Jewish Tribune and other Anglo-Jewish weeklies will also carry the story, as well as all foreign publications.

Yours,



JdeH/RDC



December 6th, 1921.

Mr. A. B. Seelenfreund,  
I.O.B.B. 1228 Tribune Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Seelenfreund,

I am sorry that I did not get to speak to you concerning the program and work of the Palestine Development Council when I was in Chicago last. A few of the men who attended the dinner told me that you are interested in the work we are doing, and that the I.O.B.B. as a body may be interested in it.

I wonder, my dear Mr. Seelenfreund, whether we could not arrange for a conference in the near future, to which you and another representative of the I.O.B.B. would be present, as well as two representatives of the Palestine Development Council and of the C. C. A. R., which organization has already expressed its willingness to co-operate on certain conditions. This conference would of course be purely a deliberative. We should like to have your judgment of the matter. I feel that the Council, as it is at present organized, offers the very channel for the economic rehabilitation of Palestine which many national Jewish organizations have been waiting for.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



adS  
December 6th, 1921

Dear Mr. Brandeis:

As I wrote you the other day we last week decided that the second proposition we would work out would be a Building Loan Association for Jerusalem. A preliminary meeting is being held this afternoon of Mr. Fishel's crowd with a view to a bigger meeting being held Saturday night, which, if promises are not piecrust, we ought to get a real lift in New York.

The announcement in the Yiddish press has already drawn some attention for this afternoon, Isaac Allen was in - you probably recall he was a stalwart of the Mizrahi, big heavy-set fellow. He just came back from Palestine. He came because, as he said, we were putting the cart before the horse and what we ought to think of is organizing the quarry industry in Jerusalem without which all building loans, etc. will be useless. He is going to bring me a lot of data on that. He told me that Greenberg, whom everyone speaks well of, is the manager of the Habonah, offers to place \$100,000 worth of contracts for stone if the stone, properly cut and dressed in the American fashion is available. I told him a good deal about our difficulties and then asked him whether he would make himself instrumental, after all the data had been gone through, and presuming we were in agreement, to undertake to sell sufficient cooperative P.C.C. stock to cover this particular demand, the money to come from the people who would understand this as a practical business proposition, - the operating Jewish builders, (not the real estate speculators). He said he was perfectly ready to do that and put at least \$1000 of his own money in. Allen is the man who attacked the American organization for its inconspicuous personalities at the Congress, and he rather amused me by an elaborate defense of his own position - that is, he believes in the World Zionist Organization and he believes in the Zionist Commission but he believes that they have only two functions. One is education in Palestine and the other is the colonizing of the Cheluzim. Inter-regnum, he told me a good deal averse re Benderly. He said Benderly made so many offers in Palestine that he gave everybody the impression that he had \$5,000,000 at his disposal. He fell through in a number of projects because he wanted 51% control. He, Allen, had been prepared to invest rather heavily in the Habonah of which he has a very good opinion, but Benderly came along and offered to put in \$50,000 against the \$45,000 hitherto subscribed, demanding 51% control, devising a lot of subsidiary claims for mortgage, etc. He did not know whether that went through positively but he immediately dropped his interest.

He gave me a rather favorable impression of the weaving proposition which is being financed by a New York man named Bloch, a brother of the Austrian well-known Zionist of that name who he said could afford single-handed to see the proposition through and did not need Benderly.

I spent another hour with Miss Sappier who seriously intends going back early in the summer. I told her to write something for publication on her pet view, a "The immigration of American Jews to Palestine".

Yours,

JdeH/RDC

5 Beekman Street

Well, Benjamin  
Levy, Jacob, 1871



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December 8th, 1921

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mrs. Greenfield is due on the 21st of December in Detroit. She is also due in Buffalo on January 4th. Hadassah is willing to share expenses with us over this particular trip. If you locally can find any means of making a connection for us in Toledo, East Liverpool, Ashtabula and Erie, we could easily occupy her usefully in those intervening days. She wants to spend at least two days in every town. I mention East Liverpool because Rabbi Gold-  
man was to have gone there and I don't know that he has done anything and I don't want to open the question of East Liverpool without knowing.

You will be glad to know that Los Angeles sent in \$1000 and Buffalo \$1100. Dr. Wise is going to Boston and will meet the Providence people for a little while Sunday, after attending a Relief meeting. The Fischel effort is beginning to take shape but I won't count any of these chickens until they are walking around.

Yours sincerely,

*J. D. Jurman*

P.S. Please excuse the appearance of this letter but the typewriter is broken. This P.S. is the work of the ofew



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December 8, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silber,  
The Temple, E. 55th St. & Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Brother Silber:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 6th instant and share with you the regret of not having had an opportunity during your brief stay in Chicago to further discuss the subject matter which is dear to both yourself and the undersigned, namely the economic development of Palestine.

Your suggestion for a conference between the representatives of the Palestine Development Council, Central Conference of American Rabbis and the B'nai B'rith is a good one, but officially, of course, I have no authority to make any arrangements whereby the B'nai B'rith as an organization would be represented. I will be glad to participate in any discussion of an unofficial character and if you think that the matter could wait a few weeks, I would be glad to devote a few hours with you and others to discuss this matter during my coming visit to Cleveland, when I will attend the quarterly meeting of the Orphan Home in your city. The meeting is generally over at four o'clock and my train homeward does not leave before eleven. I, therefore, will have a number of hours at my disposal. If it meets with your approval to call a conference during my coming visit to Cleveland, I would suggest that you invite to the conference Brothers A. Lewinthal, Max E. Meisel and Alfred A. Benesch.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Alex B. Seelenfreund*  
Secretary

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<u>PREVIOUS REPORT</u>			<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		Dec. 5	Dec. 9	
Cash	169 440	39 Increased by	3060	172 500.39
Notes	800	Increased by	1700	2 500
Personal Pledges	61 440	Increased by new pledges	150	
		Decreased by cash payments	1600	59 990
City Pledges		Increased by new pledges		
	41 085	Decreased by personal pledges		41 085
		or cash		
\$272 785.39			GRAND TOTAL \$276 075.39	



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OFFICE 712 EAST MONUMENT AVENUE  
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December 12, 1921

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
55th & Central,  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Abe,

It was indeed fine to receive your letter of December 6. Dr. Wise was right when he told you that I would begin an intensive campaign for the Palestine Development League after the Community Chest Drive is over. We finish with that tonight and then next week or there about we will have to put on a drive for the War Sufferers. I think it unadvisable to try two things at once for fear we may fail in both. I believe that if we wait until the first week in January we will do better. At that time I should like to arrange a luncheon and have you address the prominent people here. I believe much good would come from it. What do you say about it?

With sincere greetings to you, I am

Cordially yours,

*Sam.*

Samuel S. Mayerberg

SSM/RHJ

*Jan. 12*



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December 13, 1921.

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
 C/o Temple,  
 East 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Re my letter to you of December 8th, the dates for Mrs. Greenfield have been changed for Detroit and Buffalo, Buffalo for the 3rd and Detroit for the 5th. She can undertake Cleveland East Liverpool, Toledo, etc., - the program I suggested to you - on the succeeding dates.

Please let me know your opinion in connection with the above.

Sincerely yours,

*Jacob De Haas*  
 Secretary.

*dictated but not read*



<u>PREVIOUS REPORT</u>	<u>December 9</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>December 13</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash	172 500 39	Increased by	160
			172 660.39
Notes	2 500	Increased by	100
			2 600
Personal Pledges	59 990	Increased by new pledges	250
		Decreased by cash payments	160
			60,080
City Pledges	41 080	Increased by new pledges	
		Decreased by personal pledges	
		or cash	50
			41 030

\$276 075.39

GRAND TOTAL  
Bldg. Loan Personal Pledges 25 980

TOTAL \$302 325.39



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December 14th, 1921

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
 c/o The Temple,  
 E. 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will note from the Administrative Committee minutes that the Committee desires to call a meeting of the Central Committee for January 8th, taking advantage of the Rosenbloom affair, the idea being to have the session beginning at 2 and lasting till 5. Can you make that date convenient? Of course it is a Sunday but we can hardly expect these people to come from out-of-town any other day. ~~Before~~ Before issuing notices we would like to have your decision. Please let me hear from you not later than Monday.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel J. Rosensohn*

*Wise*

JdeH/RDC



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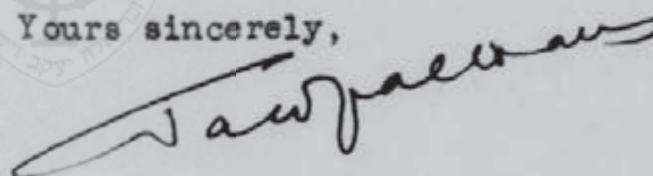
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December 14th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

At Cleveland Mr. Wilmer promised to raise \$1500 towards the Administration Fund. Of that sum we received \$800. Particularly owing to the third we have given over to the P.D.C. we shall pretty soon be out of funds. Couldn't you arrange to see that we get at least a thousand from Cleveland towards the Administration Fund?

Yours sincerely,



Dr. A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio

RDC



December fourteenth,  
1921

Mr. Jacobb DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

I was in Detroit Monday. We had a luncheon at the Phoenix Club, attended by twenty-five, and an open meeting at Temple Beth El, attended by eighthundred, an unusually large crowd considering the stormy night. Some money was raised at both meetings. Unfortunately, no preparation had been made for either of the meetings. I have asked Fred Butzel to begin a personal solicitation campaign at once. I understand that he is to send out some ten people to solicit subscriptions. I wish that you would follow Detroit up very aggressively. Simon, in view of the fact that he is about to leave, cannot be counted upon much in the work. Rabbi Franklin, who was at the luncheon, came out enthusiastically and definitely for the project. If Mrs. Greenfield goes to Detroit on the 21st, let her stay there for a week, if possible, and canvass the entire situation. Detroit is ready for a large contribution.

I have written to Dr. Calisch and to Seelenfreund. I have not as yet heard from Dr. Calisch. Seelenfreund states that the suggestion for the conference is a good one, but that he has no authority to make any arrangements. I would, therefore, write to Adolph Kraus.

What is Cincinnati doing?

Very sincerely yours,



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December 16th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to have your report from Detroit. I am arranging today with Mrs. Greenfield, subject to Buzel's agreement that she will spend practically the week beginning January 5th in Detroit. She will visit Buffalo, Detroit and Toledo.

Judge Mack reports to me that the Fischel arrangement of which there was a special meeting yesterday has gone fairly smooth.

I was in Hartford yesterday and took the first steps towards organizing the Connecticut league and got pledges from men whom I regard as responsible, that they will raise \$5000. They have raised \$300 towards this. From there I proceeded to Springfield where I had a very interesting gathering, and I pledged the 12 men who came together to organize a Springfield league and raise \$5000, part of which will be delivered to us by January 8th.

The two experiences I had yesterday show me the kind of work we have got to do in the country towns. I had four hours of discussion in Hartford, very friendly, and 5 hours in Springfield. They wanted to know, they wanted to understand, they wanted to regulate their position. They have vague hopes of peace. The earnestness of it all was impressive. In Connecticut I came across the kind of falsehood that has been spread about us, which I will communicate to you by sending you a copy of a letter that I will send to some people early next week.

I am having a state conference in Manchester on Sunday and I shall organize Providence I hope, on Monday night.

I wrote Fechheimer of Cincinnati some days ago but haven't heard from him yet. I am looking to answers to my various letters during the last few days.

Yours,

*Samuel J. Rosensohn*



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PREVIOUS REPORT

Dec., 12

DATE

Dec. 16

TOTAL

Cash	172 860	39	Increased by	140	172 800.39
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Notes	2 600		Increased by		2 600
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Personal Pledges	60 080		Increased by new pledges		
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			Decreased by cash payments	140	59 940
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City Pledges	41 035		Increased by new pledges	10 000	
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			Decreased by personal pledges		51 035
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			or cash		
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Bldg. Loan Pledges	25 950				
	302 325.39				

Bldg. Loan Pledges	25 950				
GRAND TOTAL	312 325.39				

Hartford \$5,000; Springfield \$5,000.



J  
December twentieth  
1921

Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg,  
430 Kenwood Avenue,  
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Sam,

I plan to be in Cincinnati Monday,  
January 16th, in the evening. I can arrange to  
spend an hour in Dayton in the interest of the  
P. D. L. If this be satisfactory, let me know.

With kindest regards, I am



December twentieth  
1921

Mr. Alex B. Seelenfreund,  
Independent Order of B'nai B'rith,  
Tribune Building, Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Seelenfreund,

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your letter of the eighth. I have been out of the city much of the time.

We have not yet definitely set a date for our conference with the representatives of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. When that is determined upon, I will communicate with you.

With kindest regards, I beg to  
remain

Very sincerely yours,



Jacob DeHaas

31 Union Square, New York City.

Cannot be with you January eighth. Hold meeting anyhow.

(Signed) A. H. Silver

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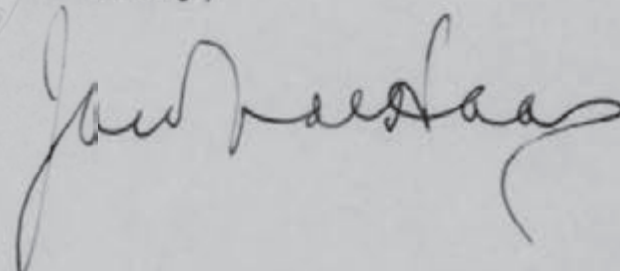
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December 20th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am just fixing up with Detroit, January 5 to 9th for Mrs. Greenfield. On the 9th she is to be in Toledo for the Hadassah. This office has no connections with Toledo. I don't know whether the young Rabbi there who was a Zionist is still there and is with us. Have you some means of opening some door for us there so that Mrs. Greenfield can address a group of men in our interest on the 9th.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. A. H. Silver,

c/o The Temple,

East 55th Street,

Cleveland, Ohio

JdeH/RDC



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PREVIOUS REPORT - December 18

DATE - December 20

TOTAL

Cash

172 850

Increased by

1600

300

174 750.39

Notes

2 600

Increased by

1000

2 600

Personal  
Pledges

Increased by  
new pledges

3000

3000

59 940

Decreased by  
cash payments

2900

63 040

City  
Pledges

Increased by  
new pledges

7000

41 053

Decreased by per-  
sonal pledges

48 053

or cash

Bldg. Loan Fund 25 950

\$302 325.39

Bldg. Loan Fund 25 950

GRAND TOTAL

\$315 403.39

Increases - Boston, Massachusetts & Providence.



CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES

31 Union Square, N.Y.

December 20th, 1921

Dear Dr. Silver:

Acting on your telegram, we will call a meeting of the Central Committee on the 8th although I think it is imperative that you be present.

I returned this morning from Manchester, Boston and Providence. In New Hampshire I was successful in getting a group together under the leadership of Mr. Chase who himself subscribed \$1000, raised \$500 more on the spot, and pledged himself to raise the balance up to \$5000 immediately.

In Providence I was successful in getting quite a striking group together. Max Grant led that with \$500. \$1500 was subscribed, a league organized with the understand that they are to raise the balance of \$5000 for Providence immediately, and to organize in Woonsocket separately. In Boston, Dr. Wise spoke Sunday evening, and I think raised about \$6000. The situation there is more complicated and I came away with notes covering one of the pledges given us last summer for \$1000.

I have now visited five towns and have a rather clear idea as to what the situation is. First, a desire for peace or some kind of combination or cooperation that will lessen the <sup>friction</sup> ~~complication~~. In the smaller towns, the Jews don't want to have a row and the Cleveland split, as they call it, shattered many friendships. There are intense personal feelings about it. I saw that in Providence and also in Boston. The more modern people are with us, the older, the rabbis and that type are not against us but not for us. They are talking discipline, the



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

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World Congress, the obligation to the KH, in fact are using the arguments that were our slogans a couple of years ago. They are not effective but there is a tendency to accommodate them. For instance, in Providence I am told the KH will be ~~a~~ <sup>but they will try to raise some money</sup> ~~lead~~ failure. There is a very sympathetic spirit although we have to undo a great deal of mischief that I traced deliberately to Dr. Levin and to men of the Abe Goldberg type, who attempt to sow the seed of permanent friction. The undoing takes the longest part of the session. Both in Manchester and in Providence I had to go over the story of the differences for an hour and a half. On the constructive program I could be briefer but one has to go into a great number of details. The fact is that people don't visualize the development of Palestine through reading about it if there is anything in particular to be read about it. They have to be told. If I accomplished anything it was in picture drawing. I have not ~~got~~ the slightest doubt in my mind that laborious as this task is we will get all the money we ask for by stimulation and patience. Patience because people are hard-up and will pay slowly, - patience because you have ~~to~~ to argue the thing out with them. Stimulation because they want to be stimulated. They plainly told me they want excitement. It seems that is the only thing they get for their money. In Providence, for instance, they are very anxious to have you visit them and to give you a dinner at which perhaps the whole reform community will attend, and they figure they can easily get from five to ten thousand dollars in that way. They want you. I told them that I had heard of your making some vague promise about going to Boston and that therefore some arrangement could be made. It would be a week-night if you do go. I would very much like you to do this if you can.



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

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We no doubt lost a lot of time by failing to stimulate. On the other hand this period of soft-pedaling has done good work. It softened the bitterness; it has given the people a picture of what 55 is now, and they don't want that. I think a question that was asked me by every person I met for the past 4 days is this: "Will your group go to the next convention - will you run as delegates?" I feel they would not have thought that way if we had run into an acrimonious fight a couple of months ago, so the loss of time has had its gain. On the other hand, we shall have to face a very serious financial problem. I have no immediate solution for it. The leagues are not membership organizations in the sense of paying dues. People are being urged to pay their dues to the ZOA, and I, for one, am doing that conscientiously and consistently, and they want paid assistants. Boston, for instance, feels that it needs a man to devote himself to that city and he could take in gradually, all of Massachusetts. They have gotten used to this sort of thing. In fact more than half of them will only pay the bill for their subscription to a caller. It is a bad Jewish habit, but Boston, for instance is a very fine example. I probably wrote 20 letters and probably three telegrams to one individual there, and it wasn't until I sat right down with him that I <sup>obtained</sup> from him four notes in settlement of his \$1000 pledge, which notes I might have gotten from him any time that I could have seen him. The same applies here in New York. Roughly speaking, outside of the Fischel group, we have about \$20,000 standing out in this city. I call these men up regularly. Unless someone sees them personally the checks are not forthcoming. I simply give you the facts as I experience them. I am not offering a solution at this moment but I think we are going to find in the development of the Fischel group the same difficulty. Beyond the first hundred thousand, Fischel has



Dr. A. H. Silver

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Cleveland, Ohio

indicated to me he wants paid workers. I have not discussed it with him nor committed myself. The raising of money for the Administrative Fund is not simple or easy. I have no illusions on that subject but I do feel that this problem must be deliberately thought out because, for instance, they have gotten away from the idea of paying for traveling expenses. The JDC and all other organizations refrain from making this charge so that there is an entirely new situation. 15 years ago the treasurer of any little group would ask what was the expense. They they expected to meet all these obligations. Now that <sup>Type</sup> has disappeared. I am worried about it because I am just arranging with Mrs. Greenfield for <sup>her</sup> ~~the~~ trip. We will split <sup>4 peruse</sup> with Hadassah but it will cost us something. My round trip cost something too, and the fares and hotels are just doubled ~~●~~ what they were. The items are significant.

I shall go to Buffalo for the 27th, and am trying to lay lines on some of the neighboring towns in all of which there are men with us but none with the courage to assert themselves. I find there has been an intense boycott of our supporters and ~~somebody~~, where they are a minority, they really are afraid to assert themselves. That is one reason why we have to do quite a lot of organization work - much more than I thought necessary some time ago.

I am glad to see that this morning's mail shows the first signs of life from Colorado. It has taken six months to get it and it isn't much at that.

Kind regards.

JdeH/RDC

Yours,  
*Jacob F. Neas*



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CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

December 21, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Jacob Mack wrote you last Saturday about the contemplated organization of a Palestine Development League in Cincinnati. Unfortunately, it has been impractical to start one before this, but the matter cannot be delayed any longer without prejudicial results, and that is why he suggested a date between January 2nd and 10th.

If you can possibly arrange to be here on Monday, January 2nd, that would be by all means, the best date because I have just received a letter from Judge Mack, who did not know when he wrote it of our request to you, suggesting that he is going to be in Pittsburgh on the 3rd and could be here on the 2nd, if anything could be arranged for that date.

If you are willing to be good enough to come here January 2nd, we could arrange for a dinner, say at seven o'clock, which on account of the legal holiday would probably be better than any other form the function could take. That is the only date on which we can secure Judge Mack and I earnestly hope you will be able to make it convenient to be here.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

SMF/GEC

*L. Marcus Fechheimer*



December 22nd, 1921.

Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. DeHaas,

Received your letter of the 20th. Read with interest about your visit to the New England cities. I am fully in accord with you in the need for getting paid representatives to canvass some of the more important centers. I think we can interest some of the existing leagues in financing such representatives. The task is to find two or three energetic and capable men, and if I were you, I would set about looking over the field for candidates.

We had a meeting here last night, called by Rabbi Goldman, and some one hundred and fifty names were distributed among those present to be interviewed within the next ten days. If you can come to Cleveland on the 28th, the day after your Buffalo visit, I would arrange to have these workers meet you. That may act as a stimulation to get through with their solicitations early. I have written to Cincinnati about a meeting on the 2nd, but have not yet heard from them. I am planning to go to Pittsburg for the 3rd. Is Wise in a position to give us a day here in Cleveland some time next month?

With kindest regards, I beg to remain



*Art Silver*  
*(see page 1, 2)*

## ***Subscription Blank***

**PALESTINE CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, Inc.**  
**31 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK**

Incorporated Delaware 1921

**Capital \$1,000,000**

I hereby subscribe for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of second preferred 6 per cent cumulative stock of the PALESTINE CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY at Ten Dollars per share, full paid and non-assessable. I enclose herewith \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars being 25 per cent on account; the balance to be paid in 3 installments of 25 per cent each, payable at call of Directors at intervals of 3 months.

Pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Directors of the company, the moneys received upon the subscriptions are to be applied exclusively for Building Loan purposes in Palestine.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE:—The first preferred, 5 per cent cumulative stock to the extent of 20 per cent of the outstanding stock of the company, is issued exclusively for funds donated to the Palestine Development Council, Inc., for investment for the University and similar institutions in Palestine.



S. MARCUS FECHHEIMER  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 23, 1921.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 20th, which is greatly appreciated.

There will be a dinner at the Losantiville Country Club on Monday evening, January 2nd, at which, of course, you and Judge Mack will speak. Further than this, it is not possible at the present moment to give details, even as to the number who will be present except that it will not be a very large function. We shall try to get together those who may be in any way interested in forming a League here.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jacob Mack will probably let you know more next week as soon as matters have assumed definite form.

We are indeed glad to have your positive acceptance and shall do everything possible to co-operate with you in endeavoring to get the best results.

With best regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

SMF/GEC

*S. Marcus Fechheimer*



<u>PREVIOUS REPORT</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>December 25</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash	174 780 39	Increased by	1350	176 110.39
Notes	3 600	Increased by	500	4 100
Personal Pledges		Increased by new pledges		
	63 040	Decreased by cash payments	1850	61 190
City Pledges		Increased by new pledges		
	48 053	Decreased by personal pledges		48 053
		or cash		
	25 950			
	\$315 403.39			
		GRAND TOTAL	25 950	\$315 403.39



Woolworth Building,  
New York City,  
December 24, 1921.

LDB - SSW - AHS - FF - MF - SR - RS - SJR - NRL - DeH - JS - NS, Jr -  
LSP - BVC

(1) Talked with Ernst this morning. He said he found the most friendly spirit and deep appreciation of the JDC and our generosity in sharing control and in the larger subscription.

(2) He had a talk with Weizmann, who, he says, said that he did not see how more than 10,000 people a year could go to Palestine for the next decade,--this in connection with the tremendous eagerness which Ernst found all over Eastern and Central Europe of professional and other people to go there to live. He was deeply impressed with the effect of this feeling on the distinctiveness and separatism of the Jews in their home countries and the resulting dangers to them, especially if for most of them it must remain for years to come only a dream.

(3) He did not see Paul Singer, but says that he understood that the World Z. O. wants him.

(4) He was greatly impressed by Zaiman, and brings along enclosed letter. The Economic Board suggested that they would take half his time for themselves and pay him half the salary of £1500, but Ernst said this would not do at all; the man who goes out at whatever salary--and Z. could not take less than £1500--must devote himself entirely to our work. Furthermore Ernst pointed out to them that while the actual work of a bank would not take up his time, much time could be given by him and should be given by him to the propaganda of the Credit Union principles and the instigation of Credit Unions themselves.

(5) I suggested to Ernst, but distinctly stated that I haven't the faintest idea whether it would be agreeable even to our own group, the possibility of utilizing whoever goes out as bank manager for the mortgage building association bank, and suggested the possibility of the four groups taking an interest in this instead of our doing it alone. I stated, however, very clearly that I had not discussed this possibility with any of our own group and had no idea whether it would be desirable.

J. W. M.



A. Zaiman, 18 OLD QUEEN STREET, S. W. 1, writes to  
Mr. Walter Cohen:

Born in England;

Scholar, Cambridge, 1912

Mathematical Tripos - Wrangler, etc., 1914-17

Discharged active war service because of eyesight;

Served in special gunnery work;

After war, assistant to Professor Karl Pearson,  
University College, London;

Gunnery calculations for Munitions Inventions  
Department;

Technical Assistant Engineer, manufacturing firm.

Civil Service Department;

Scientific and Industrial Research, October, 1919.

Sent by Colonial Office as Statistical Adviser to  
Palestine Administration, 1st April to November, 1921.

I read some economics whilst at Cambridge and did a fair amount  
of statistical work whilst under Professor Pearson. Also I am a  
member of the Permanent (Treasury) Consultative Committee on Official  
Statistics.

I can read and speak French; know some German; read and write  
a little Arabic; have a fair knowledge of Hebrew and can speak  
Yiddish.

My work at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research  
has been mainly in connection with the finances of industrial Re-  
search Associations.

Note: Mr. Ernst interviewed Mr. Zaiman. Made a very  
favorable impression. Is married, has no children; has been in  
Palestine for some time in connection with the Government service.  
He will not work for less than £1500; would be able to start as  
soon as he could arrange with English Government to get out of his  
present work. This means, probably, sixty days' notice.



# ESTIMATES OF BUDGET OF PALESTINE BANK.

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Rent	300	1200.00
Annual Accounting	100	400.00
Traveling (this will have to be by supplying auto)	300	1200.00
Postage, Cables, Telephone	100	400.00
Manager	1500	6000.00
Clerk-Stenographer	350	1400.00
Miscellaneous	200	800.00
Interest on loans - estimated on full amount	2100	8400.00
Losses of 1% of capital - assuming that all is paid in and loaned out	1000	4000.00
TOTAL		\$

Gross income of the bank -  
assuming that all the capital is paid in and all of it is paid out  
on loan at all times will not average more than six per cent. or  
£6000 \$24,000.00

In addition, it is barely possible that deposits might be obtained on  
basis of 2% or 3%, and that these deposits can be loaned out on an average  
of six per cent.

At present, the prospects for deposits at the Central Bank will be small.  
Above indicates that if half of the capital is paid in and working the  
bank will run at a loss. This loss will be even greater during the  
initial periods when the capital of the bank paid in is only about fifty  
thousand pounds, and the expenses are approximately as indicated above.



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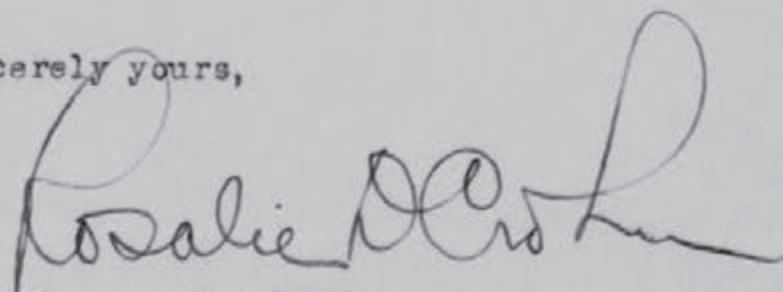
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 C/o The Temple,  
 East 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. de Haas sent you a telegram this morning stating that he will be in Cleveland on the 28th and that he will be in Buffalo, *Tuesday* tomorrow at the Hotel Lafayette. I believe Mr. de Haas intends to stop at Hotel Cleveland on the 28th.

I hope to have an answer as to Dr. Wise tomorrow and will then write you.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to Mr. de Haas.



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Mr. Jacob DeHaas,  
Lafayette Hotel

December 27th, 1921/

Am arranging Luncheon Wednesday  
noon, Hollenden Hotel.

A. H. Silver.



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December 30th, 1921

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have asked Mr. Goldman to try and arrange a gathering for you in Rochester on the 10th; Mr. Kaufman to arrange a gathering in Reading on the 23rd, and Mrs. Lindheim is trying to arrange, through Mrs. Guggenheimer, for a gathering in Richmond on the 24th.

Will let you know when I hear from them.

Yours,

*Samuel De Haas*

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

c/o The Temple,

E. 55th Street,

Cleveland, Ohio.

JdeH/RDC



REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1921.

Cash	198 290 . 39
Notes	4 100
and collateral	5 000
	10 000

Personal Pledges outstanding

Tampa, Fla.	500
Chicago, Ill.	250
Baltimore, Md.	1 000
Boston, Mass.	390 (some cash in but not remitted)
Detroit, Mich.	350

Minneapolis, Minn.	580
St. Paul	50
St. Louis, Mo.	2 000
New York City	11 130
Manchester, N.H.	1 500
Akron, Ohio	1 800
Canton, Ohio.	1 000
Cleveland, Ohio	860
New Kensington, Pa.	200
Philadelphia, Pa.	100
Pittsburgh, Pa.	12 300
Buffalo, N.Y.	3 640
Providence, R.I.	1 000
	<u>263 330.39</u>

Fischel Group	25 700
City pledges	43 350
	<u>\$ 332 380.39</u>

City Pledges

Springfield, Mass.	5000
Manchester, N.H.	3500
Connecticut	5000
Scranton, Pa.	5000
Mobile, Ala	3000
E. Liverpool, O.	1000
Minnesota	3500
Charleston, S.C.	400
New York City	<u>16950</u>
	<u>\$43350</u>

25 950 less 250 paid as listed above.





Lynchburg Va.  
January 5<sup>th</sup> 1922.

My dear Mr. De Haas,

I have delayed replying to your letter, until I could interview some of our people here, as to the advisability of your coming to solicit support for the N. D. C. While I would be delighted to have you come, they do not seem to think you could accomplish enough, to justify the trip. I have taken a



list of all the Jews here, and  
will go to work on them imme-  
diately. I want to ask you  
to have sent to me as soon  
as possible, about twenty-five  
copies of the P. D. L. prospectus,  
in Yiddish. I want to dis-  
tribute these among the people-  
a majority- who do not under-  
stand the English version,  
clearly. In view of the fact,  
that a campaign for the  
Jewish Relief Fund is to be  
started here about the middle  
of this month, I am afraid  
the prospects are not very  
propitious for the P. D. L. for



the present. In regard to getting  
together a group for Dr. Silver  
in Richmond, Mrs. Lindheim  
has written me nothing about  
it. However if I can be of  
any assistance, I will gladly  
do so. With all good wishes  
for success.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. May Guggenheimer.



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January 6th, 1921

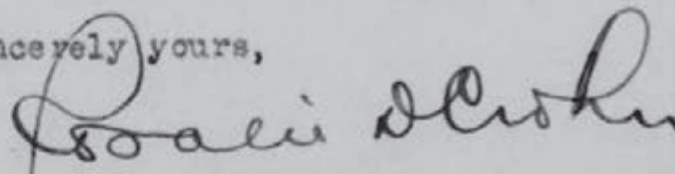
Dr. A. H. Silver,  
 c/o The Temple,  
 E. 55th Street,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find Mr. de Haas' check for

\$10, which he asked me to send you with his compliments.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to Mr. de Haas

encl.  
 RDC/



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AMERICAN ZIONIST MEDICAL UNIT  
FOR PALESTINE

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Jerusalem, Jan. 8, 1922.

Judge Julian W. Mack  
Hotel Ansonia  
73" Street and Broadway  
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Judge Mack,

It is with considerable hesitation that I write on the subject of this letter. It is a subject rather remote from my work here, and from my general experience.

Some time ago there appeared in the Doar HaYom an interview granted by Baron Edmond de Rothschild to Mr. Ben Avi. The Baron had some blunt words to say about the Jewish colonists in Palestine and his intentions with regard to the colonists' sons, the Bnei Binyamin.

About ten days ago there appeared a correspondence in the Doar Ha-Yom from America relative to the interview. The correspondent said that the words of the Baron had made a very bad impression upon Palestinians now sojourning in America. They appreciated what the Baron had done in the past, but when all was said, what had he done in comparison with the deeds of the colonists? He had given money; they had given themselves. It would seem to them that the colonists' sons, the Bnei Binyamin, deserved consideration, etc.

If the article had stopped there, I should not be writing this letter now. But to the article was appended a letter from Mrs. Fels in which she expresses surprise at the Baron's attitude, and the opinion that he must have been misled. She gives the assurance to the Bnei Binyamin that they will receive the support of the Brandeis men in America.

Even Mrs. Fels's letter might not have driven me to interfere in matters from which I have studiously kept aloof since I have been here, but in today's issue of the Doar Ha-Yom there is a jubilant editorial article over Mrs. Fels's attitude. I feel that I should be wanting in my duty if I did not give you the benefit of the impressions and observations I have gathered during the twenty-two months of my life here.

I believe that the old colonists have abundant land on which to settle their sons. This very day I heard that the ICA (which, let me tell you, is doing excellent colonization work) has withdrawn a number of dunams of land from each of the colonists at Ekron, and is putting new settlers on each of these comparatively small parcels. The ICA would not do this if its experience did not abundantly prove that a small parcel of land suffices for a family. Elsewhere the ICA has been pursuing the policy of settling colonists' sons next to newly arrived workingmen.



The gentleman-farming system that has been pursued by the colonists will never make of Palestine the land of the Jews. I am not thinking of the four million Jews they used to speak of in the propaganda days, but of the two million Jews we may speak of in these days of the Balfour Declaration reality, when I say they can be settled in Palestine only under a system which will be based on two things:--Work and Thrift--intensive work and almost miserly thrift. Otherwise this land of Palestine cannot possibly be for us.

When I speak of a gentleman-farming system I do not mean that the colonists are living in luxury. I mean that they have the attitude of gentlemen farmers. There is much the same situation that I used to see in Maryland and Virginia where so many farmers were land-poor. In the Southern States there was, of course, no credit, which, to a certain extent, is true here too, though not to the same extent as in the Maryland and Virginia of my day. There is one thing that is as true of Palestine as it was of Maryland and Virginia:--the gentleman farmer refuses to consider it worth his while to deal with small things. He is always thinking of grand schemes and wholesale salvation. I do not for a moment deny that the colonists made sacrifices, such as the American correspondent of the Doar Ha-Yom hints at. I do not even deny that he works hard. I do deny that he is a martyr.

The movement set afoot by the sons of the colonists, the Bnei Binyamin, is not a constructive movement. As far as I can analyze the situation, the purpose is opposition to the workingmen and to the system of the Kwutzot. I hasten to assure you that I hold no brief for the Kwutzot. They, too, are wasteful. The workingmen, too, think in grandiose terms. They, too, are doctrinaires, who think they have only to put an ideal on paper to make it a reality. They, too, despise the small advantage which accrues from intensive work. I am afraid we Jews are prone to visionary planning, and one of the things we have to learn through our contact with the land is the need of building up a new life bit by bit, and not at a single leap or bound.

But at least the workmen are going on the roads and breaking stones, while the Bnei Binyamin maintain that the land of their fathers does not suffice for additional families,--and there are stretches upon stretches that cry out for cultivation.

I do not swear by the Kwutzot system. I also do not swear at it. The important thing is to make it known that hereafter in Palestine nothing will be acceptable except work, and the results of work. Let those who wish to work co-operatively do so, but let them know that their waste will not be replaced from the outside. If the Bnei Binyamin desire to have, each his own piece of land, let them secure it, either from their fathers or from others; let them have credit, but let them know that gentleman farming and wastefulness will be frowned upon. For my part, I cannot see any difference between the systemlessness of the Zionist Commission system with reference to the Kwutzot, on the one side, and these indiscriminate promises of help to the Bnei Binyamin simply because they happen to be sons of colonists.



When Mrs. Fels was here I was as firmly convinced of the above as I am now. I said only a few words of caution to her because I did not have the intimate knowledge of agricultural concerns that perhaps one ought to have in order to speak authoritatively on a subject which seems to touch upon agricultural undertakings. But as I see it now, this is not a matter of agricultural interest. It is a moral question; and for Palestine it is a serious practical question. It may be Mrs. Fels's pleasure to work with the Bnei Binyamin, but when working along Bnei Binyamin lines is announced to the Palestinian public as a Brandeis policy, I feel it my duty to tell you my opinion frankly.

I am going to show this letter to Mr. Mohl, and in a postscript I shall let you know whether he agrees with it or not.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRIETTA SZOLD

HS/RZ

P. S. - Miss Szold's analysis is correct and sums up the situation masterfully. I subscribe to every word except the statement that "the sole object of the B.B. is opposition to the workmen, etc."

(Sgd.) EM. N. MOHL



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LONDON  
JANUARY 8, 1922.

DEHAAS  
PEDAKMENT  
NEW YORK

FRENCH ZIONIST FEDERATION MET SATURDAY ELECTIONS TWO LISTS MARMOREK LIST AGAINST FINANCIAL  
SYSTEM KEREN <sup>stop</sup> BRAUNSTEIN LIST FOR KEREN <sup>stop</sup> LIVELY DEBATES ABUSES BANDIED <sup>stop</sup> FILDERMAN SUBMITTED  
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ADOPTED LARGE MAJORITY

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## GOD-SPEED DINNER

TO

MR. & MRS. SOL. ROSENBLOOM

ON THE OCCASION  
OF THEIR DEPARTURE  
FOR PALESTINE.



HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK  
JANUARY THE EIGHTH  
NINETEEN TWENTY-TWO

Our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities . . . but we will not return unto our houses until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, . . . We will pass over . . . so that . . . the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be ours.—NUMBERS xxxii.



## Programme

Welcome

LOUIS S. POSNER  
*Chairman, Dinner Committee*

Chairman's Address

JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK  
*President, Palestine Development Council*

Address

HON. NATHAN STRAUS

Song

MRS. JEANNE ALFRED

### Palestinian Symposium

Palestine—

*The Land of Inspiration* . . . . MISS RUTH FRANKLIN  
*The Land for Duty* . . . . . JULIUS SIMON  
*The Land of Opportunity* . . . . . MRS. JOSEPH FELS  
*The Land to Build* . . . . . HARRY FISCHEL  
*The Land of Valor* . . CAPT. ALEXANDER AARONSOHN

Song

MRS. JEANNE ALFRED

Address

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

Response

SOL. ROSENBLOOM

Song

MRS. JEANNE ALFRED



# Menu

GRAPE FRUIT

OLIVES      SALTED ALMONDS      CELERY

VEGETABLE SOUP

SEA BASS

POTATOES

ROAST CHICKEN

GREEN PEAS

POTATOES

LETTUCE AND TOMATOES

FANCY CAKES

WATER ICES

COFFEE

*Caterer*  
B. TURKEL

*Springer's Orchestra*



"IF YOU WILL IT."

HERZL

"It is for the Jews of the world to accept the unparalleled opportunity offered by the nations of the world. The great words of Herzl, which he applied to the getting of Palestine, '*If you will it,*' must be converted into facts. We must *will it* by action, not merely by thought. The Jews willed it; the Balfour Declaration and the San Remo Decision followed. Thus we have secured the right to people Palestine; it rests with us now to do so. Palestine will be rebuilt if the Jews will it. It is for us to make it possible for Jews to go there, live there, and revive it. A sound economic development is the only foundation on which Palestine can endure."

BRANDEIS.

And whosoever remaineth in his place, let him help those who go with silver and with gold and with goods . . . . And all that remained strengthened their hands with vessels of silver and of gold and with goods . . . . and all these did they bring up with them out of the captivity . . . unto Jerusalem. — EZRA 1.



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Jarm ary 9th, 1922

Dear Dr. Silver:

If I had not been so weary last night, I would have sent you a telegram. Anyway, the dinner was a most successful affair and I count the spiritual success as important as the money success although so many of the faces were so absolutely new to a Palestinian gathering. We managed to get some of the old fire and enthusiasm back so that everybody went home please with themselves. I had figured on an attendance of 224 and there were actually 222 in the room. The result is that we have passed the half a million dollar mark with half that sum in cash. Fischel himself gave \$26,000 and he brought his the total of his group up to \$70,000, which is a pretty good showing because it won't be difficult for him to raise the next \$30,000. It was a strictly kosher affair with 'Motzer', and Jurman said the grace after meals in a short form that was really delightful. There was music at the dinner and singing between the speeches. There was quite some jacking up necessary to get this affair, which started at 8:45 over at 11:30. Julius Simon made a surprisingly good speech, and the two women, Miss Ruth Franklin (niece of Herbert Samuel) and Mrs. Fels were each in their way charming. We have now a new group in with us and I think that counts. If my rough draft of the figures are correct we have \$515,000. To that I expect Fischel to add \$30,000, making \$545,000, but as Mary Fels' \$61,000 will not go for any of our indicated purposes but for some purpose of her own, we must draw that figure off. So we shall have to raise \$16,000 in personal pledges to get the actual half a million dollars after allowing for Fischel increase. I don't think there is going to be much trouble about it, although I am now wondering whether you could not stage a real big affair in Cleveland after this send-off. We charged everybody \$5 for their ticket. The cost to us of the banquet will be about \$500 of which one-half was contributed by Fischel. I am sending you copy of the menu. Do you think you can arrange something like this with Ulmer and the Ulmer crowd?

The C.C. meeting yesterday was not a very big affair but it was interesting. Nothing serious transpired. By the way, I did not hear anything from Cleveland as a result of your appeal for the Administration Fund. On that side, we shall be on the rocks within the next few weeks.



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

January 9th, 1922  
Page Two

A good deal of interest was exhibited in our proposition to get together with the CCAR and the IOBB. A number of those present yesterday were B.B. men and they told me very distinctly that if the B.B. can be induced to come in it will mean a great sum of money for us directly and indirectly in the New England towns.

Kind regards.

Yours,

*Jacob J. ...*

JdeH/RDC

WRHS



I enclose you letters from Mrs. Guggenheim,  
Synchburg & Kaufman, Pending I leave  
Michigan bath.



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JANUARY 11, 1922.

<u>Total Personal Pledges and cash to date</u>	<u>516, 234 . 39</u>
Total Cash received	377, 222 . 39
Total notes and collateral	<u>19, 000</u>
	\$296, 222 . 39.
Total outstanding at this date	220, 012 . 00

This statement is wholly independent of all city or groups pledges, but in all probability \$1000 of additional pledges are outstanding in Detroit and elsewhere not yet reported to the Central office.



410 LA SALLE BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS-MINNESOTA

January 19, 1922.

*Silver*

Mr. Jacob deHaas,  
Palestine Development Council  
31 Union Square,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. deHaas:

I found your recent lengthy communication very interesting indeed, and I thank you for same.

It may interest you to know that in the past few weeks I have been receiving letters from 55 Fifth Avenue urging me to reconsider my stand and to join forces with them. The letters which were from Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Neumann, and Mr. Goldberg, all speak in the same vein, - first imploring me and later giving themselves to flattery, etc. Mr. Rosenblatt who was here in the interest of the Keren Hayesod, Colonel Patterson and also Mr. Maurice Margulies, also urged me and attempted to convince me that I was not on the right track. I did not reply to any of the communications and did not encourage the gentlemen who spoke to me in person.

I can readily see their object in attempting to do this sort of thing. I am sure that it is not for the love of me that they are so anxious to get me back on the Executive committee. There is now a ring which is very solid. At first they thought that in time the ring will dissolve itself and return to their fold, but they evidently realize that their thoughts in the matter were all wrong, so they are now anxious to break that ring, and are attempting to do it in this manner. If several of the former members of the executive, who resigned and refused to take office again, could be induced or flattered into accepting membership on the executive committee again, the rest would be easy. My refusal to even reply to their communications and my assurance to the gentlemen who spoke to me in person, that my position is steadfast, will no doubt give them to understand that further urging me would be useless.

Zionist activities in Minneapolis as well as throughout the Northwest are more or less in a semi-conscious state. They are neither active nor inactive. The Keren Hayesod campaign, however, is in full swing here, and has met with fairly good success. So far about \$40,000.00, in pledges and about \$6,000.00, in cash was raised. I believe that the committee will raise \$10,000.00, or thereabout more. The quota for this city is \$100,000.00. I feel certain that, had the bridge between Pinsk and Washington been built, it would have been an easy matter to raise the full quota. I could not refrain from assisting on the work, but as hard as I tried to work full-heartedly, I found it an impossible task. At my suggestion, Mr. Arnold accepted the executive secretarship of the campaign.

Mr. Jabotinsky neither surprised nor disappointed me. He is the same Jabotinsky that I pictured him to be. His only reference to the trouble was, that he cannot understand the psychology of his opponents, and does not care to understand it. Anyone that does not agree with him my go and drown himself, was his expression. He is a wonderful orator, he gets his audiences. But as a leader, in my opinion, he is impossible. I can now understand why Dr. Weitzmann gave in so easily to him,



Mr. Jabotinsky stands for no compromise. His ideas are the right ones, (in his own mind) and those who disagree with him either have to give in to him or (perhaps?) take the consequences.

We have not done much in the P.D.L., work recently. We decided to postpone it until the Keren Hayesod drive is over. We deemed it inexpedient to go on with our work while the K.H. campaign is on. We surely would have been accused of being obstructionists. I have no doubt that we will have no difficulty in picking the work up where we left off and continuing successfully. The Jewish War Relief drive will start here very shortly. This drive will also interfere with our work somewhat, but it will be a slight postponement and nothing more.

With reference to future Zionist work. I understand that the members of the P.D.C., have not renewed their sustaining membership in the organization. Does that mean that it is the intention of the P.D.C. members to remain passive members only and not participate in the next convention? The reason I am very anxious to have this point cleared up is this: If we intend to emerge from the minority group and become the majority again, it will be necessary for us to get busy and organize or rather reorganize the districts, get new members and in other ways insure the selection of the proper delegates to the convention. I am satisfied that the supporters of the present administration realize now that we cannot afford to go on this way and, if the proper foundation is laid now, the next convention should prove highly successful. We kept back our drive for membership until we know where you stand on the proposition. I have no doubt that the rest of the Northwest will work with us in our attempt to reorganize the districts on the proper basis. Please let me hear from you in reference to this at your earliest convenience.

I would also appreciate if you would throw some light on the recent outburst in the "ZEIT", in connection with the Balfour reception.

With kindest regards and best wishes I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Geo. J. Gordon



JULIAN W. MACK  
WOOLWORTH BUILDING  
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February 2, 1922.

Dear Silver:

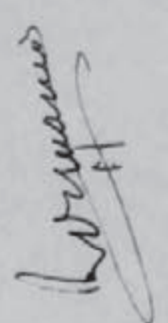
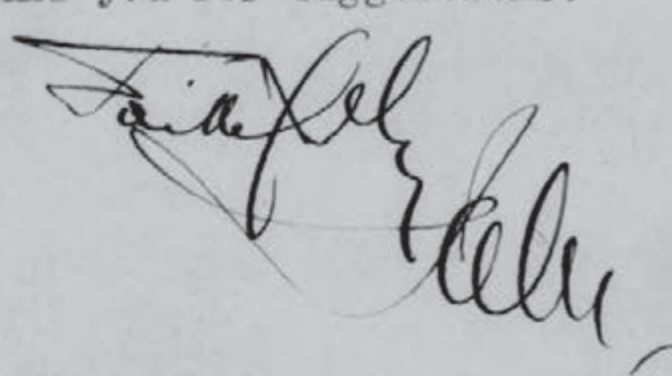
I haven't heard from you for some time and don't know anything about the situation in Cleveland or any of the section that you may have been in. I'd be glad to hear. I am assuming that DeHaas is keeping you informed of things here. DeHaas saw LDB yesterday and suggested his spending a day here,-- a week-day in order that you might join us. How would Washington's Birthday do, Wednesday, the 22d? If for any reason that is too inconvenient, will the day that Lincoln's Birthday will be observed as a holiday, the 13th, be better?

Wise is out of town today. I am writing Felix, and then when I hear from all of you, we will fix the date.

Enclosed is an editorial in the London Jewish Chronicle of January 13th, which arrived yesterday. The under-scored line ought, in my judgment, to be answered by DeHaas. I say by him because he is the one of us who has indulged in correspondence with the J. C. We have drafted a cable to be signed by him, which I am sending to LDB, SSW, FF and you for suggestions.

(Enclosures)

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





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NATHAN D. KAPLAN  
JACOB KAPLAN

CHICAGO

Febr. 3rd, 1922.

*Silver*

Mr. Jacob de Haas,  
Palestine Development Council,  
31 Union Square,  
New York City

Dear Jacob:--

It has come to my attention that the National Executive Committee of the Independant Order of B'Nai Brith will meet in Chicago the early part of April, and it seems to me that if Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver were to appear before that Committee when they meet here, it might be possible to secure some action favoring co-operation with the Palestine Development Council.

You will note that in my recent communication, I sent you the check of Mr. A. B. Seelenfreund, who is the Secretary of the B'Nai Brith, and I believe that if a communication is sent to him, it might be arranged.

Faithfully yours,

*Nathan D. Kaplan*

NDK-R  
Enc.



"The New Palestine," the official organ of the Zionist Organization of America, says in its latest issue the following:

"In Chicago Mr. Schweitzer conferred with Mr. Max Shulman and Mr. Frederick Lubin. The Chicago Bureau has raised \$300,000 for the Keren Hayesod, but Mr. Schweitzer estimates that this figure can be increased to \$1,500,000."

The sum quoted by Mr. Schweitzer must be either a typographical error or he is misinformed. The total collected is nearer the \$30,000 mark than \$300,000. While the committee in charge has done everything humanely possible, it did not, for some reason or other, find the response that was expected. We hope that Mr. Sokolow's presence here will arouse sufficient enthusiasm—if properly arranged and bungling minimized to the "nth degree—in the Jewish community the Keren Hayesod may receive its due share."

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Sub. reports to January 27th

525 247.39

" " " February 3

730.00 \*  
530 027.39

Cash & Collateral report Jan. 27 -- 308 044.89.

" " " " Feb. 3 -- 10 815.00

318 859.89

OUTSTANDING

211 267.50

\* The new accounts were actually higher but some subscriptions have on request been cancelled or part deducted and transferred to the Administration fund.



February 6, 1922.

Dear Miss Szold:

I had a long talk with Mrs. Fels yesterday evening, and pointed out to her that it was absolutely impossible for our group, as a group, or for the principal individuals in it, to back up any single organization in Palestine, and especially the Bnei Binyamin, in view of what you had written. I deemed it the only proper thing to do to show her your letter with Mohl's endorsement, and to tell her that all of us agreed entirely with you, and that I knew that even though she differed with you, as she said she did, on many things, such as socialism, the attitude toward the war, etc., nevertheless she knows that your sole object is the good of Palestine.

I told her that I wanted a translation of the interview of Ben Avi with the Baron and of the letter from America, which, of course, Alex must have written, and the appendix from her. She really did not seem to have appreciated the importance of the whole thing, and these two young men here have but gotten her more strongly imbued with their views than she was when she was out there. I emphasized that Aaron had always told me that the only hope of Palestine was intensive farming and that a farmer could not only have the necessary stuff for his own family, but could make a living on a very small amount of land.--I have forgotten whether he used to say six or eight dunam or acres; that this kind of farming was the only possible thing in Palestine if the land should support the proper number of people.

She had gotten out a little leaflet and had called a meeting for tonight at Mrs. Lindheim's house. I told her that this ought to be called off and that nothing ought to be done until I shall have seen all these documents and have had a full talk with Alex. Unfortunately he was laid up with the grippe yesterday and I could not take the matter up with him. I am leaving town tomorrow for a week, but on my return I shall take it up with him fully and completely. In the meantime I am asking her to have these articles, of which he doubtless has copies, translated.

Cordially yours,

(Sgd.) JULIAN W. HACK

Miss Henrietta Szold,  
c/o American Zionist Medical Unit,  
Jerusalem, Palestine.



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February sixth, 1922

Judge Julian W. Mack  
Woolworth Building  
New York City.

My dear Judge Mack,

I am planning to be in New York from the sixteenth to the twentieth of February. I must be back in Cleveland on the evening of the twenty-first, and I will, therefore, be unable to be in New York on Washington's Birthday. I cannot come on the thirteenth of February. I am wondering whether you could not arrange a meeting any time between the sixteenth and twentieth.

From the enclosed invitation you will note that Cleveland is arranging for a P.D.C. Banquet for the fourteenth of this month. We hope to raise a good bit of money that evening. I trust that Mr. Simon will not disappoint us.

Your reply to the Jewish Chronicle was good.

Hoping to see you in New York soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Enc.



February 6, 1922.

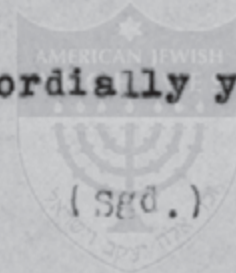
Dear Miss Szold:

Alex sends me tonight a copy of the Doar Ha-Yom of January 5th. I will have the pertinent matter translated. He also sends me the enclosed note.

I wish you would send me at once the copy of the paper which contains the American letter with Mrs. Fels's letter appended, together with a translation of it.



Cordially yours,



(SGD.) JULIAN W. HACK

(Enclosure)

Miss Henrietta Szold,  
c/o American Zionist Medical Unit,  
Jerusalem, Palestine.



HAYOM JERUSALEM

PROFOUNDLY REGRET BARON ROTHSCILDS DECISION ABOUT PIONEER  
COLONISTS AND THEIR CHILDREN BUT FEEL SURE HE WILL CHANGE  
HIS MIND STOP THEY MUST NOT BE SPARE THEIR NOBLE EFFORTS  
WILL SOON BE APPRECIATED BY THE WHOLE WORLD

FELS

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This message was sent by Mrs. Fels. I don't  
know in what form it was printed by the Doar Ha-yom. They  
may have published it as a correspondence.

Alex.



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Dear Sir:-

1. I have wired Dr H. to arrange  
meeting 19<sup>th</sup> if a possible L.D.B.  
as I don't doubt it will be  
there, just read

2. How about the Central  
Conference Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. I can be free  
from 4 P.M. on. - not before. As if  
you prefer 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> at 4. - I am telling  
Dr H. that I am writing this. I suppose  
you will want to see me on your  
Comm: as to others any two of



our group that you deemed  
best would do. - In view of  
his correspondence with Schulerman  
I suggest that Thoms Jr - if he is  
to be in town on the day you  
And Dr Thoms as he has been selected  
chooses - As the time is short  
I advise wiring them -

3. He be back next Monday  
night

4. All good luck for the  
meeting on 14 I have no  
reason why G. J. S. should



not come — but gds must  
do the best possible —

Cordially  
T. W. H.







2/20/22

Dear Mr. Long

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your note of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
addressed to me. at Hotel Anscom  
just Rec'd here. ~~but~~ I don't know  
your address in Cleveland & don't  
know whether you are the Rabbi or  
the lawyer. In any event, I am  
sending this to Rabbi Silver & asking  
him to have a talk with you. He will



See me in N.Y. Thurs. -

When you next come to N.Y.  
I'll be glad to see you - But please  
address me Woodworth Bldg &  
if you are in N.Y. Telephone me at  
my Court Chambers - no. is in book.  
If in away, my Secy will so advise you.

Very sincerely yours

Richard M. Cook



[February 10, 1922]

Copy of Telegram sent to

Rabbi Horace J. Wolf, 117 Gibbs Street, Rochester, N.Y.  
Dr. Louis Marm, 92 Linden Street, New Haven, Conn.  
Dr. Samuel Schulman, 55 East 92nd Street, New York City.  
Dr. Edward N. Calisch, 1643 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.  
Rabbi Louis Wolsey, East 82nd and Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its last meeting, appointed you as a member of a committee of five to meet with a similar committee of the Palestine Development ~~and~~ Council, to confer as to a possible basis of co-operation in the work of the economic rehabilitation of Palestine. At the suggestion of Dr. Calisch, we are arranging for such a meeting on Thursday morning, February sixteenth, at ten o'clock, at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, and we cordially invite you to this meeting. Please wire collect whether you can come.

(Signed) A. H. Silver



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Herutzfong Jr.



Day Letter to  
Paid ~~6.00~~

February tenth, 1922

Rabbi Horace J. Wolf  
117 Gibbs Street  
Rochester, N.Y.

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A. H. Silver

Same to Dr. Louis Mann, 92 Linden Street, New Haven, Conn.

Dr. Samuel Schulman, 55 East 92nd Street, New York City.

Dr. Edward N. Calisch, 1643 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

? Rabbi Louis Wolsey



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February 10th, 1922

Rabbi Louis Wolsey,  
The Euclid Avenue Temple,  
East 92nd Street and Euclid Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Wolsey,

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its last meeting, appointed you as a member of a committee of five to meet with a similar committee of the Palestine Development Council, to confer as to a possible basis of co-operation in the work of the economic rehabilitation of Palestine.

At the suggestion of Dr. Calisch, we are arranging for such a meeting on Thursday morning, February 16th, at ten o'clock, at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, and we cordially invite you to this meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible whether you can attend.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



RABBI SILVER LEAVES FOR A LECTURE TOUR IN THE WEST.

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Last Saturday night Rabbi Silver left for an extensive lecture tour on the Pacific Coast. His prime object in going is to interest communities there in the Rutenberg Project for the creating of Hydro-Electric power in Palestine, ~~which enterprise~~ <sup>this</sup> has been undertaken by the Palestine Development Council. Rabbi Silver is President of the Central Committee of the Palestine Development Leagues.

Rabbi Silver will also address various Civic bodies such as City Clubs and Chambers of Commerce in the cities which he is to visit, as well as Jewish Congregations. He will visit Chicago on Sunday, August 20th, St. Paul on Tuesday, August 22nd, Minneapolis, on Wednesday, August 23rd, Seattle, Friday, August 25th, Portland, on Monday, August 28th, San Francisco on Thursday, August 31st, Los Angeles, on Wednesday, September 6th and San Diego on Monday, September 11th. He plans to return on the 15th of September.

mailed to the Jewish Review & Observer &  
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8/17/22



JACOB DE HAAS ITINERARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Contact</u>
August 9th - Wednesday	Cleveland	Cleveland	A.H. Silver, The Temple; Dr. Goldman, 2047 E. 77th Street
August 10th - Thursday	Green Bay, Wisc.		Wm. Sanber, 115 So. Washington St.
August 11th - Friday	Chicago	Sherman House	Nathan D. Koplan 400 Westminister Bldg.
August 12th - Saturday	Milwaukee		Charles Friend 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. Dr. Ch. Levy Cong. Bnai Jeshurun
August 13th - Sunday	St. Paul	St. Paul	Dr. M. Sherper 844 Grand Avenue
August 14th - Monday	Minneapolis	Radisson	Dr. Thomas Ziskin 410 LaSalle Bldg. Dr. Geo. Gordon 410 La Salle Bldg.
August 15th - Friday	Seattle	Washington	Marcus Lees, Nat'l. Bank of Commerce Bldg David Eckstein Julius Lang c/o Nat'l. Grocery Co. Herman Schocken, 204-1621 -14 Street Herbert Schoenfeld Standard Furniture Co.
August 19th, Saturday) August 20th, Sunday )	Portland		Ben Selling Rabbi Jonah Wise 715 Chamber of Commerce Rabbi Arthur Montaz Cong. Ohave Sholem Mrs. Julius Lauisson Temporary Address - P.O.B. 483, Seaside, Ore. 812 Lovejoy Street
August 24th, Thursday	San Francisco		I. Irving Lipshitz 436 O'Farrell Street Martin Meyer 3108 Jackson Street Rabbi Jacob Njeto 3633 Clay Street Rabbi Herman Rosensasser, 350 First St. Rabbi Samuel Koch, Temple de Hirsch



JACOB De HAAS ITINERARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Contact</u>
August 26, Saturday	Oakland, Cal.		Rabbi Rudolph Coffee 28th & Webster Avenue
August 28th, Monday	Los Angeles *	Alexandria	Harry Frank, 412 So. Main Street Alexander Brick, Pres. 725 So. Broadway Rabbi Sigmund Hecht 817 Beacon Street Rabbi Sam'l Schreiber 666 So. Bonnie Bras Rabbi David Likhaitz Temple Emanuel Emanuel Rabbi Edgar Magnin Temple Bnai Brith Peter M. Kahn c/o Kahn & Symonds
August 30th, Wednesday	San Diego		Hyman Wolf St. James Hotel Rabbi Michael Freed Rabbi Yussel
August 31st, Thursday	San Francisco, Cal.		----

\*Look up Mrs. Greenfield, 154 So. Andrew's Place



Leave - Sunday, August 20th.

Buy round trip ticket to Los Angeles, Cal.

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Cleveland to Chicago - New York Central.

*Chicago W.H. Paul - 13 hours*  
Chicago to Seattle - Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul  
Steps at - St. Paul, Minneapolis  
and Seattle.

Seattle to Portland - P.S. & S.

San Francisco to Los Angeles - Southern Pacific

Los Angeles - Santa Fe - to Denver - stop at Santa Fe

From Denver - shortest route to Cleveland.

Round Trip \$138.00

(Inquire concerning Clergy ticket)

Names checked off on list are to be wired time of  
Rabbi Silver's arrival.

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*Wed.*  
From Minneapolis leave - 10 p.m. on #17,  
arrives in Seattle - 8:15 p.m. ~~next day~~ (Friday)



Leave Sunday, Aug. 20.

DR. A. H. SILVER'S ITINERARY

Date	Place	Persons in Charge
August 22nd, Tuesday	St. Paul, Minn.	* Dr. Myron Sperper, Lowry Bldg.
August 23rd, Wednesday	Minneapolis	X- Dr. George Gordon ) 410 LaSalle Bldg. Dr. Thomas Ziskin ) " " "
August 25th, Friday thru 28 <sup>th</sup> Leave Sunday Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup> Miss Club, Temple de Hirsch, Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup> ?	Seattle	+ Marcus Lees, Nat'l. Bank of Commerce Bldg. (Main person in charge) Communicated with David Eckstein Julius Lang, c/o Nat'l. Grocery Co. Herman Schocken, (Pres. ZOA district) 1621-14 Street Herbert Schoenfeld, Standard Furniture Co.
August 28th, Monday	Portland	- Hon. Ben Selling (main person) X Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, 715 Chamber of Commerce Building Rabbi Arthur Montaz, Cong. Ohave Sholem Mrs. Julius Louissou, 812 Lovejoy
August 31st, Thursday	San Francisco & Oakland	- I. Irving Lipshitz, 436 O'Farrell X Rabbi Martin A. Meyer, 3108 Jackson Street Rabbi Jacob Nieto, 3933 Clay St. " Herman Rosenwasser, 350-1st street " Samuel Koch, Temple de Hirsch " Louis I. Newman, 721 Home Ave. Fresno, Calif.
September 6th, Wednesday thru Sept. 10, Sunday Sept. 9. Home City Club	Los Angeles	- Harry Fram, 412 So. Main Street Alexander Brick, 725 So. Bway Rabbi Sigmund Hecht, 817 Beacon Rabbi Sam'l Schreiber, 666 So, Bonnie Brae Rabbi David Liknaitz, Temple Emanuel X Rabbi Edgar Magnin, Temple Bnai Brith 2187 W. 16 <sup>th</sup> St. Peter M. Kahn, c/o Kahn & Symonds
September 11th, Monday	San Diego	X - Hyman Wolf, St. James Hotel Rabbi Michael Freed, Temple Bnai Israel



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# WESTERN UNION



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Dr A H Silver

The Weirs N.H.

Very important you be here tomorrow especially as you didnt see depaas tuesday your presence may help avert impending trouble depaas brandeis

Juliam W Mack

10.45 A.M.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ZIONIST BODIES.

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### I.

The Palestine Development Council does not regard it within the scope of its purpose to participate as a group in the internal affairs of the Zionist Organization of America and the World. Individuals however affiliated with the Palestine Development Council who are members of the Zionist Organization, may properly participate in the work of the local, national and international Zionist Organization.

### II.

For the information of individuals retaining office in any district of the Zionist Organization of America, this Committee calls attention to Article VIII. Section 7 of the Constitution of the Zionist Organization of America, which reads:

"Any district organization or other constituent body failing to remit funds in accordance with the provisions herein above set forth, or to file its monthly report, OR TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CONVENTION, THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES, or to comply with the provision of this constitution, may be suspended, dissolved, or reorganized by the national administration, or its representatives."

Under this provision, it is incumbent upon individuals holding official posts in districts, to carry out the mandates of the Zionist Organization.

### III.

Be it resolved that the aid and cooperation of all Jews, individuals and groups, be enlisted to further the economic enterprises to be undertaken or furthered by the Palestine Development Council.

### IV.

Whereas, this conference is in accord with the principles and policies of the former Administration of the Zionist Organization of America, it respectfully recommends that the former officers of that administration prepare a full and complete statement of their position to be presented to the Zionist Congress at Carlsbad.



(COPY)

PLAN FOR A COMPANY FOR DEVELOPING CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT INSTITUTION IN  
PALESTINE

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GENERAL AIMS.

There appears to be a consensus of opinion that a Company for this purpose should be formed with about £100,000 of available money (partly as capital, partly to be acquired through long term loans at a low rate of interest, say 3%). Its object should be to foster and stimulate the formation on a co-operative basis of Credit Unions in Palestine and to lend money to such Credit Unions or to other co-operative bodies now existing or to be formed in Palestine. It is contemplated that the loans should be made through such Unions for productive purposes, in the form of small credits for crop movements, seed, implements, raw material, tools and machinery for artisans and farmers, merchandise for colony and co-operative stores, individual traders etc. upon the security of business collateral or upon the common responsibility and guarantee of groups formed as Credit Unions or co-operative Societies, to which it is an essential part of this scheme that the members themselves should contribute. It is aimed to conduct the business as a sound commercial enterprise, operating through Credit Unions, which should be responsible under supervision for the conduct of their own business, and thus to foster the spirit of self-help and thrift which are essential to the success of any such undertaking, and it is hoped that ultimately the Palestinian co-operatives will by purchase take over the shares of the Company, so that in time the Company may be conducted by Palestinians themselves as a completely co-operative Palestinian enterprise.

It is planned as a general policy to charge as low a rate of interest as practicable to Palestinian borrowers, due regard being had for the necessary administrative expenses and for reserve funds.

It is felt that an institution founded on these principles, devoting itself exclusively to the social-economic development of Palestine, will serve a valuable purpose.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE ENTERPRISE.

It is proposed that the J. C. A. and the J.D.C. be invited to provide £20,000 and £50,000 respectively as loans to the Co-operative Credit Institution, such loans to last say for 10-20 years and to bear interest at say 3% per annum.

It is proposed that the Palestine Development Council or its agency, the Palestine Co-operative Company Inc. (both of the United States and both hereinafter designated as the P.D.C.) should contribute £25,000 as a capital investment and that the Economic Board for Palestine, a British Corporation (hereinafter called the E.B.P.) should contribute £5,000 as a capital investment. Thus the new Company will have total available funds for its business of £100,000.



METHOD OF PROCEDURE FOR LAUNCHING THE NEW COMPANY.

It is suggested that the J.C.A., the J.D.C., the P.D.C. and the E.B.P. each respectively appoint one man, that the four men so selected meet at an early date in either New York, London or Paris (preferably Paris) and that these four men shall constitute an Organization Committee, receiving plenary powers from their respective institutions, to agree upon all details as to the incorporation, method of control proportion of representation on the Board of Directors, selection of management and all other things connected with the formation of the Company and its actual entrance into business in Palestine.

Without attempting to limit the powers of this Organization Committee in respect to the details necessary to be arranged, it is understood that they shall be bound by this preliminary Memorandum and the statement of purposes and aims of the Company as set forth in the first paragraph hereof, and that further they shall be bound and limited by the following conditions, but by no others:-

(1) At least 50% of the amount to be provided by the above institutions shall be paid upon registration of the Company.

(2) Investors furnishing money for the share capital shall not received more than an annual cumulative return of 6%. Any excess of divisible profits over 6% shall be used at the discretion of the Directors for the following purposes:-

- a. Formation of or additions to a reserve fund or funds for amortization.
- b. Reduction of the rate of interest on loans to Credit Unions.
- c. Any purpose which shall carry out and extend the social-economic aims and objects of the Company. Nothing herein contained shall limit the powers of the Directors to establish reserve funds or funds for amortization prior to a declaration of dividend.

(3) The Organization Committee shall take such steps as to see to it that the four contributing Bodies shall have a proper measure of voice in the control of the policies of the Company to be formed. It being apparent that the share capital control would presumptively be in the P.D.C. by reason of its preponderating capital investment, the Organization Committee is given power to cause the issue of two classes of stock, so that all of the four contributing bodies may each receive a share or portion of voting stock, or that any such other arrangements may be made as will ensure an equitable voice in the control and the right to name a portion of the Directorate to each of the four contributing Bodies. The details are left to the Organization Committee which shall assure to each of the four Bodies a reasonable voice in the control of the general policies.

(4) The Organization Committee shall name or constitute the initial Directorate.



(5) The Organization Committee shall have power to determine under what jurisdiction or sovereignty the new Company shall be registered or formed, it being suggested that it shall be a Palestine Corporation.

(6) The Organization Committee shall be fully invested with power to install the management, to select personnel and to take such steps as may actually launch the enterprise in Palestine in conformity with the general spirit of this Memorandum.

(7) The agreement whereunder the J.C.A. and the J.D.C. are to make long-term loans shall contain properly protective provisions assuring to these two bodies the right to call in their loans.

- a. should the capital become impaired to such a degree as might in the judgment of these bodies jeopardise their respective loans.
- b. if in the judgment of either of them the business of the Company is not conducted exclusively for the social-economic purposes outlined in this Memorandum.

The said agreement shall also contain a clause which will preclude the Company from pledging or encumbering its Assets without the consent of the J.C.A. and the J.D.C.

(8) Should the Organization Committee find any other group or association interested in the social economic upbuilding of Palestine desirous of contributing additional long term loans or money for share capital, then and in that event the Organization Committee shall be empowered to make such equitable arrangements as they may deem fit with such other associations for the introduction of additional money into the enterprise.

This Memorandum is intentionally not specific as to the proportionate measures of control of the four Bodies. This question of proportionate power of control in an institution with co-operative aims and not for profit is considered by the proposers of this plan as largely one of theoretical rather than practical importance, and the whole subject of measure of control in the four respective bodies is left to the Organization Committee to be developed and arranged on what may seem to the members of that Committee to be a just equitable and sensible basis.

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*Proof*

# Palestine Cooperative Company, Inc.

The first enterprise of the  
Palestine Development Council

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, Washington, D. C.  
*Honorary Chairman.*

JULIAN W. MACK, Chicago, Ill.  
*Chairman.*

SOL ROSENBLUM, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
*Treasurer.*

*"IF YOU WILL IT."*

*Herzl.*

*"It is for the Jews of the world to accept the unparalleled opportunity offered by the nations of the world. The great words of Herzl, which he applied to the getting of Palestine, 'If you will it', must be converted into facts. We must will it by action, not merely by thought. The Jews willed it; the Balfour Declaration and the San Remo Decision followed. ~~He~~ Thus we have secured the right to people Palestine; it rests with us now to do so. Palestine will be rebuilt if the Jews will it. It is for us to make it possible for Jews to go there, live there, and revive it. A sound economic development of Palestine is the only foundation on which it can endure."*

*Brandeis*

ISSUED BY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES

31 Union Square, New York City

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*Treasurer.*

JACOB DE HAAS, New York City.  
*Secretary.*



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## PALESTINE COOPERATIVE COMPANY, Inc

**A. AIMS AND PURPOSES.** *The Palestine Cooperative Company, Inc.*, a Delaware corporation, is the first enterprise of the Palestine Development Council. The Trustees of the Council organized this Company recognizing that the extension of credit facilities is a present vital necessity in Palestine, and of utmost consequence in its economic rebuilding. The aim is to do everything possible to secure a self-sustaining Palestinian population.

Its purpose therefore, is not to form an ordinary bank, but to develop cooperative credit unions in Palestine, and thus enlarge the capacity of the community for cooperation. It is planned that ultimately Palestinians will take over by purchase the shares of this company and establish true cooperative enterprises. To this end, the Company will aid in forming small cooperative groups, in order to encourage and foster industrial, commercial and agricultural enterprises.

At the outset, it will not be possible for the Company to restrict its loans to these purposes, since the necessary capital is not now present in Palestine, and many new comers there will have had no opportunity to form groups; therefore, the Company will not be limited to cooperative loans, and credits will be extended to individuals and commercial concerns in proper cases.

The Company will lend money so that the borrowers can make money, the loans to be based upon business collateral, upon the common responsibility and guaranty of the group, or upon the collateral of individual character.

It is believed that following the above plans, the greatest possible assistance will be given to the Palestinians, the integrity of the investment will be safeguarded and maintained so far as possible, and at the same time the spirit of self-reliance and independence will be aided to the utmost.

The directors of the Palestine Cooperative Company, Inc., will select responsible representatives in Palestine who will conduct its affairs upon sound business principles, and in accordance with its aims and purposes.

**B. CAPITAL STOCK.** The authorized capital stock of the Palestine Cooperative Company is \$1,000,000. Subscriptions are now being solicited for the Second Preferred Stock.

The capital stock of the company is divided into three classes, First Preferred and Second Preferred.

In accordance with the determination of the Pittsburgh conference the controlling vote of each enterprise will rest with the Trustees of the Council, and thus secure a continuous, efficient and responsible management, and safeguard the operations of the company, in accordance with its underlying ideals and aims. The Common Stock of a total par value of \$1,000,000 will be issued to the Trustees, and carries the power to select a majority of the directors of the company. The surplus profits of the enterprise, after paying dividends on the preferred shares will accrue to the common stock and be devoted by the Trustees either to the extension of the Company's activities, or to some other Palestinian undertaking.

Large gifts have been offered for the support of certain Palestinian institutions, such as the University. The donors desire that their donations be invested in the shares of this Company, these shares to be held in trust by the Trustees of the Council, the earnings to be devoted to the desired purposes. It was deemed proper to create a special class of stock for this special purpose. To this end the First Preferred stock was authorized with a Cumulative dividend of 5% per annum. This First Preferred Stock is limited to an amount not to exceed 20% of the total issued shares, as the desire is to secure investments rather than donations.

The Second Preferred Stock now offered for sale is of the total par value of \$799,000. This stock is offered for sale at the par value of \$10. per share. This stock has voting power and the right to designate representatives on the Board of Directors, and is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum. To afford an opportunity to the Palestinians to purchase the preferred stock, it is all redeemable at par and accrued dividends. Address all inquiries and subscriptions to

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES,  
Central Committee,  
31 Union Square, New York City.  
Jacob deHaas, Secretary.



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## PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Balfour Declaration and its subsequent reaffirmation by the Great Powers at San Remo thrust to the forefront the economic and constructive problems (as against the purely political questions) involved in the heroic task of establishing the Jewish Homeland in Palestine. In recognition of this fact, representatives of large numbers of men and women, throughout the United States, assembled in Pittsburgh on July 4, 1921, and organized the Palestine Development Council. The thought which dominated their deliberations was that the rapid development of a large and self-sustaining Jewish population in Palestine is inevitably conditioned by the economic possibilities of the country, and that the primary and imperative need of Palestine is therefore, the quick and effective stimulation of sound and essential economic enterprises.

*The Palestine Development Council* is dedicated to this program.

Pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the Pittsburgh Conference, the *Palestine Development Council* was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York,

To aid in populating Palestine within a comparatively short time with a preponderating body of manly, self-supporting Jews, who will develop into a homogeneous people with the high Jewish ideals; and to further a sound economic development in Palestine.

The Council will devote itself exclusively to the economic questions involved in the reconstruction of Palestine. Its trustees will select and initiate from time to time enterprises which in their opinion will best further this end. One enterprise at a time will be undertaken. Funds will not be solicited for philanthropic or relief purposes. The underlying thought is to obtain capital for economic development, affording the investors such dividends as may accrue, and safeguarding the investment as far as conditions will permit.

There should be in each community one or more Palestine Development Leagues. The primary task of these leagues is to secure the necessary capital, through the sale of shares for the enterprises undertaken by the Palestine Development Council. Each league of at least twenty-five members which secures annually subscriptions to shares in the amount of not less than five thousand dollars, may elect a member of the Council.

A provisional *Central Committee* has been formed, composed of representatives of the representatives of different Jewish communities throughout the United States.



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Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last convention of the Zionist Organization of America, an invitation for a conference was extended to the Palestine Development Council. This invitation was accepted, the conference to be held after the return from Palestine of Mr. Sol. Rosenbloom, treasurer of the Palestine Development Council.

As Mr. Rosenbloom returned last week, the conference was called and held on December 4th.

There were present, on behalf of the Palestine Development Council, Judge Mack, Chairman, Mrs. Fels, Dr. Wise, and Messrs. Rosenbloom, Rosensohn and Bublick; and on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, Mr. Rothenberg, Chairman of the committee, Judge Moses, and Messrs. Robison, Edlin, Topkis, and Abel.

Mr. Rothenberg, on behalf of himself and his associates, brought forward the question of establishing peace within the Zionist ranks and urged that a discussion be entered into which might lead to the removal of differences existing between the two groups, with the aim of bringing back into active participation in the work of the Zionist organization, those former leaders of the Zionist Organization, who are now officers of the Palestine Development Council.

Thereupon Judge Mack and his associates stated that they represented the Palestine Development Council, Inc., a body composed of Zionists and non-Zionists alike and limited in its activities strictly to social-economic enterprises for the upbuilding of Palestine: that while they themselves are Zionists, they are meeting with the representatives of the Zionist Organization of America, not in their personal but solely in their representative capacity as delegates of the Palestine Development Council.



Questions affecting Zionists alone or the Zionist Organization as such, are therefore beyond the range of discussion at this conference; that it is necessarily limited to ways and means by which co-operation in the economic undertakings necessary for the development of Palestine can be attained by the Zionist Organization of America and the Palestine Development Council.

Inasmuch as the Rutenberg Hydro-Electric Development project is conceded to be a fundamental and at this time the most important and pressing Palestinian economic investment undertaking, the conference discussion concerned itself with that project and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

It is the sense of this meeting that the Zionist Organization of America and the Palestine Development Council cooperate in raising the necessary funds for the Rutenberg project by the sale of trust certificates or stock and that a sub-committee of two from each of the groups in this conference be appointed to work out the details of cooperation, including provisions for a joint campaign to be conducted with due regard to campaigns undertaken by the Keren Hayesod, the Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish organizations - for a trusteeship of the funds collected with representation from both the Palestine Development Council and the Zionist Organization of America.